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MINUTES OF THE 62nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 14TH & 15TH SEPTEMBER 2018, HOSTED BY AUCKLAND CLUBS, AT THE NOVOTEL ELLERSLIE IN AUCKLAND, COMMENCING AT 9 AM

PRESENT:

NZSFC President	P Appleyard	Big Fish Fishing Club Delegate
NZSFC Vice President	B Gutsell	
NZSFC Vice President	P Campbell	
Secretary	H Pastor	
Ashley SFC	J Bruce	
	M Connor	Zone 7 Representative
Bays Fishing	Paul Batten	Sub
Bay of Islands SC	Andrew Johnson	
	J Troup	
Cape Egmont BC	R van der Fits	
	T Goodin	
Clevedon GFC	Y Wells	
Counties SFC	S Harper	
	D Burns	
Doubtless Bay	Evan Mackay	
Gisborne Tatapouri SFC	H Webb	
	D Wallace	
Hauraki Gulf SFC	P Stewart	
Hawkes Bay SFC	W Bicknell	Zone 5 Representative
Hokianga BGSFC	L Pattinson	
	S Percy	
Houhora BGSFC	J Kernan	
	D Bellingham	
Mangawhai BFC	P Batten	Zone 2 Representative
Mangere CC	P Garrett	
Manukau Cruising Club	P Garrett	
Manukau SFC	M Kelly	
Mercury Bay GFC	W Harris	Zone 3 Representative

Mt Maunganui SFC	A Proctor M Hemmingway V Fulton	Life Member/IGFA Representative
Muriwai SFC	S Burling	Zone 8 Representative
New Plymouth SUC	S Roff I Steele P Saunders L Avenell	Zone 6 Representative
NZ Land Based Raglan SFC	Scott Bradley S Hart K Barry	
Tairua Pauanui SFC	W Maher	Zone 3 Representative
Tauranga SFC	D Nielsen Aaron Layne	Zone 4 Representative
Tautuku FC	B Bensemann	
Te Aroha AC	S Cox P McCarthy	
Te Kaha SFC	D Murie	
Tautuku Dunedin & Haast	Brett Bensemann	
Waihau Bay SFC	C Elmiger C Fraser B Muir	
Warkworth GFC	S Macindoe L O'Sullivan	Delegate - Board Member – Co-opted
Whakatane SFC	D Davey M Reynolds	
Whangamata OSC	R Hoskin B O'Neil K Lynch P Keogh	
Whangarei DSAC	P Saul B Saul	Zone 1 Representative
Whangaroa SFC	K Mowat T Lay	
NZ Marine Research	J Romeril T Cleagh	Chairman
Blue Water Marine Research	J Holdsworth	
IGFA	T Hill	
LegaSea	P Battaerd	
LegaSea	S Yates	
LegaSea	S Woolford	
LegaSea	T Rea	
Legasea	J Barclay	
J Yeoman	NZ Angling and Casting	
NZ Fishing News	G Dixon / G Blair	
Invited Guests	B Cooke D Cooke	

WELCOME

Phil Appleyard, President, welcomed the Delegates, invited guests and sponsors to the 62nd NZSFC AGM in Auckland.

APOLOGIES:

John Chibnall	Life Member	Annette Hall	Doubtless Bay
Lance Fulton		Ian Twist	Maraetai Beach BC
Bob Towersey	Bays Fishing Club	Roz Nelson	Life Member
Ian Carrick	Southern SFC	Brett Rathe	Warkworth
Larry Dyer	NZ IGFA Rep	Peter McCormick	Big Fish
Ross Meggatt	Canterbury	Peter Eggeling	Pegasus Bay GFC
George Taylor	Akito BC	Phil McCarthy	Te Aroha BC
Dave Pye		Ross Lucas	Board Member
John Buffer		Adam Milnes	Tauranga Sport FC
Ross Dibley	RNZYS Auckland Sportfishing		
Ben Arkle	Piha Deep Sea	Terry Wylens	Whakatakataka SFC
Roly Bagshaw	Tauranga SFC	Paul Williamson	Maraetai Beach BC

Moved that the apologies be accepted

Carried

INTRODUCTION & CONFIRMATION OF INVITED GUESTS:

President Phil Appleyard thanked the following invited guests for their attendance. Bill and Dianne Cooke, Jim Yeoman NZ Angling and Casting, Barry Torkington, Trish Rea, Grant Blair and Grant Dixon.

MINUTES SILENCE:

A minute's silence was acknowledged for those members that who passed away over the last year.

LEGASEA AGM:

The LegaSea AGM was chaired by Peter Campbell. The LegaSea Minutes to be circulated separately.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Ian Steele had a clarification to the minutes. A Remit was incorrectly entered into the 2018 yearbook. Page 69 clause 8 wording "...to claim a New Zealand Sport Fishing record". Those additional words should not have been in the year book as the remit regarding live and dead baiting for Billfish was around sustainability, not records.

