

# **Waitaki Riparian Enhancement Society Inc.**

## **Minutes of meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 25 Ruane Street, Glenavy at 7.30pm.**

**Present.** Trevor Hill, Stu McNamara, Bayden King, Mike Hutchings, Linn Koevoet, Ross Skinner.

**Apologies** Nil.

**Minutes of the previous meeting** tabled. All members had been previously supplied with a copy. Linn moved that the minutes be adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting. Seconded by Mike . Carried.

### **Matters arising from the minutes.**

Trevor asked

**regarding (item 9)**- requested changes to our web site information.

This has been attended to reflecting a partnership between our organisation and members and fish and game. The change can be viewed on our web site.

**Regarding (item 7)** – any further information from MGI- advised that nothing has been received and none is expected to be coming in the near future.

**Regarding (item 12)**- Waitaki Irrigators request for information – sponsorship. Nothing has been received to date. (Request for \$2500 sponsorship of fish food made.)

### **Correspondence inward.**

(1) Kiwibank statements dated 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026. X3

(2) Receipts for refund as produced by S Koevoet X4, totalling \$189.92 made up from

(2.1) Petrol \$50.58 – splitter

(2.2) Petrol \$50.05- Splitter

(2.3) Petrol \$37.68- Chainsaw

(2.4) Petrol \$51.61- Bells Pond.

(3) Receipts for refund as produced from Ross Skinner- plumbing work WS total \$623.18.

(4) Receipt for refund as produced by Bayden King- \$49.55-Hospitality- Sanford staff.

### **Outward correspondence.**

(1) Email to Waimate trader re AGM advertising for the 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

(2) Minutes of previous meeting to all committee members.

Linn moves that the inward correspondence be received and the outward be authorised. Seconded Ross. Carried.

### **Financial report.**

The treasurer advised that this report has been compiled only on bank statements as all other financial recordings are currently being held by the reviewer for auditing purposes.

Ballance as at the last meeting (27-1-26) was, Now account \$13,870.89; Investment \$51,456.07, total balance \$65,326.96.

Income since last meeting was \$3,325.77 made up from Donations \$50; interest \$130.77; splitter \$30; Other (sausages) \$55; Sale of firewood \$2,410; Cash deposit. \$650.

Expenditure since last meeting \$211.15 made up form payment to S Koevoet of \$211.15 refund as per receipts produced.

Ballance as at the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 is now account \$16,734.74; Investment \$51,586.84; totalling \$68,321.58

Cash in hand \$120.

Outstanding accounts.

(1) Receipts for refund S Koevoet \$198.92 as produced.

(2) Receipts for refund R Skinner \$623.18 as produced.

(3) Receipt for refund B King \$49.55 as produced.

Linn moves that outstanding accounts be paid on the production of receipts or invoices. Seconded Mike. Carried.

There being no questions Linn moved that the financial report be adopted. Seconded Stu. Carried.

### **General business.**

#### **Bells pond.**

Caretaker Linn advises that the river is slowly receding and clarity is returning on some days. Over the last 6 weeks 4 of the smaller 2 year old fish have died. Cause unknown No signs of injury.

A black shag was caught in the compound and eliminated. Unknown exactly point of entry but may have got around the steel mesh at the out-race to the river.

The water temperature this year has been the lowest since we have taken records. The Waitaki river has not exceeded 17 degrees this summer while comparable years it has ranged between 20 and 22.5 degrees.

This year the temperature has remained in the optimal temperature range for salmon.

A fish food order has to be arranged for delivery in April. We require 1.2tons (1200kg) of 9mm pellets.(BioMar no longer produces 12mm pellets.) The estimated cost is \$7,500 including GST plus transport.

**Resolved.** Authorisation for the purchase of the salmon food received.

Mike and Bayden visited the raceway on 5-3-26 and discovered the lids of the feed hoppers where on the ground and were empty. Also the eastern feeder had been disconnected. The raceway was checked on the 6-3-26 and it was discovered that a person/s had climbed the gate and got inside the netting into the compound. A toe of a shoe was imprinted on the metal horizontal bar of the gate and the wire was compressed. Also noted that the valve on the irrigation infrastructure had been completely opened.

