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MINUTES OF THE 64th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 18th & 19st SEPTEMBER 2020, AT THE BAY OF ISLANDS SWORDFISH CLUB IN PAIHIA, BAY OF ISLANDS COMMENCING AT 9 AM

PRESENT:

NZSFC President	B Gutsell	Waikato Delegate, Bowentown Delegate
NZSFC Vice President	P Campbell	
NZSFC Vice President	Ian Steele	
Secretary	H Pastor via Zoom	
Ahipara GFC	R Matthews	
	L Matthews	
Akitio BC	R Beales	
Ashley SFC	J Bruce	
	M Connor	Zone 7 Delegate - Canterbury proxy, Pegasus Proxy, Marlborough Rec Proxy
Bay of Islands SC	Andrew Johnson	
	J Troup	
	J Chibnall	Patron / IGFA
Cape Egmont BC	R van der Fits	
	T Goodin	
Clevedon GFC	L Avenell	Zone 2 Delegate – Manukau Cruising proxy, Mangere BC proxy, NZ Land Based GFC proxy
	K Gorden	
Counties SFC	S Harper via zoom	
	D Burns via zoom	
Gisborne Tatapouri SFC	R Faber	Mahia BC proxy
	C Miller	
Hauraki Gulf SFC	P Stewart via zoom	
Hawkes Bay SFC	W Bicknell	Zone 5 Delegate & Board representative
Hokianga BGSFC	L Pattinson	
	S Percy	
Houhora BGSFC	P Batten	

Kawhia B&AC	D Taucher C Hickman	
Maraetai Beach BC	I Twist via zoom K Gorden via zoom	
Marsden Cove FC	G Ellis	
Mercury Bay GFC	W Harris A Proctor	
Mount Maunganui	Mark Hemingway	IGFA/Life Members/board representative Board Member
New Plymouth SUC	V Fulton I Steele P Saunders L Drummond	
NZ Land Based	R Baker	Life Member / board representative
Raglan SFC	K Barry	Zone 6 delegate / board representative
Tairua Pauanui SFC	W Maher R Scott	Zone 3 delegate / board representative
Taupo BC	M Pate	
Tauranga SFC	D Nielsen	
Tautuku Dunedin & Haast	Brett Bensemam	
Te Aroha AC	S Cox G Shanley	
Te Kaha SFC	R Lucas D Murie	Zone 8 Delegate & board Representative
Waihau Bay SFC	C Elmiger – via Zoom C Fraser – Via Zoom B Muir – Via Zoom	
Warkworth GFC	S Macindoe via zoom T Creagh via zoom	Life Member – Co-opt Board Member – LegaSea NZMRF
Wellington S&AC	D Pye	
Whakatane SFC	D Davey M Reynolds M Read	
Whangamata OSC	B O’Neill K Lynch R Hoskin P Keogh	
Whangarei DSAC	P Saul B Saul	Zone 1 Delegate / Board Representative
Whangaroa SFC	K Mowat T Lay	
NZ Marine Research	T Creagh via zoom	Trustee
Blue Water Marine Research	J Holdsworth	
Board Member	D Sieling	Co-opted member governance and FM
Life Member	H Webb	
IGFA	T Hill	
LegaSea	S Woolford via zoom	

NZ Angling & Casting T Rea via zoom
NZ Fishing News J Yeoman via zoom
 G Dixon via zoom

Meeting opened – 0900 hrs

WELCOME

Bob Gutsell, President, welcomed the Delegates and Grant Dixon and Jim Yeoman. Welcome to John Chibnall, Patron. Thank you to the Bay of Islands Swordfish Club for hosting this AGM.

MINUTES SILENCE:

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

APOLOGIES:

Annette Hall	Doubtless Bay	Evan Mackay	Doubtless Bay
Phil Appleyard	Big Fish FC	Jeff Romeril	NZMRF
Stu Arnold	Matarangi FC	Scott Bradley	NZ Land Based GFC
Ed Beetham	Wairarapa SFC		

Bob Gutsell moved that the apologies be accepted seconded Ian Steele – Carried

LEGASEA AGM:

Meeting opened: 1100

The LegaSea AGM was chaired by Peter Campbell. The LegaSea Minutes to be circulated separately. Welcome to all and the zone delegates.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NZ SPORT FISHING COUNCIL

Meeting opened

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed.

Minutes moved Warren Maher / Mark Connor – carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Dirk Sieling advised an error on page 3 number 1 – change HG forum to Seachange Advisory committee.

Ken Barry advised in Notices of motions 2 and 7 – was S Hart was zone 5 not 6.

Moved Ross Lucas – Warren Harris – carried

PRESIDENT’S ANNUAL REPORT: As per attached.

These were duly ratified en blanc.

Board Representatives:

Zone One	Pete Saul
Zone Two	Lewis Avenell
Zone Three	Warren Maher
Zone Four	Vance Fulton
Zone Five	Wayne Bicknell
Zone Six	Ken Barry
Zone Seven	Mark Connor
Zone Eight	Ross Lucas

IGFA Representative/Life Member Representative

Mark Hemingway

As there was only one nomination for each position, it was moved that the nominations received be accepted.

Moved Peter Saunders seconded Wayne Bicknell – Carried

Service Awards

BOI – Andrew Johnson 2 years
Marsden Cove – Graham Ellis 2 years
Taupo – Matthew Pate – 2 years
World Sport Fishing – Leon Pogoni – 2 years
Counties – Stephen Harper – 5 years
Demon Anglers – Paul Welsh – 5 years
Houhora – Justin Kernan – 5 years
New Plymouth – Ian Steele – 5 years
Tairua Pauanui – Rob Scott – 5 years
Warkworth – Terry Creagh – 5 years
Kawhia – Cecil Hickman – 10 years
Tairua Pauanui – Warren Maher 10 years
Te Aroha – Phil McCarthy – 10 years
Whangamata – Barney O’Neill and Roy Hoskin – 10 years
Te Kaha – Dave Murie – 15 years
Whangaroa – Kelvin Mowat – 15 years
Doubtless Bay – Annette Hall – 20 years
Mercury Bay – Warren Harris – 20 years
Tauranga - Peter Campbell 20 years
NZ Land Based – Richard Baker – 30 years
Houhora –Don Bellingham 30 years
IGFA – Tony Hill – 35 years

As the awards cannot be presented the delegates were acknowledged in the meeting and plaques will be sent to the delegates direct.