The passed 2017 bylaw (Clause.8) read:

'The Council strongly recommends that non off-set circle hooks be used when live baiting for any species. Only non off-set circle hooks can be used to catch billfish when using live and dead natural baits. This will give fish a better chance of survival when tagged and released.'

With the inclusion of the clarification it was moved that the Minutes of the AGM held Friday & Saturday 15th & 16th September 2017 hosted by Tauranga Sport Fishing Club at Tauranga, having been circulated, be taken as read and approved as a true and correct record.

Moved Kelvin Mowat, seconded Peter Stewart

Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There were no matters arising from the minutes

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT:

The Presidents report was circulated by email and spoken to by the President.

Moved that the Presidents report be accepted – Phil Appleyard, seconded Kelvin Mowat

Carried

ANNUAL AUDITED STATEMENTS:

Peter Campbell addressed the delegates and highlighted the key elements of the 2017/18 Audited Accounts.

He commented on the profit and discussed bills to pay as at the end June 2018. He noted that the expenses were the same as the year before. Revenue has been good in the grant section and donations seem to be increasing. The wages component is due to the appointment of the secretary and there was a little contractors fees as Dave Lockwood stayed on for a month. He advised that the current assets were healthy and held on various term deposits.

Doubtless Bay – advised that their fuel card funds have not been coming to the club. This will be discussed with Jo from Go Fuel.

Moved that the 2017/18 Audited Annual Accounts be accepted

P Saunders/Warren Harris

Carried

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

The following Service Awards were presented;

2 Year Badges

Ken Barry	6	Raglan
John Butler	7	Canterbury Sports Fishing Club
David O'Brien	1	Marsden Cove
Peter Blackwell	2	Auckland
Ross Dibley	2	Auckland

Plaques

5 Year

Brenda Saul	1	Whangarei
Pete Saul	1	Whangarei
Jennifer Troup	1	Bay of Islands
Charlie Lamb	2	Bays Fishing Club
Yvette Wells	2	Clevedon Game Fishing Club
Alan Proctor	3	Mercury Bay
Ross Lucas	4	Mt Maunganui
Steve Burling	3	Mt Maunganui
Alberto Rameriz	5	Akito
Graeme Bee	5	Hawkes Bay
Lewis Avenell	6	New Plymouth
Chris Shuker	7	Canterbury

10 year

Bob Gutsell	6	Waikato
Deryk Nielsen	3	Tauranga
Chris Rathe	2	Warkworth

15 year

Dennis Davey	8	Whakatane
John Bruce	7	Ashley
Linda Pattinson	1	Hokianga

20 year

Mark Hemingway	3	Mt Maunganui
Christine Elmiger	8	Waihau Bay
Clyde Fraser	8	Waihau Bay

25 years

Paul Batten	2	Mangawhai
Jeff Romeril	2	Warkworth/NZMRF

It was noted that there were additional awards due to the following but were not noted in the list:-

5 years

Stuart Arnold	5	Matarangi
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30 Years

Evan Mackay	1	Doubtless Bay
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The delegates were given an apology and the plaques will be sent to them direct.

Paul Batten – Zone Two spoke of the work of the delegates and the effort they have all given the Council.

Bob Gutsell explained the position of the relationship manager. It is needed to have someone to help build our clubs and to create a better relationship with our member clubs. Membership has been slightly growing and we are missing opportunities to keep members engaged. This position needs to understand how we can get now clubs involved and therefore help the Council grow. Club life has changed and there is a larger on-line presence and it is harder for clubs to get new members. It was suggested that we have youth fishing programmes etc.

A dynamic person is required who is able to work well with clubs and connecting the role between the Council and clubs to give feedback from clubs and enable the council to better connect.

Bob Gutsell also mentioned a second role that the board has been thinking about. This is a role for revenue growth for the Council. As a national sport organisation, the council feel that they should be putting a much stronger case than currently do. The board will put together a business plan and description that will work concurrently with LegaSea. The intention is that we will have a proposal by mid October so that it may be given to Zone delegates for their zone meetings and then clubs can come back with feedback.

Zone one – asked with regard to the relationship manager position will this have additional costs with regard to accommodation and travel. Bob Gutsell advised that there may be some additional costs relating to this and that realistically the position will not be filled till after the January Meeting so this position will be supported until the end of June. At this stage it is intended that funding will be available to assist with this.

“It was moved that the 2018/19 Budget be accepted.”

P Campbell / P Saunders – carried

BLUE WATER MARINE RESEARCH

Blue Water Marine Research Report to the AGM

Blue Water Marine Research (BWMR) has recently had two papers published in the international scientific literature. One on three integrated recreational harvest surveys for marine fish and the other on the economic contribution by recreational fishing in NZ.

Gamefish tagging programme

BWMR manages the tagging database with funding from Fisheries NZ. Last season there were 617 striped marlin tagged and released. Numbers of blue marlin tagged (68), shortbill spearfish (22) and swordfish (50), were above the 10 year average in 2017-18 and three tagged striped marlin and a swordfish were recaptured.

Over 500 yellowtail kingfish were tagged in 2017-18 including small fish from harbours and sand flats caught by in fly fishing gear. A special tag with a single nylon barb is used in these smaller fish. There have been 14 recaptures from these tags over the last 2 years, many in the same harbour or area.

