

Waitaki Riparian Enhancement Society Inc.

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday the 12th of May at 7.30pm at 25 Ruane Street, Glenavy.

Present. Trevor Hill, Mike Hitchings, Baden King, Stu McNamara, Linn Koevoet , Colin Ballantyne.

Invited guest. Steve McKnight CEO CSIF&G.

The chairman welcome all to the meeting.

Apology. Nikki Dellaway. Linn moved apology be received s/Colin carried.

The chair decided that as Steve McKnight was set to speak to a paper that he had prepared (Draft Proposed Conservation and Enhancement Agreement) He could do so.

Mr McKnight was informed that on receiving the document our committee had a workshop to discuss the proposal. He was advised that we had some serious concerns in the wording of the document and the implications of the proposed document on our volunteer group. There was one section that we could not understand which involved traffic lights.

Mr McKnight then detailed his interpretation of the principle area involving data recording and collecting of genetic samples and samples for cryogenic freezing, labelling and storage.

The meeting was advised that all the data collecting and sampling will be done by trained technicians and supported by fish and game staff, Namely Nikki Dellaway. This would not fall on the responsibility of volunteers.

Mr McKnight addressed the members concerns on the requirement to have individual broods of Alvin separated. This was impractical and we did not have the space or resources to keep the individual broods separate.

It was clarified by Mr McKnight that the DNA sampling of the male and female parents would be done by technicians. The resulting broods from the trays would not need to be kept separate and the normal hatchery procedure would be followed once the Alvin ingested the yolk sack and where transferred from the incubation tray to the stainless steel troughs. These could all be mixed with other Smolt in due course.

He further advised that when any smolt where released into the wild the DNA sampling may be taken from fin clips and labelled and data sets obtained by Fish and game staff.

The smolt retained for brood stock purposes will only be DNA sampled by technicians or trained staff when the fish are sorted prior to maturity. Those fish will be tagged and the tagged details will be recorded during the fertilisation process thus recording the genetics of the parent stock.

Mr McKnight asked those present if we were in support of the cryogenic programme. All responded in the positive.

Concern was expressed from members that it appears that Fish and Game wants all the male milt and we will be left with very little. This was negated explaining how little milt is contained in a

“Straw”, and that the process will be completed during our harvest programme which will not deprive us of milt for fertilisation.

There was general discussion on other issues within the document.

The committee(through the chair)advised that an amended document had been created and once some further discussion takes place this will be forwarded via email in several days.

At 8.40pm Mr McKnight left the meeting.

Normal meeting schedule then followed.

Correspondence inward.

- (1) 3 kiwibank statements dated 12 May 2026.
- (2) Letter of resignation from committee received from Nikki Dellaway. Reason very real conflict of interest.
- (3) Invoice received from colour print \$105.80 Advt AGM.
- (4) Invoice received from BioMar For fish food. \$4135.45
- (5) Receive Draft Conservation & Enhancement Agreement.
- (6) Receive a quote from Hill Labs re cost of processing water samples as a condition of ORC consents.
- (7) Receive receipt for refund from Peter Anderson \$16.98- rat bait.
- (8) Email from Alan Brooks re conservation and enhancement agreement document.
- (9) Receive invoice from the Glenavy Community Hall Trust. Hall hire \$30.00 AGM.
- (10) Receive receipt for refund x5 from S Koeveot totalling \$610.99. made up as follows;
10.1 NZTA \$69.04 renew registration – splitter
10.2 Tony Inkson \$420 – 3 x sheep.
10.3 Couplands \$23.49 savouries AGM
10.4 Petrol Welcome stream \$68.46
10.5 Postage water samples to Hill Labs \$30.00
- (11) Email from Kate Oconnell Editor of districtlife.co.nz- Seeking to do an article on our organisation.
- (12) Email from Hill Labs advising of price increases as from 1st April 2026.
- (13) Receive an email to Trevor Hill from Colleen Ruspatch- reviewer.
- (14) Receive email from BioMar re fish food order- only able to deliver half the order.
- (15) Receive results of water testing for Welcome stream. No issues identified.
- (16) Receive invoice from Hill Labs re water testing \$385.48.
- (17) Receive email from Nikki Dellaway re cryogenic harvesting and microscope.