Life Members

The following members were Awarded Honorary Life Memberships:-

John Holdsworth – nominated by Pete Saul Whangarei, Whangaroa and Bay of Islands

Trish Rae – nominated by Terry Lay and Kelvin Mowat, Whangaroa, Bay of Islands and Manukau Sport Fishing clubs.

Pete Saul – nominated by Kelvin Mowat, Whangaroa. Doubtless Bay and Bay of Islands

Peter Campbell – nominated by Deryk Nielsen Tauranga, Te Kaha and Waihou Bay

Warren Harris – nominated by Warren Maher – Tairua, Mercury Bay and Whangamata

BUDGET:

Finance Committee Chairman Peter Campbell presented the draft 2020/21 Budget to the Delegates, highlighting the key points for discussion. See attached.

Discussion was had around alternative ways to increase revenue.

“It was moved that the 2020/2021- Budget be accepted.”

Stephen Cox / W Mayer – carried

Notices of Motion

Notice of Motion #1 - 2/3rd's Voting Required

NZSFC Update the Constitution to include CEO

Proposer: Lewis Avenell

Secunder: Bob Gutsell

Current Clauses:

11.5 The Secretary/Executive Officer is a non-voting member of the Board.

Secretary/Executive Officer and/or Treasurer/Finance Committee

11.16 The Board shall conditionally appoint the Secretary/Executive Officer and, if considered necessary, the Treasurer which appointments become effective when ratified by the Council at a General Meeting. These offices may be held by one person. The Secretary/Executive Officer and/or the Treasurer so appointed shall hold office until they resign or are removed from office. The Secretary/Executive Officer or the Treasurer cannot be an Executive/Club Delegate or Executive/Regional Delegate.

14.2 The Secretary/Executive Officer shall send a notice of the next AGM to each Club at least sixty days (60) prior to the AGM.

Board Proposal:

3.1(w) “Chief Executive Officer” means the person appointed as the Chief Executive Officer under section 11.16 [NEW]

11.5 The Chief Executive Officer/Secretary/Executive Officer are non-voting members of the Board.

Chief Executive Officer/Secretary/Executive Officer and/or Treasurer/Finance Committee

11.16 The Board shall conditionally appoint the **Chief Executive Officer**/Secretary/Executive Officer and, if considered necessary, the Treasurer which appointments become effective when ratified by the Council at a General Meeting. These offices may be held by one person. The **Chief Executive Officer**/Secretary/Executive Officer and/or the Treasurer so appointed shall hold office until they resign or are removed from office. The Secretary/Executive Officer or the Treasurer cannot be an Executive/Club Delegate or Executive/Regional Delegate.

11.18 The board will set down the duties of the Chief Executive Officer within the terms of their job description and employment contract. The CEO reports to the President of the Board and is responsible for all day to day operational affairs of the Council and its subsidiary organisations. [NEW]

11.19 The CEO will attend Councils standing committees as prescribed by the Board as a non-voting participant. [NEW]

[Current numbers 11.18 - 11.23 to be re-numbered]

14.2 The **Chief Executive Officer**/ Secretary/Executive Officer shall send a notice of the next AGM to each Club at least sixty days (60) prior to the AGM.

Reasoning:

NZSFC has introduced a new role into the management structure and would like the constitution to reflect the updated structure.

Voting 100% in favour. Motion carried.

Notice of Motion #2 - 2/3rd's Voting Required

NZSFC Update the Constitution update (separate to Motion #1 as its an effective change to the constitution not entirely due to the New CEO role)

Proposer: Bob Gutsell

Seconder: Lewis Avenell

Speaker at AGM: Bob Gutsell

Current Clauses:

11.5 The Secretary/Executive Officer is a non-voting member of the Board.

Board Proposal:

11.5 The **Chief Executive Officer**/Secretary/Executive Officer **are not** members of the Board.

Voting 100% in favour. Motion carried.

Notice of Motion #3 - 50% Voting Required

NZSFC Update the Board Charter to include the CEO role

Proposer: Bob Gutsell

Seconder: Lewis Avenell

Current Clauses:

- Intro The Board adopts the objectives of the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council Constitution as being essential for the future of NZSFC, and that NZSFC as a whole performs consistently in the manner expected of a leading advocate for NZ recreational anglers.
- 1.2 (c) Establishing policies for strengthening and sustaining the performance of NZSFC
- 1.2(g) Safeguarding the reputation of NZSFC and the NZSFC and LegaSea brands.
- 1.2(j) Ensuring that adequate procedures are in place for succession planning in relation to the Board and the President
- 2.2 The Board may from time to time appoint independent directors as it sees fit. Such appointments shall be submitted to the AGM for ratification. The number of such appointees shall not exceed two at any given time.
- 3.2 The Board has sole authority over its agenda and exercises this through the President. Any Board Member may, through the President, request the addition of an item to the agenda. The agenda will be set by the President in consultation with the President and the Administration Officer.
- 5.1 The President will be the primary point of accountability and link between the Board and operational management functions
- 5.2 All Board authority conferred on management is delegated through the President. The President is accountable to the Board for the authority that is delegated and for the performance of NZSFC.
- 5.3 Management reports to the Board through the President, and the President reports to the Board directly at Board meetings and in written updates and through the President.

12. Administration Officer

- 12.1 The Administration Officer, who is appointed by the Board, is accountable to the Board, through the President, on all governance matters. The Administration Officer plays a significant role in monitoring compliance with Board policy and procedures, and with timely completion and despatch of the Board agenda and briefing material. All Board Members have access to the Administration Officer.

Board Proposal:

- Intro The Board adopts the objectives of the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council (NZSFC) Constitution as being essential for the future of NZSFC, and that NZSFC as a whole performs consistently in the manner expected of a leading advocate for NZ recreational anglers.
- 1.2 (c) Establishing policies for strengthening and sustaining the performance of NZSFC and delivery of its objectives.
- 1.2(g) Safeguarding the reputation of NZSFC, LegaSea and related entity brands.