The winner of the \$ 1000 lucky draw for the angler reporting a tag recapture with all relevant information was Kaifi Muller-Marchie from Takaka who caught a 95 cm 10 kg kingfish in Golden Bay on 27 January 2018. This fish was tagged from the boat Paraphernalia off Raglan and had travelled 208 nautical miles south in 422 days.

AFFILIATION FEES:

Ian Steele gave a summary and talked about the survey that has completed. 22 of the 56 clubs replied to the survey (representing 46% of affiliated club members). He noted that this survey was intended for clubs to complete and not intended for individual club members. He advised that we learnt that we also have to include a PDF version (hardcopies) as part of survey requests, and also to directly contact with a phone call to clubs. The council needs to be progressive and look forward as to how we structure our affiliation fees.

Raglan – advised that life members should be exempt from fees.

J Romeril – NZMRF – feels that perhaps members should be more up to date with the benefits of membership. Webpage information needs updating. He strongly recommended that delegates advise their clubs to ensure they all realise the work the council is doing on their behalf.

Houhora – it is hard to separate fees from membership. They also commented that conservation was a good draw card as far as why membership should be paid.

Bob Gutsell – the key point is that the clubs want to talk about this and chat with council. Working together will change the relationship between the council and clubs. We want clubs to think about the fees and what they feel would be a better structure would be. The board is a facilitation body for clubs to be able to make the decisions.

The 2017/18 Affiliation Fees were set at the 2016 AGM at.

\$9.00 per Senior member (plus a \$2 donation per member for the NZ Marine Research Foundation).

\$4.50 per Junior member (plus a \$1 donation to the NZ Marine Research Foundation)

“It was moved that the Affiliation Fees remain the same for the 2018/19 Financial year.”

K Mowat / P Campbell
Carried

NOTICES OF MOTION

CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS & POLICY DOCUMENTS

REMIT #1 - Constitution Update

NZSFC to adopt 'NZSFC Constitution, November 2018' (attached) as a replacement for 'NZSFC Constitution, November 2017'.

Proposer: Lewis Avenell

Secunder: Bob Gutsell

Reasoning: The NZSFC is currently governed by the following 4 documents (Constitution, Bylaws, Fishing Rules and Board Policy). Over the years there have been many double ups and conflicting rules between the 4 documents. During 2018, the board decided to complete a review of these documents in an attempt to streamline all 4 documents while also updating them.

Clause by clause modifications and reasonings (attached Excel Spreadsheet "NZSFC Document Changes")

REMIT #2 - Fishing Rules Update

NZSFC to adopt 'NZSFC Fishing Rules and Regulations - September 2018' (attached) as a replacement for 'IGFA & NZSFC FISHING RULES & ANGLING REGULATIONS'.

Proposer: Lewis Avenell

Secunder: Bob Gutsell

Clause by clause modifications and reasonings (attached Excel Spreadsheet "NZSFC Document Changes")

REMIT #3 - Bylaws Amalgamation

NZSFC to disestablish 'Bylaws document October 2017' as all clauses have been moved or amalgamated into the NZSFC Constitution and NZSFC Fishing Rules and Regulations Document.

Proposer: Lewis Avenell

Secunder: Bob Gutsell

Clause by clause modifications and reasonings (attached Excel Spreadsheet "NZSFC Document Changes")

Remit #4 - Fisheries Management Policy Document

NZSFC to adopt 'Fisheries Management Policy Document September 2018' (attached) as a replacement for 'Board Policy document, October 2016'.

Proposer: Lewis Avenell

Secunder: Bob Gutsell

Clause by clause modifications and reasonings (attached Excel Spreadsheet "NZSFC Document Changes")

REMIT #5 - Board Charter

NZSFC to adopt 'NZSFC Board Charter September 2018' (attached)

Proposer: Lewis Avenell

Secunder: Bob Gutsell

REMIT #6 - Anti Doping Policy

In the event of REMIT #1 to #5 being Unsuccessful

NZSFC to adopt the following Anti Doping Policy in the Constitution as required for by SPORT NZ

Proposer: Lewis Avenell

Secunder: Bob Gutsell

SECTION XX – Anti-Doping

- xx.x The Council adopts the Sports Anti-Doping Rules ("SADR") made by Drug Free Sport New Zealand (as amended from time to time) as its Anti-Doping Policy and commits to its promotion and compliance.
- xx.x Nothing in this section is intended to replace or supersede any applicable rule of the IGFA which may apply with respect to anti-doping matters within its jurisdiction provided the applicable rule of IGFA is consistent in all respects with the World Anti-Doping Code.

Lewis Avenell spoke to these notices of motion. 60 days notice was given to the board and 55 days notice to the clubs as per the current constitution. The by laws have become an overflow document and confusing and they have proposed that they be amalgamated into the other three documents being the Constitution, the Fisheries Management rules and the Fishing rules. He advised that this was only a tidy up of the documentation and definitions and once or if this was approved, then going forward the standing committees would work on their documents for a review in 2019.

