

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LRCA
HELD ON JANUARY 3rd 2010 AT THE PIKIAO RUGBY LEAGUE
CLUB**

PRESENT

Jim & Mary Stanton, Lindsay Brighthouse (Life Member)
Todd McLay (Rotorua MP)
The Right Hon Paul East
Steve Chadwick (MP)
John Cronin (Chairman EBOP)
Ian Noble (Councillor, EBOP)
Andy Bruere (EBOP Officer)
Dave Donaldson, Karen Hunt, Trevor Maxwell, Charles Sturt, Maggie Bentley (RDC Councillors)
Nick Miller, Gerald Plested, Keith Smith, Fraser Wilson, David Wilson, Phill Thomass, Helen Prior (LRCA Committee members)

153 members per attendance sheet

1. APOLOGIES FROM MEMBERS

Robin Sinclair, Judy Smith, Mr & Mrs Browning, S. La Roche, Peter Stewart.

2. WELCOME

Hilary Prior chaired the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Hilary especially thanked Life Members, Jim and Mary Stanton and Lindsay Brighthouse. She also welcomed Tai Eru.

She advised that as a Public Meeting would commence at 10.30 am this AGM would close at 10.20 am and, if necessary, reconvene after the General Meeting. This was agreed.

3. MINUTES OF 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Amendment to report on Rubbish

Fraser Wilson requested an amendment to his recorded wording, "doing away with rubbish bags". What he said was, "move to curbside collection and then move to recycling collection".

Moved, with above amendment: Nick Miller
Brentleigh Bond

Seconded:

4. MATTERS ARISING

To be discussed in General Business.

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Hilary Prior presented the Chairpersons Report.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

Gerald Plested presented the Treasurer's Report. Gerald spoke to the attached financial report, which was distributed. Gerald was pleased to advise that financially this year had been a normal year.

Moved that the report be accepted: Fraser Wilson

Seconded: John Green

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairperson - Hilary Prior stood down from the Chair, while nominations for the position of Chairperson were accepted. Brentleigh Bond nominated Hilary Prior as Chair. Seconded by Elizabeth Miller. There being no further nominations, Hilary Prior was elected as Chairperson for 2010.

Secretary – due to Helen Prior's resignation and there being no nominations for the position, nominations were sought from the floor. No nominations forthcoming.

Treasurer – Bob Armstrong moved that Gerald Plested be elected as Treasurer. Seconded: John Green. There being no further nominations Gerald Plested was elected as Treasurer.

Committee Election

Carolyn Hobbs, Max Hughes, Nick Miller, Keith Smith, Jim Stanton, Phill Thomass, Davis Wilson and Fraser Wilson be elected/co-opted en masse, as committee members.

Moved: Paul Prior. Seconded: Hilma Gill

Hilary thanked the Committee for all their support over the year and looked forward to working with them again this year.

8. MATTERS ARISING and GENERAL BUSINESS

Bob Armstrong congratulated the Committee on the excellent quality of the December newsletter and referred to the article on the Lake Level Consent Renewal Update. Bob spoke to the meeting showing the changes that would be made to the lake level if the EBOP proposal were to be implemented. Bob put forward a Resolution;

'That this Association strongly supports the 'status quo' in relation to the current maximum and minimum lake levels applicable to the existing Resource Consent, and it most strenuously opposes any variations, including the proposed EBOP one as published on page 3 of the Association's Newsletter of December 2009.'

Brentleigh Bond suggested that this matter be left for discussion at the Public Meeting. However, Grant O'Donald thought that this meeting did need to do something.

Proposal was seconded by Nick Miller. Vote to the proposal was taken by way of a show of hands.

Vote was for, with 1 against. The Resolution was carried.

Water Supply – Mary Stanton spoke on the issue of water supply and the importance of water to the health of people. Mary hoped that one day we will get a water supply and believed that we should approach the Rotorua District Council. Mary was disappointed water supply was not given a price so that people could make a decision.

ANDY BRUERE'S REPORT FROM EBOP

Andy discussed the status of the twelve lakes he oversees and the proposed protection and restoration of these lakes.

- Lake Rotoiti and Lake Rotorua. During 2009 the Wall continues to be a success. TLI Values dropped from 4.3 at its peak to 3.9, and water quality has improved. A low light was that during autumn there was algae in the Okere Arm. This is a result of algal blooms in Lake Rotorua. The restoration of Lake Rotorua is ongoing. There is no short-term solution to algae bloom and

EBOP are looking at algae harvesting. Algae have other end uses and this project is aimed at evaluating the effort required to harvest wild algae from the environment.

- Weed Harvesting had a budget of \$14,000.00 looking at extending if practical.
- Work is continuing to develop the Tikitere de-nitrification plant. A full scale plant is aimed at taking up to 30 tons of nitrogen out of the Waiohewa stream.
- Lake Okaro has had its second application of modified zeolite aimed at locking in the phosphorus released from the sediment.

Andy distributed a hand-out regarding Aqua flow Bionomic Corporation Limited Overview of harvesting wild algae. A Resource Consent is being sought for work in the autumn over a period of 6 months – 1 year.

Hilary asked if it would be intrusive within the community? Andy advised that it would not be and that it is similar to a farmer's irrigation system, which is unobtrusive and would be nowhere near boating areas.

Andy asked for an indication from the floor that Aqua flow would receive the support from the Community and Lake Users at large. A vote was taken by way of a show of hands from everyone present at the meeting.
Consensus was given.

Tai Eru as Chair of Hells Gate Trust, offered a short history on the Hells Gate area and how Maori look at resources. Tai supported Mary with her fight for water supply. He remembered in 1992 when Mary's father was fighting for water supply to the area. Tai thanked Andy for his tremendous amount of work.

John Green as Chairperson of LWQS advised the meeting that as it currently stood it will take 240 years to clean Lake Rotorua. . Lake Rotorua is a substantial problem and there are many issues that need to be urgently addressed. John Green acknowledged the work that Andy has carried out and thanked him.

The Meeting was closed at 10.20 am. Don Atkinson asked that the meeting reconvene after the Public Meeting.

At 12.15 the Meeting reconvened.

Hilary chaired the meeting.

The question was asked from the floor "Where do we go from here?" in regard to the renewal of the Resource Consents for the Okere Arm and the Ohau Channel. Hilary advised that as this Committee is a Registered Charity it was necessary for us to have a mandate from the members before we could move forward. This mandate had been achieved today at the Public Meeting at which more than 550 people had attended.

There was discussion on how to look for contributions if there should be a need for this matter to be taken to the Environment Court. Hilary advised that she was prepared to do this and that there had already been offers of finance to assist.

Media coverage was also discussed and options were offered. Bob Smith offered to contact Barry Coleman of the Daily Post. Hilary advised that this was currently being addressed and that a press release was being drafted on our behalf.

John Green thanked Hilary on behalf of the Members for her long hours in organising this meeting.

Campbell Johnston wished his disappointed be recorded that the River & Drainage Environment representatives were not present at the meeting.

The Meeting closed at 12.25 pm