- 1.2(j) Ensuring that adequate procedures are in place for succession planning in relation to the Board, the President and the CEO.
- 2.2 The Board may from time to time appoint co-opted board members as it sees fit. Such appointments shall be submitted to the AGM for ratification. The number of such appointees shall not exceed four at any given time.
- 3.2 The Board has sole authority over its agenda and exercises this through the President. Any Board Member may, through the President, request the addition of an item to the agenda. The agenda will be set by the President in consultation with the CEO.
- 5.1 The President will be the primary point of accountability and link between the Board and operational management functions through the CEO.
- 5.2 All Board authority conferred on management is delegated through the CEO. The CEO is accountable to the Board for the authority that is delegated and for the performance of NZSFC.
- 5.3 Management reports to the Board through the CEO, and the CEO reports to the Board directly at Board meetings and in written updates and through the President.
12. **Administration Officer and CEO**
- 12.1 The Administration Officer and CEO, who are appointed by the Board, are accountable to the Board, through the President, on all governance matters. The Administration Officer and CEO play a significant role in monitoring compliance with Board policy and procedures, and with timely completion and dispatch of the Board agenda and briefing material. All Board Members have access to the Administration Officer and CEO.

Voting 100% - motion carried

Notice of Motion #4 - 50% Voting Required

Hapuku & Bass policy to be adopted and introduced to the NZSFC FISHERIES MANAGEMENT POLICY DOCUMENT

Proposer: Lewis Avenell
 Secunder: Bob Gutsell

Board Proposal:
 5.14 Hapuku & Bass

Goal

Restore abundance of hapuku and bass in New Zealand waters.

Objectives

- Rebuild hapuku and bass populations in eastern New Zealand waters.
- Ensure robust breeding populations are maintained in selected areas.
- Maintain a high value niche fishery for commercial, recreational and customary fishers.

Strategy

Urgent

- Halve the Total Allowable Commercial Catch (TACC) in HPB 1 and HPB 2 to ensure most hapuku and bass are taken as bycatch in commercial fisheries.
- Reduce the daily bag limit for recreational fishers to two per person per day.
- Review fine scale catch data and close some areas to all bottom fishing for 10 years where local depletion has or is occurring.
- NZSFC club committees or Zone members to recommend suitable areas to close to all bottom fishing to help rebuild hapuku and bass populations in their region.

Medium Term

- Separate species reporting and management of hapuku and bass.
- Introduce a species management system at a local or regional level.
- Apply Rescue Fish principles to maintain a high value niche fishery, without open access.

Discussion was had and it was suggested that the second clause be changed to read

“Reduce the daily bag limit for recreational fishers to two per person per day in HP1 and HP2.”

The amendment to the motion was moved by Scott Macindoe / seconded Kelvin Mowat.

The amended motion was put, and voting was 100% - amended motion carried

Notice of Motion #5 - 50% Voting Required

Bronze whaler sharks to be adopted and introduced to the NZSFC FISHERIES MANAGEMENT POLICY DOCUMENT

Proposer: Lewis Avenell

Seconder: Bob Gutsell

Board Proposal:

5.15 Bronze whaler sharks

Goal

To fish successfully without undue interference from bronze whaler sharks.

Objectives

- To reduce predation by bronze whalers on fish hooked by recreational fishers.
- To avoid encouraging bronze whalers to hang around fishing boats.
- To collect information and develop strategies to avoid losing hooked fish to bronze whalers.

Bronze whalers occur in the North Island and top of the South Island however, the following strategies could also apply to mako and blue sharks in other areas.

Strategy

- Observe and learn how to avoid attracting sharks when recreational fishing.
- Do not process fish or discard fish waste in the area you are fishing.
- Do not use burley in areas where bronze whalers are likely to be.
- Move away from an area if sharks are around, or your catch has been taken by a shark.
- Tag and release bronze whalers if caught and recover tags if recaptured, to collect information on movement patterns and residency times.
- Create a “notice board” for fishers to report the date and location of predation by bronze whalers to help warn others.

Notice of Motion #6 - 50% Voting Required

[Spatial planning/ Marine Protected Areas, RMA application etc] to be adopted and introduced to the NZSFC FISHERIES MANAGEMENT POLICY DOCUMENT

Proposer: Vance Fulton

Seconder: Bob Gutsell

Board Proposal:

4.4 Spatial planning/ Marine Protected Areas, RMA application etc

Goals

1. Prevent additional controls on recreational fishing; (over and above current fisheries act)
2. Support controls on commercial bulk harvesting methods where there is an identified/proven issue with that method.

Strategy

1. Put pressure on the Regional Council's to require the appellants to provide proof/technical evidence that shows/supports the benefits of the proposed MPA as part of their initial application under the RMA. This should also apply to any central government parties
2. Focus on the overarching goals/challenges/outcomes rather than discussion going into micromanagement of issues
3. Consistent with point 2 above, put forward evidence on:
 1. Commercial, recreational and customary fishing efforts in the areas of interest;
 2. The relative ecological impacts of that fishing effort;
 3. The social cultural and economic benefits of recreational fishing.

Dirk Sieling spoke to this. Council was caught unaware with this and so were the commercial and MPI. It was agreed that we need to be involved and have the opportunity to push and get bottom contact fish included. This can be a costly exercise and requires the employment of lawyers. He recommended that the delegates vote for this motion.

John Holdsworth suggested an amendment to 1 in the goals:-

“Prevent additional controls on recreational fishing under the RMA; (over and above current fisheries act).”

The amendment to the motion was put – moved B Bensemann / seconded D Nielsen. – Carried

The amended motion was then discussed and voted on.

Voting was 100% - motion carried

Notice of Motion #7 - 50% Voting Required

Scallop dredging Policy

Proposer: Lewis Avenell

Seconder: Bob Gutsell

The New Zealand Sport Fishing Council supports measure

Proposal:

5.XX Scallop Dredging Policy

The New Zealand Sport Fishing Council supports measures to reduce bottom contact fishing methods that have dredged the seabed environment and productive ecosystems for many years.

The New Zealand Sport Fishing Council:

1. Promotes low impact scallop harvesting methods such as selective hand gathering by diving where possible.
2. Opposes non-selective dredging of scallop beds by commercial and recreational fishers.
3. Supports exemptions for dredging in specific areas where it is proven to have low impact on benthic communities.

The New Zealand Sport Fishing Council considers that recreational dredging is acceptable in areas where commercial dredging occurs, and acknowledges that there are areas where dredging is the only feasible option when there are:

1. High tidal/current flow
2. Low water visibility
3. Depth over 30 metres
4. Dredges without tines and/or equipped with a pressure plate

Reasoning:

NZSFC FMMP were requested to write a policy for the Scallop issues

Lewis Avenell and Glen Carbines spoke to this motion. The policy has a balance between protecting the environment and maintaining the resource. Pete Saul discussed re those who could not dive. Concern was raised regarding allowing dredging while trying to get commercial dredging stopped.