Lewis Avenell listed the two amendments which he withdrew as he realized that they were not necessary. He advised that all the documents had been reviewed by a solicitor and the solicitor had come back with an opinion and suggested changes. Some of the solicitor's changes had not been adopted as they would effectively change the rules and that is not what these notices of motion is about. This is purely a tidy up to avoid confusion and make sure that the rules are correct in each of the documents.

Zone 1 – advised that they would oppose the adoption of these notices of motion at this AGM. Evan Mackay felt that this had been done in the rush. He was advised that the documents had been sent outside of the 55 day period required in the current constitution and this was what was required so they had plenty of time. What has been presented is in line with the constitution.

Kelvin Mowat zone 1 – asked why we have the bylaws and does not think it is a good idea to delete them. The by laws document was set up so that the board could change things without having to go back to the AGM and that the board could deal with issues. In this respect he felt it could make things very difficult for the board. He appreciated all the work that has been done but is not going to vote for it.

Andrew Johnson – zone 1 – advised that they were having the documents reviewed by a solicitor at present.

Bob Gutsell commented that the by laws needed to be changed and that matters that needed to be changed in flight by the board were minor and we have not in the last few years had to make a change mid term.

Tauranga – Zone 3 – Deryk Nielsen felt that we had suitable time and he advised that his committee have worked on the document. He supported the update. Aaron Layne – Tauranga congratulated Lewis on all the work he has done on the documents and felt it was well written.

Mark Kelly – Manukau – advised he has been through the points and believes due process has been done.

Raglan – Sheryl Hart – was not in favour of the anti-doping clause as this could lead to boats protesting in regattas if they felt that someone was drinking. Discussion was had on this matter and it was drawn to attention that each of the clubs are responsible for the correct behavior of their competitors on the water and if accidents happen the club rules will be considered. The anti doping clause was one that was a requirement of Sport NZ to being us into line with all of the other sporting clubs that are affiliated to Sport NZ. If the Council and its member clubs want to apply for grants where a condition is affiliation with Sport NZ then this clause is necessary.

Josh Barclay clarified that this generally was aimed at performance enhancing drugs.

Sheryl Hart also commented that she had a concern that this might mean that the council was run from the top down and not from the bottom up and she would like a broader statement pertaining to this. She was advised that it was already there.

After a robust discussion

“It was moved that the notices of motion #1 - #5 are adopted. “

Phil Appleyard / Lewis Avenell

An independent count was carried out
75 voted in favour / 10 voted against – Carried

As notices of motion numbers 1 to 5 were accepted – notice of motion number 6 was no longer necessary as this clause had been included in notice of motion no 1 and therefore it was withdrawn.

REMIT #7 - Addition to Fisheries Policy

NZSFC to adopt the following ‘Fisheries Management System’ policy as an addition to the ‘Fisheries Management Policy document’.

Proposer: Lewis Avenell

Secunder: Bob Gutsell

(Section XX) Fisheries Management System Policy

- a) The NZSFC supports the research and study of fisheries management systems that will deliver abundant fisheries and a diverse marine environment.

- b) Fisheries Manifesto.
 - 1. Establish a Royal Commission of Inquiry into fisheries management and the Quota Management System.
 - 2. Amend the Fisheries Act 1996 to include an Allocation Principle. The Minister will afford non-commercial users a clear preference in any allocations.
 - 3. Remove mobile, bottom-contact industrial fishing methods such as trawling, seining and dredging from the inshore zone.
 - 4. Establish a separate, well-resourced Ministry of Fisheries.
 - 5. Amend section 13 of the Fisheries Act 1996 to replace the minimum stock target of B_{MSY} with a minimum biomass target of B_{50} , that is 50% of the unfished original stock size.

- a) The NZSFC will continue to establish policies that provide for the environmental, social, cultural and economic well-beings of non-commercial interests in the inshore zone.

Barry Torkington spoke to this notice of motion. There are no principles around allocation for the Minister to make a decision on. We need to protect the inshore waters and the restructure of the Fisheries has not been a good result. The culture and behaviour has not changed. The bottom level fish need to be maintained. It is time this was reflected in the fisheries act. It is important that we adopt the fisheries manifesto so that we can talk policy.

Research is needed to be able to deliver abundant fisheries. Current systems that are operating are not being accepted by the public. We need a proper understanding of what is and has been done around the world – what works and what doesn't. By adopting the policy you are enabling this council to work.

Raglan – S Hart asked whether a royal commission was necessary. This might not be the best option and we may not get the answer we want and others may overrun the debate. Barry Torkington has no fear as all we want to have is the truth. He felt that there will be strong polarized views but feels that this commission will allow us to step up and change it.

Zone 1 – E Mackay – commented on the public advertising from the commercial sector lately. This is deceptive and promotes the industry. Commercial are fearful. Barry Torkington advised that an enquiry is only interested in the truth. What is submitted will be tested. If we want to stop the decline, then someone has to search for the truth. We are losing the eco system strength and when the whole thing breaks down we need to act.