A general discussion was had re security alarm . A motion sensor was installed inside the raceway but proved to be more nuisance than effect in that it detected birds flying inside the compound and at night detected hedgehogs and opossums. Who attends alarm activation (Linn) The motion sensor was removed.

The edges inside the compound have been sprayed and two willow trees have been cut back from the south side of the compound. The willows along the upper pond roadway have been cut back.

### **Welcome stream.**

Mike advises that spraying has been done around the building and shed. Lawns have been mowed and area generally tidied up.

Ross has completed modifications to the water intake in the water storage tanks. The water now goes into the number two tank first then into no 1 tank and then into incubation shed. This should allow for better settlement of sediment. A filtration system has been installed in the delivery pipe leading into the incubation shed in an effort to catch sediment moving along the bottom of the delivery pipe. An expunging valve has been installed in the bottom of each tank to allow for the tanks to be completely drained and sedimentation removed.

Concern has been expressed regarding security at WS. It is apparent that entry has been gained into the shed as the key is not placed in the position it was left and no entry has been recorded in the diary.

**Resolved.** An individual key should be cut for each of the four caretakers and a reserve key should be placed in a new location in-case someone forgets their key.

**Discussion re WS alarm.** Linn advised that it appears that the alarm is not working. As it should have activated when all the work was done on the water tanks as the alarm had not been deactivated. Noticed that the green flashing light on responder was continuously flashing and not at about 8 sec intervals. Indicating the aerial needs attention/replacing.

**Resolved.** Linn to purchase new aerial and with mike install the same.

Fish are looking great. Suggestion that at the AGM a working bee ( Fin clipping) operation be organised before transportation to BP.

### **Firewood.**

Linn advises that all the blue gum has been sold. There is some black poplar available and some more will be cut and split.

There has been no word from Port Blackley regarding request for sponsorship of logs.

There is one small blue gum available but waiting for Netcom to cut down. Probably only two trailer loads max.

### **Sponsorship.**

Waitaki irrigators collective have yet to advise re sponsorship.

Ross suggests that the organisations that have provided sponsorship in kind in the past be asked if they would be able to make a cash donation rather than a product donation. Discussion on for and against this proposal was had.

Resolved to hold over to another meeting.

**AGM.** Linn advises that the hall has been booked and the advertisement has been placed in the Waimate Trader. Stu notes that it is advertised on the latest CSI fish and game notices. Linn to arrange savouries and each committee member to provide a small plate.

Mike advises, that as Trevor would like to stand down as the chairman, Ross would like to be nominated for the position of chairman. Ross confirmed this but advised that he would not be present for the AGM as he was On an overseas trip. Advised on what to do for confirmation of his nomination.

All committee members where asked if they intended to remain on the committee. All acknowledged in the positive.

### **Fish and Game council meeting.**

Ross advised that as a result of the meeting that he arranged with the CEO of CSI and Sanford staff and the personnel assisting at the WS incubation site he was happy with the outcome. Ross advised that Linn would be making a notice of motion to the CSI asking for direction to CSI staff .

Suggested course of action. WRES to address the councillors at a council meeting under Public forum outlining the concerns and possibilities for the future of the salmon fishery asking the question, on the survival of the species and fishermen want to fish for salmon regardless of their pedigree. Once this first step is made Linn will arrange an agenda item on the same subject so that it can be discussed in council with full council participation with prior knowledge of the remedy sought for direction to CSI staff.

### **Poultry show fundraiser.**

Trevor advised that the Oamaru Poultry Club show is going to be held on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> July 9am to 3pm and Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> July 9am to 11.30. Requests 6-9 volunteers on both days. Morning tea and lunch supplied on Tuesday , Sunday morning tea provided.

**Resolved.** WRES will supply the volunteers.

**The next meeting** on the Tuesday May the 12<sup>th</sup> at same place same time.

There being no further business, the chairman declared the **meeting closed at 9.03pm.**