**After some discussion the motion was put and voting came back at 72 votes in favour
motion was carried**

Notice of Motion #8 - 50% Voting Required

Create a separate "NZSFC Admin and Management policies" document

Proposer: Bob Gutsell

Seconder: Lewis Avenell

Speaker at AGM: Bob / Steven

Proposal: Board to create a separate "NZSFC Admin and Management policies" document to include (but not limited to) the following

1. Child protection policy <https://www.nzsportfishing.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/NZSFC-Child-Protection-Policy.pdf>
2. Code of conduct water safety <https://www.nzsportfishing.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/NZSFC-code-of-conduct-.pdf>
3. Future management policies

Board will have discretion to change / update / modify this “NZSFC Admin and Management policies” Document if and when required - leaved for flexibility to add policies that are required for managing staff, applying for grants etc

Reasoning:

The policies noted above do not belong in the Constitution, Fishing Rules or Fisheries management documents. We need this as a requirement for grant applications.

Bob Gutsell spoke to the motion. Lewis Avenell advised that the board could modify if and when it was required without requiring voting at an AGM. This was done so that grant applications could be completed in a timely manner.

The motion was put – voting 100% - Motion carried

Notice of Motion #9 - 2/3rds Voting Required

Include the following passage on Clubs individual member application forms

Proposer: Lewis Avenell

Secunder: Bob Gutsell

Current Clauses:

4.2 All Clubs must:

- (a) have boating and fishing rules compatible with the objects of this Constitution.
- (b) keep accounts and a register of all the categories of their membership numbers so that both can be made available to the Council’s Secretary/Executive Officer
- (c) Be financial members as of December 30th each calendar year.
- (d) fish under the IGFA and Council’s ethical fishing rules including any Bylaws and/or Regulations that are consistent with the fishing objects of this Constitution other than as set down in section 7.5
- (e) practise the Safety at Sea rules provided by Maritime New Zealand

Proposal Clauses:

4.2 All Clubs must:

- (a) have boating and fishing rules compatible with the objects of this Constitution.
- (b) keep accounts and a register of all the categories of their membership numbers so that both can be made available to the Council’s Secretary/Executive Officer
- (c) Be financial members as of December 30th each calendar year.
- (d) fish under the IGFA and Council’s ethical fishing rules including any Bylaws and/or Regulations that are consistent with the fishing objects of this Constitution other than as set down in section 7.5
- (e) practise the Safety at Sea rules provided by Maritime New Zealand
- (f) have the following clause on their individual member application forms;
“[Club Name] is affiliated to the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council, and all individual members of affiliated clubs have full access to the Council benefits. See www.nzsportfishing.co.nz for more information”

Reasoning:

It is apparent at meetings between Clubs and Board representatives that there are individual members not aware that the club that they are member of are affiliated to NZSFC or what the benefits are. This is a simple note to remind the individual of the benefits of NZSFC

Lewis Avenell spoke to the motion. Discussion around members not realising that they are also affiliated to Sport Fishing Council and have access to benefits etc. Intention is that members are made aware of what they are entitled to.

Ian Steele – advised in agreement but felt it was too wordy. Put forward an amendment

Moved – Ian Steele – seconded Paul Batten – reword to

(f) have the following clause on their individual member application forms;
“[Club Name] is affiliated to the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council, and members of affiliated clubs have full access to the NZSFC benefits. See www.nzsportfishing.co.nz for more information”

The amended motion was put – 99% in favour – 1 against – Marlborough Rec Fishers. The amendment to the motion was passed.

Notice of Motion #10 - 50% Voting Required

NZMRF donation status in fee structure
Proposer: Peter Campbell
Seconder: Warren Maher
Speaker at AGM: Peter Campbell

The \$2.00 donation to the Marine Research Foundation collected by the New Zealand Sport Fishing Council from the member clubs on behalf of the Marine Research Foundation will be a voluntary payment effective from 1 July 2020.

The NZSFC will continue to include the \$2.00 donation in the Affiliation Fee invoice clearly stating that this payment is voluntary.

Reasoning:

Propose a voluntary option to offer assistance to member clubs via a reduction in the compulsory affiliation/donation fees. Cannot see anything below which would hinder giving the clubs the option to make voluntary the payment this year to the Marine Research Foundation. It would be up to the clubs as to how they collected the \$2.00 donation i.e. did they have it itemised on the membership application or renewal forms or just included in the total membership invoice.

From the NZSFC CONSTITUTION.

SECTION 20.0 – AFFILIATION AND OTHER FEES

20.1 The Council may by a majority of the votes validly cast at an AGM:

(a) Set affiliation and other fees for all categories of membership and other funds to be applied by the Council in the pursuance of its objects.

(b) Determine the quantum and date for payment of any affiliation or other fee to be paid by a Member to the Council. (c) All affiliation fees or other levies increase or decrease proposals must be by a notice of motion to be voted on at the AGM.

20.2 Affiliation fees will be set at the AGM each year. Members’ fees are to be paid by December 31 each year for the Member Club to remain financial.

20.3 Members must be financial to be eligible to fish the National Tournament. Unincorporated Clubs must show they are a club identity within themselves and are not part of another Club.

20.4 Affiliation fees are to be paid on all types of membership and on each and every member of a Club. For family memberships – fees are to be paid based on the number of persons within the family membership.

20.5 Member Clubs are required to base their numbers on their previous year's membership and pay the affiliation fee on this number.

20.6 All Clubs must pay a minimum affiliation fee for at least 35 members if the Club has less than 35 members.

Due to Covid 19 a number of member clubs are experiencing financial difficulties which may continue for the foreseeable future. This remit may offer some relief.

Peter Campbell spoke to this motion. Covid caused worries and a number of clubs asked for a reduction in fees. Therefore, Peter Campbell suggested that the NZMRF be a voluntary donation.

Discussion was had about the work NZMRF does and that they are reliant on the support of our clubs. Terry Creagh – Warkworth spoke against this motion. Projects are costing more and need the funding to continue. John Chibnall and Andrew Johnson both spoke against the motion.

Jeff Romeril said in his report - Now I will make some comment on a remit that will be discussed at this conference. That of donations to the NZMRF. As time goes by and the regular turnover of club committees, many historic actions get questioned especially when there is a cost involved. I suspect that given we were formed in the early 90's that the regular donation per member to the NZMRF has come under review, as committee members see it as a large bill rather than the \$2 per member that it is.