Tauranga – D Nielsen – a royal commission is the right course of action although he was fearful it will be limiting. There has to be fair terms of reference for the enquiry. He was advised that the enquiry has to be properly constituted and cabinet will check the terms. This will allow for meaningful debate between the delegates.

Scott Macindoe advised that Napui voted unanimously for an enquiry. They stated they have nothing to hide and have no fear of the truth.

Zone 1 – targeting. Wanted to see the marlin as an important fishery to their club. The marlin are reducing, and the fragile inshore environment need to be protected.

At this stage Minister Nash arrived so the debate was held over until after his speech.

Invited Guest

Minster Stuart Nash attended the meeting and gave a report on the progress to date with regards to his Fisheries Portfolio. The Minster expressed his wish to work in more closely with NZ Sport Fishing. After his talk there was a period of open questions.

Notice of Motion number 7 continued. Further discussion was had over the use of the word "Royal". The meeting was advised that it was important to keep the word "Royal" in the notice of motion.

"It was moved that remit number 7 NZSFC to adopt the following 'Fisheries Management System' policy as an addition to the 'Fisheries Management Policy document'."

Lewis Avenell / Bob Gutsell – carried

Guest Speaker - David Abercrombie Chief Executive - Yachting NZ

David Abercrombie spoke about the Yachting NZ Sustainability Strategy to ensure New Zealanders can enjoy sailing and boating in a pristine marine and coastal environment.

Yachting NZ has now five main objectives:-

1. To have clubs actively strive to lower their impact on the environment and be champions for environmental sustainability.
2. To Build a strong network of organisations to work together and towards environmental sustainability
3. Reduce the impact on the environment is a key for all sailing and boating events conducted in New Zealand
4. Technological advancements to be embraced by sailing and boating communities and used to reduce our impact on the environment
5. Communication – have a community of sailors and boaties and clubs who are well informed and have access to support and resources to help them reduce their impact.

David Abercrombie then spoke in general about promoting clubs and youth programmes. After his presentation there was a time of general questions and discussion.

IGFA REPORT:

M Hemingway gave a presentation on the IGFA. He advised that the premises have moved and the library has also moved. He advised that they are trying new initiatives as globally the numbers are down slightly. There is a plan to have 1 million children learn to fish globally. There is work on fresh water science and more recognition of achievements worldwide.

Mark Hemingway mentioned that there was social media confusion regarding IGFA rules on bleeding and gutting fish – this does not form part of the mutilation process and therefore does not affect the opportunity for a record. Mutilation is when the fish is on the line. Gaff wounds need to be photographed. Explanation is required to show that the fish put up a good fight and that a clean catch was made. Harpoons are not allowed. He advised that more information will be released over the coming months to make things easier.

RECORDS

Pete Saul advised that he does about 50 claims a year. He has noticed that there is a reduction in the quality of the claims, and we need to educate more. Claims do not recognize junior line classes. 95% of applications succeed and the main cause of failure is testing of the line. The weight of the line only can be claimed. Larger clubs have a higher standard of applications and tend to get more involved. Some smaller clubs struggle. It was suggested that an article on line class claims go into the yearbook and Pete advised that he was looking into this. It was also suggested we have an education programme with regard to claims. Pete confirmed that IGFA with regard circle hooks is a recommendation.

Paul Batten – Zone 2 – advised that TV programmes are not helping and Pete Saul advised that they should be encouraged to have a recommendation that if fishers want to go for records they need to contact NZSFC or a local club for details.

Tauranga Zone 3 – Arron Layne feels that there is a contradiction with the weighmasters requirements and would like this clarified. He felt that someone has to check the gear either a weighmaster or judge. There was discussion around this point and it was agreed that there was a discrepancy due to an error in the year book and that this would be reviewed by the fishing committee for next year. Arran Layne advised that he did not want to make things difficult but did want to make sure that everyone is following the rules.

Pete Saul advised that a number of record claims go straight to the IGFA but the ones that go through him he must check. He is happy to help with the process if fishers have a possible claim.

REMIT #8 - Southern Bluefin Tuna Policy

Proposer: Lewis Avenell
Secunder: Bob Gutsell

“NZSFC supports the responsible development of a high value recreational fishery for southern bluefin tuna in New Zealand.

A daily bag limit of 1 fish per person in the North Island and 2 per in the South Island NZSFC clubs will encourage fishers to weigh or report SBT that are kept and tag fish that are released.”

The rapid development of the SBT fishery off Cape Runaway in 2017 caught fishers and fisheries managers by surprise. This prompted discussion on how to allow for this new fishery and to promote responsible fishing. NZSFC proved accurate catch information from club records for the majority of the 2017 landed catch and estimated weight of the unreported catch to Fisheries NZ.

An in-season increase in the recreational allowance from 4 t to 20 t during 2018 and Fisheries NZ instigated a ramp survey at Waihou Bay to help capture the numbers of fish kept but not weighed. Also balance bones (otoliths) were collected to increase the number of NZ SBT that are aged.

This year the best catch rates were around the 23rd of June, but the fish were more scattered than last year and catch rates dropped off over the next two weather windows, even though there were plenty of boats out looking for them. Total club catch was about 83 SBT in 2018 down from 266 in 2017 calendar year. The average weight was heavier in 2018 (78 kg) than last year (72 kg). Catch from other sources like the charter boat reports and the South Island fishery will need to be included in the final estimate the total recreational harvest.

Lewis Avenell Zone 5 – asked whether we want to add the word “voluntary” to the remit for daily bag limit. John Holdsworth advised no but that the limit has to be per person not per boat. He does not want to be too strictive at this stage.

“It was moved that Remit No 8 be accepted”

Carried

SUSTAINABILITY ROUND – JOSH BARCLAY

Josh advised that this was the biggest round they have consulted on. A lot of work has gone into this and the Minister was very happy with the input.

Kaipara Harbour – conditions here seem to be on the increase. If these fisheries are to improve we need to really solidify issues and clamp down on dumping of fish. There have been minor increases and some areas are doing reasonably well.

Two cuts have been proposed for flat fish 1 – there has been a decline in a few of the harbours. We did not support a big cut to some of the areas as proposed. These fishermen are not large commercial organisation and it was a bit punishing and could have had some negative results.

John Dory 1 – this has been overallocated. We are seeing a decline. The options are to cut down to average or a 10% cut.

Kaipara Harbour – closure of the scallop beds – this was supported.

Mark Kelly – Manukau – Asked they had noticed any difference now with the new government and changes. Josh felt that the team he works with have always been co-operative and good to work with and that it seems to be the same. Problems are in the higher levels. Mark Kelly congratulated Josh on the work done.

Tarakihi Campaign. When the proposal came out we had only 18 days to respond. This was a tight time frame. Fisheries Management team worked hard on getting this done. The time out for Tarakihi campaign ran for 6 weeks. This had a strong public response/support from the public and advised on what the Minister needed to do. It was agreed that the Minister needs to do something to get the fishery back up. There were petition packs in Burnside, and hunting and fishing stores. The dive community came on board also. A strong decision was asked for and we were looking at 65% cut. Currently we have 9,000 petitions. This was a worthwhile campaign and was engaged with our partners. Discussion was had around bag limits. Josh Barclay advised that they did analysis what effect different bag limits would have and in the end any changes to bag limits would be more of a gesture. The team advised that they were getting better and better at getting things to the market quickly and strengths are building.

Peter Campbell – stated that you can see the LegaSea team and contractors are working well together and they are a good tight team. He offered a thank you and show of appreciation for all their hard work.

It was mentioned that the board changes were impressive, and we have a good quality of personnel coming to the board. Peter Campbell advised that he is standing down from the Fisheries Management Chair and that Lewis Avenell is taking over the position. Congratulations was given to Peter Campbell for his hard work and commitment.

NZ MARINE RESEARCH FOUNDATION REPORT

The NZ Marine Research Foundation Annual Report was tabled and spoken to by Chairman Jeff Romeril. See attached. Jeff talked about the time taken to have the accounts audited and the costs involved. At present the trust deed states that accounts must be audited. This could be changes but the Trustees are not keen to do so at present. They will be looking at changing their auditor for next year.

Jeff advised that the funds were now up to their minimum and that the Foundation would not look at options for this coming year. He thanks the Council members for their donations with which the Foundation could not function.

“Moved that accounts and report be accepted”.

D Davey/P Stewart
Carried

NZ FISHING NEWS – Grant Dixon

NZ Fishing News have just completed their 300th edition. Grant Dixon requested tournament calendar dates and this notice has been sent to club via the Secretary. There are two ways to put in your tournament dates – on line or by a printable PDF. ITM have been involved for 3 or 4 years now and it is greatly appreciated.

If you wish to advertise your club events you and send a note and it will be advertised in their electronic magazine – presently they have 218,000 readers. Fishing News wants to acknowledge good catches. Fishing.net – the fishing website has 1.2 million unique views a year. They have the resources to get clubs messages out.

Fishing News works closely with the Council and LegaSea teams. Each school for Hiwi the Kiwi are given back issues and the schools love getting these.

REMIT #9 – Circle hooks

1. Circle hooks for NZSFC records.

Zone 1 moves:

“On Page 69 of the 2018 Yearbook, Section 8 of the IGFA & NZSFC RULES FOR TAG AND RELEASE states:

8. The Council strongly recommends that non off-set circle hooks be used when live baiting for any species. Only non off-set circle hooks can be used to catch billfish when using live and dead natural baits to claim a New Zealand Sport Fishing Council record. This will give fish a better chance of survival when tagged and released.

Zone 1 moves that this be amended by removing the sentence “*Only non off-set circle hooks can be used to catch billfish when using live and dead natural baits to claim a New Zealand record.*” The rest of the wording to remain intact.”

Zone 1 – IGFA have a recommendation but this does not make it compulsory. The conflict comes with our ratification of IGFA rules. Council has every right to run a contest the way they want to be it does become conflicted when going for a record. If we are to refresh to the IGFA rules then this remit will tidy up the situation.