Marine research in favour of recreational anglers is sorely lacking, especially when we need facts to support our arguments for fisheries management. Over the last 20 years we have spent many hundreds of thousands of dollars supporting several striped marlin satellite projects, yellowfin tuna, bluefin tuna, kahawai, fish welfare and of course the value of recreational fishing to NZ. There were many other smaller projects carried out as well as can be followed on our website www.nzmr.org.nz

After robust discussion the motion was put.

With only 20 votes in favour/ 80 against the motion failed.

Notice of Motion #11 - Setting of Affiliation fees

50% Voting Required

Proposer: Andrew Johnson

Secunder: Brenda Saul

Affiliation fees be raised by \$5.00 per person (Total of \$14 inc Gst) for the 2021-2022 financial year. (Jr's to remain \$4.50)

Reasoning:

Zone One thinks that we need to raise them in the future, despite them being a contentious issue with some clubs over many years. Although the Covid-19 backlash means this year clubs may struggle, the proposed increase would not come into effect until the following AGM and is necessary.

Andrew Johnson spoke in favour of the motion. He advised that the need for the council has never been needed more and do a great thing for fishing in New Zealand and would hate to see what would happen without it.

Mark Connor advised that the really small clubs are already subsidizing at an inflated amount. Whangamata – Barney O’Neill asked for it to be held off to the 2022 year. Houhora has already increased their fee to cover this and there was not objection regarding this. New Plymouth – Ian Steele also asked to wait 12 months to increase this. Tauranga – Deryk Nielsen also asked for an extension till 2022. Brett Bensemann – Tautuku Dunedin and Haast advised that they are worried and feels that they will vote no at this stage but will revisit after things settle down. Milton Reynolds – Whakatane – Could the CEO raise funds for the Council. Mark Read Whakatane – they have already set their fees for 2021/2022 so would not be able to implement until 2022/2023.

Barney O’Neill asked if we could amend this to move it out to 2022/2023 year.

Barney O’Neill moved that “the fee increase be moved to the 2022/2023 year”. Kelvin Mowat advised if the mover and seconder of the motion are prepared to accept the amendment then the motion can go ahead as suggested. Change will be 2021-2022 to 2022-2023.

The amended motion was voted on.

Votes in favour were 55 – against 44 – 1 abstention. – 50% required the motion was passed

Notice of Motion #12 - Setting of Affiliation fees - 50% Voting Required

Proposer: Roger Faber - Gisborne Tatapouri Sports Fishing Club

Secunder: Dave Mullooly - Mahia Boating and Fishing Club

Speaker at AGM: Roger Faber

The remit we propose is that an associate member category is added to the Affiliation Fees structure such that associate members shall only pay \$3.00 per person and there is no NZ Marine Research Foundation donation.

An Associate member of a club shall be recognised as;

- (a) Persons who, having paid a reduced membership fee and been accepted as such by the Committee are permitted full use of the Club’s facilities and privileges with the following exceptions:
 - (i) They shall not hold any Club office or be entitled to vote
 - (ii) There shall be no age, area or prior membership requirements for Associate membership

Reasoning:

Associate members allow the larger clubs to operate a financially sound organisation. Associate members pay a reduced membership fee and in return only get the right to legally use the clubs bar facilities. Other than reciprocal rights with other NZSFC affiliated clubs they get no personal benefit from their affiliation fee and as such should not have to pay a full fee.

Bob Gutsell thanked Gisborne for having put this motion for a vote and to get an opinion from their peers. Roger Faber spoke to this motion. Roger advised that he wanted to make it clear that they were not against full fees being paid on fishing members. The club is against paying full fees on associate members and also what they pay verses what they get back. Asked the Council to get benefits of operating expenses. He also mentioned the voting scoring is incorrect comparing small clubs against large clubs.

Andrew Johnson asked that the motion be dismissed as they are not fully paid up members. Gisborne advised that they settled on an amount with the Council and therefore are fully paid up members.

Lewis asked for the differences on levels of memberships and at this stage we do not have any information on this therefore feels that this could not go ahead.

Barney O'Neill – Whangamata pay for all of their juniors. Problem will happen that associate members will not be able to come into other fishing clubs.

Craig Miller – Gisborne – commented that the Council should have sorted this sooner. Bob Gutsell replied that this does need to be sorted but that we are a council of clubs and it is the clubs' duty to bring these matters to the AGM for voting from their peers.

Kelvin Mowat – As a Council we cannot decide member categories for clubs we only have a mandate to set a fee that will be charged. Hilton Webb – life member – advised that the club has grown and supports Council but clubs needs to sort out the associate member problem.

After robust discussion the motion was put to the meeting. Moved Roger Faber/Craig Miller

Voting was 8 for and 92 against – the motion failed.

Notice of Motion #12b

Propose having an affiliation cap of \$35,000 per member club on the total fees.

Reasoning:

The larger clubs are being penalised for being successful. Our clubs fees will be around \$70,000 next year and we do not see the value from the council for that level of fees.

Board notes for informational purposes: (Approx numbers)

Largest 10 Club details

Whangamata OSC -	6489	\$ 50,783.48
Gisborne Tatapouri SFC -	5030	\$ 39,365.22
Whakatane SFC -	3094	\$ 24,213.91
Tauranga SFC -	2557	\$ 20,011.30
Mercury Bay GFC -	2496	\$ 19,533.91
Mt Maunganui SFC -	1671	\$ 13,077.39
Whangarei DSAC	1454	\$ 11,379.13
New Plymouth SFUC	1449	\$ 11,340.00
Bay of Islands Swordfish Club	1299	\$ 10,166.09
Counties SFC	825	\$ 6,456.52

Roger Faber spoke to this motion. Advised that this could be changed to a voluntary capping and would consider \$40,000. This was for larger clubs to make it easier for them.

Discussions were around the cost reduction including the proposed 2022 increase in fees and which clubs it would directly affect. Mark Connor advised that the small clubs (less than 35 members) have long been paying an additional fee and this has to come out of income.

The Motion to support the capped fees was put. 50 or above required to pass. Moved Roger Faber/Craig Miller

Voting was 8 for and 92 against – the motion failed

Notice of Motion #12c

Propose that juniors should not have to pay affiliation fees.

Reasoning:

Juniors are our future and all clubs should be promoting junior membership for a minimal fee. In our club a larger family membership can incur up to \$50 in affiliation fees.

Board notes for informational purposes: (Approx numbers)

Current affiliation fee income of:

Jr's \$4.50 x 3,652 = \$16,434

The motion was discussed. The point was that clubs want juniors to join and support the clubs. Lewis Avenell discussed the options of our junior programmes and wanted to keep the junior fees as they are. After some discussion the motion was put.