Andrew Johnson BOI - the feedback he has had from his club is opposition to the existing rule and they support the remit. They feel they can't have two rules when trying to claim the record. History of the rules and the weight they add to NZ fishing deserves respect and to collate the records ensures a consistent level.

Manukau – Mark Kelly – Game fishing needs to be on a pedestal and we need to bring the public with us and we do need to have best practice. Anyone who catches a NZ record on a circle hook does not miss out on the world record. We need to look after our fish.

Clyde – Waihou Bay – agreed. We have to lead. How many fish are be going to killed with a J hook?

Ian Steele – New Plymouth. The minister said that we need to work with him and we need the public to know we are sustainable. In terms of international studies J hooks injure at much higher rates than non-offset circle hooks – we will be killing more fish as a result of this motion.

Pete Saul – Whangarei – stated that this remit was about records only.

A general vote was had – result 65 for the remit - 25 against

“It was moved that Remit No 9 be accepted”

Carried

NATIONALS SURVEY

Ian Steele spoke to this survey.

The feedback from the survey was that it was a good way to communicate with members. It is important to have the information from the “grass roots” eg those who are actually fishing the Nationals. The 2019 rules for the Nationals are in draft form and will be printed soon but are still open to discussion. Each year we have adjustments and it was felt that the survey was long overdue. The survey was in two forms electronic and PDF and was aimed at the individual anglers. There were 161 responses which is approximately 10% of the annual entries.

Points for the Nationals – the survey decisions were; the start time would move to 6am. There would be no trout section. There would be no change in the line classes. A shark cap was suggested. The points for tagging was considered and these will be changed. An increase for billfish tagging points. Non-offset was supported well by anglers. Braid section will be removed and photo evidence was strongly supported. Kingfish length will stay at 1 metre. There will be a new formula for tagging and releasing kingfish.

Discussion was had around the Nationals. Peter Saunders New Plymouth – suggested we have a best practice for handling kingfish. There could be a lot of damage to the fish to try

to measure or photograph – it was agreed that the FishCare information will go out with the Nationals information with a section of handling fish while measuring.
Question was made re the line weight for Mahimahi. At present 60 kg line does not count. The line weight will stay at 37 kg for this year.

Bob Gutsell – asked are there any questions we should have asked in the survey but didn't? Feedback is important. A copy of the survey is attached to this document.

COMMUNICATIONS – WEBPAGE – Bob Gutsell spoke to this

Bob Gutsell gave a run down on the webpage and giving a demonstration of the webpage to the meeting. The reason for the delay in getting this up and running was the fact that the national's software and database were linked to the old website and if we changed over we would have lost the nationals software and history. This has now been reconfigured and the webpage will be going live shortly.

Suggestions were to have the tag information on the webpage and where to purchase them. To have the shirt purchase information on the webpage and also to have a list of delegates with their photos on the webpage in both the club section and the About Us section. These will be added once the correct information comes through from the clubs.

HIWI THE KIWI

Evan Mackay presented an update on Hiwi the Kiwi goes Fishing on behalf of Mark deLacy.

The shows continue to be very popular with most feedback from schools stating that it's the best show touring schools. This year has seen a huge upturn in school interest in the "keep Plastic out of our oceans" element of our show. Recent news coverage around banning plastic bags and concern with ocean pollution means the "Save our Seabirds" segment has real and current interest from schools who want their children to hear the messages around sustainability.

Again a big thank you to Kilwell and NZ Fishing News for their on going support.

We have decided to continue touring until the end of 2020 and feel at that time it is time for a replacement and the Council needs to be actively looking for a replacement to take over. 10 schools have been booked in the Hawkes Bay in November funded by LegaSea Hawkes Bay. The low decile schools in the area were amazed at the generosity of LegaSea Hawkes bay and are eagerly looking forward to the show.

This year there has been 18 low decile schools in the South Auckland area which have been funded by Maritime NZ and Water Safety NZ and feedback sheets from the schools concerned were very positive with each one of them requesting another visit in two years.

NZ ANGLING AND CASTING – JIM YEOMAN

Jim Yeoman introduced himself. He is on the fisheries management committee, involved in LegaSea and a contractor to LegaSea Hawkes Bay. He is in the Hawkes Bay marine and coastal group, involved with the local Iwi, doc and local regional council.

NZ Angling and Casting was almost folding when he became President and since then his working team have got it back up and it is growing. The organisation is now relevant with its piers. They now have 27 clubs and over 1,000 members. They have assets of \$27,000 all less than 4 years old. Jim, on behalf of NZ Angling and Fishing, works with Trish and Josh on their submissions and he is very happy to have Angling and Casting on submissions to the Government. He advised that they are very proud to work along side the Sport Fishing Council.

LEGASEA REPORT

The LegaSea report was tabled and spoken to by Sam Woolford, who gave an account of LegaSea activity for the year, and aspirations and projects for the following year. This will be forwarded to clubs.

PARTNERS PROGRAMME

This was spoken to by Simon Yates. He advised that the partner programme was growing and that it was good to see that some of our partners had been with us for a long time. ITM have signed on for another two years. Burnsco have stepped up and are working with LegaSea. Simon felt it was important for the members to know that all partner funding is for the running of LegaSea, but the donations that are received from members are for Fisheries Management.

He advised that LegaSea is launching its Moa beer and 30,000 cases will be going into shops in the first week of November. He encouraged all fishers to at least purchase one box to help support the cause. They also have an agreement with Barkers Menswear who have been very supportive with caps and shirts and a clothing brand that they have financed and allow LegaSea to sell. Koparepare wine is doing well and he encouraged members to get their clubs into stocking the wine.

There were five LegaSea lucky draws – winners were :-

Scott Bradley – NZ Land Based Club - Black Magic LegaSea Soft bait rod

Peter Campbell – Koparepare wine pack

John Holdsworth - \$100 marine deal voucher

Lewis Avenell – LegaSea life jacket and travel pack

Andrew Johnson – Bay of Islands Swordfish club – Black Magic Tackle pack

GENERAL BUSINESS

Document Alignment – Deryk Nielsen Tauranga

Deryl Nielsen spoke in support of the document alignment process that has begun at this AGM. In particular, regarding the Fishing rules that all clubs to run their own club fishing and tournaments, as well as participation in the Nationals.

He commented that he had seen at least twice today, differences in understanding and interpretation of the rules, even by senior people within our own management structure and also saw the confusion that arose regarding the Circle hook remit.

Deryk Nielsen stated that they (TSFC) do not raise these issues to try and catch anyone out, or to embarrass anyone, least of all themselves, but raise them to highlight the discrepancies, the doubtful/grey areas, the misunderstandings, and the differences in interpretation. The club wants to ensure that there is a level playing field between all clubs, and a similar standard that all are working to, and one set of rules which are unambiguous.

- So that when our anglers visit other clubs, they are subject to the same standard and rigours they receive at their own club
- So that visitors to our club can have a fair expectation of the requirements that we endeavour to apply evenly. Across all anglers.

He advised that his club wanted to work with both Council and with other clubs to ensure that we are all operating to the highest achievable standard and setting an example to the entire fishing community.

It was proposed :-

“That the TSFC requests that the Fishing Committee review the weighmaster responsibilities as defined in the Fishing Rules and the Yearbook (current 2018 yearbook, page 124) to ensure that these are consistent with the Fishing Rules of this Council.

We further require all clubs take steps to ensure that all club weighmasters must follow these responsibilities, including the checking of all gear used in the capture of that tagged or weighed fish.”

Proposed: Deryk Nielsen and he called for a seconder from the floor seconded Arron Lane. It was then put to the meeting for discussion.

It was stated that:- the reason for this motion is to clearly define the responsibilities of a weighmaster, specifically during the Nationals tournament.

It is put forward for discussion to promote the consistency of our multiple clubs, add to the value of anglers belonging to a club structure, with the assurance of consistency across the country. This discussion will give the fish committee clear guidance on the wishes of this forum.

Raglan - Comments were made that the weighmaster was a voluntary position and each weighmaster tried their best. Judges were also available to ensure that the weighs were checked properly.

Warren – Mercury Bay gave a quick demonstration of their manual for weighmasters which he has written. He suggested that the council and clubs have one of these that should be downloaded and given to weighmasters on their training days.

After some discussion it was agreed that a motion was not required and Deryk withdrew the motion. It was agreed that the fishing committee review these discrepancies as requested and put together a Weighmasters manual for clubs.

Hourhora Gamefishing & Sportfishing Club. Loss of fish stocks.

Justin spoke with regard to the depletion of fishing stock in the North. He advised that his club was mainly interested in the big game fish, and that the numbers had reduced drastically over the past few years. The clubs in the region are very concerned that the bait fish (food stock) for the bigger game fish are being depleted by the constant purse sein fishing in the region. He requested that research could be done in this area and we approach the Minister for a reduction or even stopping the purse sein fishing constantly in the region. His club and zone feel that something has to be done, and it has to be done quickly or the larger game fish will no longer come into the region. He feels that there is very little bait fish left in the region. The commercial fishermen are watching the rec fishermen and going to where they are. The large breeding stock is not finding the food and we need to look after the bait fish.

John Holdsworth advised that a review is planned this year taking an eco system approach. Discussion was had around the best approach. Trish (LegaSea) advised that the best thing would be a campaign. R Baker – stated that we have put forward proposals – we know they are still taking fish, we cannot argue for the economic – we need to appeal to the public. We need to push the environmental aspect. Get the information out there and get the public behind us.

Action – it was agreed that Fisheries Management will put together a campaign re purse sein fishing and the bait stock depletion.

2019 AGM – the meeting was encouraged to support next year’s AGM. The delegates were asked to consider holding the 2019 AGM.

Steve Burling thanked Helen Pastor for her work during the year and with the AGM.

MEETING CLOSED:

The meeting was declared closed at 4.00 pm, Saturday 15th September, 2018.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____