62 or above required to pass the motion. Moved Roger Faber / Craig Miller

Voting was 11 in favour – 89 against – the motion failed

Notice of Motion #13

NZSFC to modify the process of becoming an Honorary Member and Honorary Life Member.

Proposer: Lewis Avenell

Seconder: Mark Connor

Speaker at AGM: Scott Macindoe / Lewis Avenell

Current Constitution:

5.3 Any person or persons may be elected as an Honorary Member or Honorary Life Member of the Council provided that in each case:

- (a) The proposal to nominate such a person as an Honorary Member or Honorary Life Member of the Council shall be in writing signed by no less than three Clubs at the time of the nomination.
- (b) The proposing Club must provide a written detailed profile, explanation and history of the nominee to accompany the nomination.
- (c) The nomination must be sent to the Secretary/Executive Officer for the Board's approval. Following the provisional acceptance by the Board, notice of the proposed nomination shall be given to the Clubs by way of notice issued with papers for voting on at the next AGM or SGM
- (d) The elevation to Honorary Member or Honorary Life Member shall be ratified by simple majority vote at the AGM, or SGM

Boards proposals:

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- (b) The proposing Club must provide a written detailed profile, explanation and history of the nominee to accompany the nomination.
- (c) The nomination must be sent to the Secretary/Executive Officer for the Board's approval. This approval will be a two-thirds majority vote of the Board.
- (d) The elevation to Honorary Member or Honorary Life Member shall be notified at the AGM, or SGM

Reasoning:

This is currently how the process has been taking place. This gives the board discretion to elevate someone to the positions. This also limits the possible embarrassment of a member not achieving a majority vote at the AGM.

Discussion – the motion was suggested to tidy up our constitution.

Motion was put – Moved Bob Gutsell / Lewis Avenell

Voting 97 in favour – the motion was passed

AFFILIATION FEES:

The 2019/20 Affiliation Fees were set at the 2019 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 2020/2021 Financial year.”

P Campbell / W Harris
 Carried

Dirk Sieling has advised that he done what he wanted to achieve and he is standing down from the board this year. Bob Gutsell thanked him for his contribution to getting us to where we are today.

Steve Stangster – Guardians of the Sea – spoke to the meeting. He thanked the meeting for welcoming him and for what we all do. He spoke about the Guardians of the Sea Charitable Trust. He advised that the trustees work to make the funds go as far as possible. The Trust is very efficient. Most of the gifting has gone to LegaSea plus also a few smaller commercial fisheries.

LegaSea Report – Sam Woolford LegaSea Lead

Kai Ika project has been going from strength to strength. Seven Marae around Auckland are now involved and receiving Kai Moana. The recent support for the project has allowed us to do so much more in the community while everyone tries to manage during this global pandemic

ITM has advised that they are not able to renew their support but are working on a way to achieve sponsorship through their stores. Honda has also advised that they are no longer able to continue. Unfortunate but hopefully temporary.

We have new supporters – Withers Tsang in March and Reid Robinson Realty. Hammerhead Visuals have also committed to being gold partners.

It has been a tough period for everyone, we are cautiously optimistic but will have to wait and see what happens over the next few months.

LegaSea is producing a Fundraising Prospectus. This is aimed at Trusts and individuals who wish to become more involved. This will show the history and our campaign and that we are a trusted and secure organisation.

Rescue Fish is now in the public forum. Launch in April, we saw public donations have increased by 30-35%. A follow up campaign will be launched over summer in conjunction with Lumo Digital Billboards and Radio Hauraki.

Rescue Fish update – Sam Woolford

Sam thanked Guardians of the Sea for their support. Launched with a digital footprint in April. Then the documentary went to air. This was very successful. 60,000 on the night and a further 170,000 watched it on demand. TV3 has agreed to air another documentary for us. – this programme is now on utube and is available for all.

Barry Torkington held a question and answer session for the delegates. A concerted advertising campaign will be held over the summer months with support from Digital Signage companies. Two main threads communication with the public and the second one is engagement with mana te whenua and get support there.

RMA – Rowan Ashton – Senor Association Brookfields Lawyers

Rowan spoke about the RMA. He has been assisting NZSFC with regard to the RMA controls on fishing.

Background – until recently it was considered that the RMA and fisheries Act were separate but through Motiti situation this was proved not to be correct. The question was does the RMA have a role in regulating fishing resources with regard to the natural landscape and Maori with natural water, outstanding natural features, landscapes and marine indigenous bio-diversity. Accordingly, the Motiti area is to close approximately 60 nautical miles to fishing.

Since this NZSFC took legal advice to understand the implications of these decisions. Discussions have been had with the Regional Council as to how this will be implemented and how it could be opened in the future.

Appeals have been lodged in Northland, Taranaki and Marlborough seeking regulations on RMA on fishing. NZSFC have lodge noticed to become an interested party.

Rowan discussed the Northland issue. It has been advised that there has not been proper community communication on these issues.

It seems that these applications for fishing controls are being driven by Hapu who are discontent to the state of the marine environment and want to achieve something better. It seems that an opportunity is available for the Rescue Fish to offer an alternative.

Rowan answered questions from the floor.

Bob Gutsell thanked Rowan Ashton for his time and information.

BLUEWATER MARINE RESEARCH – John Holdsworth

John ran through projects that have been undertaken lately. John has done a report on kingfish from 1960 to 2019 on the yellow tail contest in the Bay of Islands. The Size of the fish hasn't changed over the last 30 years or so. Seems there are more fish, but the average size is going down slightly lately. Seems that kingfish are coming back slightly.

Swordfish –the Ministry asked to undertake a survey of commercial catches. Seems to be a bit of a decline in swordfish catch around NZ.

Commercial Striped Marlin catch has been undertaken. It is felt that in the early years there was some under reporting. John talked about the spatial distribution of striped marlin.

Southern Bluefin tuna. Waihou Bay had a good season. Trailer counts show fishing effort in June in 2019 and 2019. In 2020 the effort in June was low and increased by July.

NZMRF Report – Terry Creagh/Jeff Romeril

A report was read by Terry Creagh from the Chairman of the NZMRF.

Projects

As with the rest of New Zealand and indeed the rest of the world, our planned activity for the financial year being reported was severely affected by Covid 19 virus. We had two approved projects in action at the time. The supporting of Blue Water Maine Research rep John Holdsworth to attend the World Recreational Fishing Conference in Rotterdam and assisting in the satellite tagging of striped marlin project for the IGFA Great Marlin Race being conducted by the New Plymouth Sportfishing and Underwater Club in conjunction with Bay Of Islands Swordfish Club.

The conference has been postponed until next year, but the monies (\$10925) set aside remain and will be held for when this is rescheduled. The satellite project did get underway but was curtailed after two marlin were tagged. The monies for this have also been paid to cover the tags which are being held until used. Another \$2200 was spent in the preparation phase for this project.

The low spending in the year reported and some peculiarities of the income for the year explained below means we have a healthy fund for ongoing research this coming year.

Finance

For the second year running we can present audited accounts for the NZSFC AGM. There were no anomalies and we have a good auditor's report. The income for the year does require explanation. The NZSFC donation of \$67,097 we received in July 2019 should have been assigned in the year previous but were paid late. And due to an agreed position, we allowed the NZSFC to pay only \$45,000 for the year reported with approximately a third outstanding in order for the NZSFC not be

forced into breaking a term deposit. This will show in the next financial year. Overall, we are ready and in a strong position to go ahead with new projects.

Donation remit

Now I will make some comment on a remit that will be discussed at this conference. That of donations to the NZMRF. As time goes by and the regular turnover of club committees, many historic actions get questioned especially when there is a cost involved. I suspect that given we were formed in the early 90's that the regular donation per member to the NZMRF has come under review, as committee members see it as a large bill rather than the \$2 per member that it is. Marine research in favour of recreational anglers is sorely lacking, especially when we need facts to support our arguments for fisheries management. Over the last 20 years we have spent many hundreds of thousands of dollars supporting several striped marlin satellite projects, yellowfin tuna, bluefin tuna, kahawai, fish welfare and of course the value of recreational fishing to NZ. There were many other smaller projects carried out as well as can be followed on our website www.nzmrf.org.nz

Why all should contribute

Marine research is not cheap and the very fact we exist shows the spirit of guardianship that members are prepared to take for one of their important past times. Should we see a dilution of the donations through a voluntary contribution or that of fishing members only, then we are on the slippery slide to ineffective and eventually elimination. The contribution of non- fishing members to the NZFSC and NZMRF has long been discussed, normally raised by club managers and newer committee members because of that "item" on their balance sheet. Your fishing club exists because of its primary activity. Take this away and you are purely a social club. Your social members enjoy your club facilities, whether it be dining, bar or functions. They belong because its often cheaper and closer than other social club options. They get all the benefits except voting, pay a discounted membership so it is only proper that they should support you with a contribution to the Sportfishing Council and its umbrella research foundation "us "

Trustees

Trustee numbers remain unchanged at 6. We are currently looking at additions to allow for attrition that will eventually occur. We also have the valued assistance of your Administrative Officer, Helen Pastor, who oversees our financial and administrative affairs.

New Plymouth Sport Fishing and Underwater Club gave a big thank you to NZMRF and John Holdsworth for the support of the Marlin Tagging Programme.

Report and audited accounts moved Terry Creagh seconded Paul Batten – Carried

CRM SOFTWARE – Steven Stanford

Steven Stanford introduced a Club Management Software. We looked at 14 types of software packages and have now chosen a product called Sporty. Sport is a NZ Not for Profit Organisation. The goal was to provide clubs with a management system, retain knowledge and reduce the burden. This programme is the largest platform in NZ for sporting organisations. It has a full range of services covering online registration, avoiding human error and a whole group of web information forms. Records are automatically collected, and all membership is in one place, which will roll over from season to season. Sporty also has an email function regarding memberships. If you wish to have the facility online payments can be made. The programme is integrated into Xero. A great feature is that it provides an electronic photo id. This card is cheaper for greater numbers.

Currently 9 council clubs engaged. Some are scoping and others are operating. Clevedon has offered their club as a set up support and Lewis advised that he will help. If your club is interested Steven will contact Sporty and they will provide a solution. If the clubs want to have add ons the

pricing system comes in. This is aimed at the clubs that are keen to update themselves and create a secure database.

Question as to whether the programme can handle the numbers. Answer Sporty has undergone a big change and an extensive upgrade during Covid and are now able to cope with much larger numbers. Steven will check whether sponsorship can be placed on the digital cards. The content management is free – but the membership portion will be charged at \$495.00 per annum. Currently it does not integrate with Pos systems.

NATIONALS SOFTWARE – Helen Pastor / Steven Stanford

Board had a budget of \$50,000 for new software and with some extensive investigation we have managed to reduce this to \$1,600.00 so have saved a lot. Helen Pastor gave a brief overview of the new Nationals software. Info fish is an Australian company who run successful competitions throughout Australia. They have been working with Helen and Steven to supply NZSFC with a competition software following the rules of the Nationals. The cost is \$1,600 per annum to NZSFC. This programme can be used by clubs at the cost of \$500 a year. This will cover one competition setup and support. Clubs can run as many competitions as needed per annum. There is also the option for Council to have an app in the future.

The software can compile the collation of results as dictated by the clubs and can be downloaded easily. Another benefit is that several tournaments can be run at the same time. The software will link the competitions so that data only has to be entered once. The software is more flexible and user friendly. We are expecting that the administration will be done the same way as we have in the past for the first year and we will work on ways to make things easier in the future.

The delegates in the room, and on line, showed support of the CRM package and Info Fish software.

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT REPORT – Lewis Avenell presented his report.

Thank you to the dedicated team of volunteers and contractors that make up the FMMP standing committee, it's a pleasure to work with you all and you can be proud that we can produce such solid work for NZSFC and our membership. It's amazing to have Jim from NZACA and Andy from NZUA sitting in the room with us as well as NZ Spearfishing being involved, the collaboration between these relevant aligned mandated organisations is uplifting.

Please have a read through of the FMMP yearbook that has been presented to you as part of your packs. This includes all the information from this years' submissions, finances and updates on projects such as Rescue fish.

Yesterday we passed motions of Hapuka/Bass, Scallop, bronze whalers and spatial planning for the FMMP document. I am happy that we as a council can come together and have such alignment.

The FMMP team has already had a couple of thoughts for policies for approval for next year. One being John Dory and another based around an allocation principle. If there are any topics you wish addressed, discuss and note them in your Zone meetings and we will pick them up.

We as a standing committee are still working on improving our consultation process with the clubs / zones. We have been talking and listening to clubs regarding cray concessions, upcoming Sna8 and

RMA processes. There is always room for improvement. If there are any specifics you want to discuss for your area, please feel encouraged to contact myself or the FMMP team.

With continued pressure in the media recently, the minister has announced taxpayer funding to introduce the long-awaited cameras on some commercial boats by 2024. We will have to wait and see if this eventuates.

I would like to leave you with an extract from the 2016 Government Heron report that I think sums up where we are with fisheries management in this country at this point in time.

“As you are aware discarding is a systemic failure of the current system and something we have not been able to get on top of from day 1 of the QMS. FM [Fisheries Management] can’t quantify the tonnages involved but we suspect they are significant to the point that they are impacting on stocks.”

It’s no wonder we have been driven to developing the alternative which is Rescue fish.

This report was discussed. A Johnson advised that the swordfish need help. It was noted that we need to have information on where the clubs want us to focus. Council and John Holdsworth are working with stake holder groups to raise the flag on actions to be taken. Bob has been working with the commercial fishermen trying to get them to be more cooperative.

Richard Baker – it is critical to embrace grass roots fishermen and evolve. Need to lead youth into the clubs.

The Fisheries Management report was accepted.

IGFA REPORT – Mark Hemingway

IGFA has been very quiet over the past few months. Covid 19 has caused them problems. They have started information videos and Mark encouraged members to go online and view them. There is an interesting one on rules and a lot of on-line videos on line testing.

The junior passport has also been stopped internationally at this stage. NZSFC has some junior passport kits which are available for clubs to use. It has great information and would be good at junior comps.

Stats on the 448 records for 2019. 189 were fresh water and 259 salt. 168 women and 280 men. 45% of all records were released fish. NZ has had its largest ever marlin, ratified 60kg world record – a massive effort. Congratulations to Lynda Randrup. To achieve records the main things to remember are to check wind-on leaders and make sure you measure your gear correctly. Please do not trust leaders that have been wound on by shops. High quality photos are needed for liver of big eye tuna for the weighmaster’s book and also good photos of catches to use on facebook. If you have any please contact either Mark Hemingway or Helen Pastor.

IGFA report was accepted.

STRATEGIC PLAN – Presented by Ian Steele assisted by Bob Gutsell / Steven Stanford

A strategic plan was presented to the board by Ian Steele, with a run through of the metrics by Steven Stanford. This laid out an inspirational plan. It is designed to allow the Council to build towards something and show our value propositions. See attached one-page synopsis of the Strategic Plan. Delegates were asked for feedback.

Comments were that we need to build on the youth and that we continue to represent the clubs on all Fisheries Management matters. What clubs need from Council is the functionality to help run the clubs/business and provide programmes. It was agreed that this is a plan to strive to serve and to obtain funding for projects going forward.

Strategic Plan was accepted

GENERAL BUSINESS

Tagging Annual Draw – John Holdsworth

The winner is Jacob Soole – 23 Sussex Terrace

Kingfish from the Middlesex Bank. The fish was out for 659 days and went 20 NW. He has won \$1,000.

The Tagging programme is an important part of what we do. Thanks to records officers.

Sheryl Hart Eulogy – Tony Hill

In March during lockdown Sheryl Hart died. Sheryl passed away after a long battle with cancer. She was a delegate for her club for approximately 35 years. She was passionate about fishing and the fishing environment and had a take no prisoners attitude. Sheryl and her husband were one of the founding members of the Raglan Fishing Club. She worked tirelessly signing up and helped to build the club which now has over 500 members. Sheryl will be remembered by many of us who knew her. Rest in Peace Sheryl.

Weighmaster Certification – Terry Creagh

Terry put forward the suggestion of having a Certification for weighmasters. Reasons are to have the weighmasters more educated and professional and gives accreditation to the person weighing the fish.

Feedback – Richard Baker – stated that you can't eliminate human error. We have training available and courses for weighmasters. We need to promote fishing and if someone turns up with a fish to be weighed and there is not a certificated person available – we are not going to be able to recognise a fish in this situation. He doesn't want to see a fish disqualified if a certificated weighmaster wasn't available.

Warren Harris – A certificate is available for those who have attended a course. He feels that this is all we need.

Lewis Avenell – needs to be non-compulsory.

Key Action/Outcome – Ian Steele – development of a non-compulsory certificate as recognition
Ian Steele / Warren Harris – Carried

Whangamata – Barney O’Neill.

A Donation was given to LegaSea of \$1,500.00.

Peter Campbell thanked Barney and Whangamata and will go to the LegaSea Legends fund and will towards rescue fish programme. Peter thanked zone 1 for their remit and Andrew for his presentation. He also thanked Barney for suggesting that the increase be put off for two years. This gives the Council surety that there will be a funding boost in the future.

AGM 2021 – Ian Twist

Ian Twist from **Maraetai Beach Boating Club** spoke to the AGM 2021. Maraetai is on the lower eastern coastal area of Auckland. Maraetai is a newer club to Council. Hosting the AGM is an important educational process for their members. Accommodation will be different here as the club is isolated from motels and hotels. The club has the capacity to accommodate campers and has negotiated a camper hire at a 15% discount. Approximately 45/50 Air BnB. Balance of guests will stay at the Sebel hotel in Manukau and transport from there will be available. Discussion is on going with the hotel presently.

The club is undertaking a contingency plan due to Covid and will have an alternative if there was an issue.

The date for next years’ AGM is the 17th / 18th of September 2021.

AGM 2022 – Ian Steele

Application has been received and accepted from the New Plymouth Sport Fishing and Underwater Club. They are working together with the Cape Egmont Boat Club. The club has good accommodation and access with a large club area to hold the meeting. Air travel is convenient and plenty of accommodation is available in town and close to the club. A partner programme is being planned.

It was moved that “New Plymouth Sport Fishing and Underwater Club”

Moved B Gutsell / M Connor – carried

THANK YOUS

Bob Gutsell thanked all the support personnel. Special thanks to Andrew Johnson, Jennifer Troup, James and the team in the bar and club. Thanks to Scott and the team at Almorah.

Helen Pastor gave special thanks to Jennifer Troup for taking over in the Bay when she could not be there and has made it much easier for her. Also, a big thank you to Rachelle Proctor. Rachelle took up the partners event organisation, planned a new day, liaised with the ladies and generally took over the events.

MEETING CLOSED:

The meeting was declared closed at 3.00 pm, Saturday 19th September 2020

Chairman: _____

Date: _____