Correspondence outward.

- (1) Acknowledgement of letter of resignation from committee and also apology for tonight’s meeting as liaison officer.
- (2) forward email to processing@companiesoffice.govt.nz- certified copy of balance and financial statement.
- (3) Forward email to companies office change (new) authority for secretary to file documents for our organisation.
- (4) Forward email to hill labs re quote 106295 water testing -accept.
- (5) Email to BioMar re fish food. 1200Kg plus bag 00.
- (6) Email to Steve McKnight CEO CSIF&G – advising of committee meeting 12th May 2026 at 7.30pm

- (7) Email to Waimate trader to place add for AGM.
- (8) Email to Nikki Dellaway re fish harvest progress.

Linn moves that the inward correspondence be received and the outward correspondence be authorised. S Trevor. Carried.

Matters arising from correspondence.

Inward correspondence Item 14. Only half the fish food was delivered as the remainder was not in hand until the end of May. 600Kgs received.

Our current numbers of brood stock for 26/27 is 67 fish. We have the 600kgs plus 500kgs which is sufficient to last into 2027 before re order. The suggestion is that we cancel the remaining 600kgs of fish food for the brood stock. We will still require fish feed for the smolt from this years incubation.

Resolved. Cancel the remaining order of 600kgs.

Financial report.

Ballance as at the date of last meeting (10-3-26) was now account \$16,734.74; Investment account \$51,586.84; Total of \$68,321.58

Income since last meeting. \$1922.83, made up from, Donations \$100.50; Splitter \$110; Interest \$218.33; Other income \$184; Firewood \$1,310.

Expenditure since last meeting, \$5208.43, made up as follows,

- (1) Payment to suzanne Esler \$49.55- Hospitality.
- (2) Payment to suzanne Esler \$49.55- Hospitality. (Note a duplicate payment- refund has been requested)
- (3) Payment to S Koevoet as per receipts produced. \$189.92
- (4) Payment to R Skinner as per receipts produced. \$623.18
- (5) Payment to Glenavy Community Hall trust, Hall hire AGM \$30.00
- (6) Payment to P Anderson as per receipt produced. \$16.98 , rat bait.
- (7) Payment to BioMar fish food \$4,133.45
- (8) Payment of bank fees for item above \$10.00
- (9) Payment to colourprint \$105.80. Advt AGM

Ballance as per bank statements at the 12th of May 26 is, Now account \$12,720.31; Investment account \$51,742.14, giving us a total balance of \$64,462.45

Cash in hand yet to be banked \$639.50

Outstanding accounts.

- 1, S Koevoet refund as per receipts produced \$610.99
- 2. Invoice from Hill Labs re water testing \$385.48
- 3. Payment to T Hill of \$150.00 for delivery to reviewer , Colleen Rusbatch.

Linn moves that outstanding account be paid on receipt of invoices or receipts. S Colin. Carried.

There being no questions linn moves that his financial report be adopted. S Mike. Carried.

General business.

Honorarium payment for reviewer. Trevor advises that our reviewer has been engaged for a good number of years without any increase in her Honorarium which has been set at \$100.

Resolved. That the payment to the reviewer be increased to \$150.

Bells Pond.

Work has been undertaken in cutting back the willows from the compound.

The newly relocated rising 1 year smolt (approx 1245 from fin clip tally sheet) have settled in and have gone onto 4mm feed.

There are 67 silver salmon and 3 trout in the new raceway. 76 Mature females and 6 mature males in the main raceway.

All is progressing well.

Welcome stream

There are 12 mature males in the western section of the raceway.

Two females were harvested and eggs fertilised. Eggs not the best in quality but after two weeks there are approx 1000 viable eggs.

A hydrogen-peroxide dispensing system has been installed, under the direction and supervision of the Sanford staff. Each incubation tower has its own dispensing tubing. It appears to be working. As after two weeks of eggs in the trays there is not coagulation of eggs or sign of any bacteria. The eggs are free flowing.

The rat baits were suspected of being stolen but it was discovered the thieves (Rats) had taken the carton from the bench as several sachets were found behind the steel cabinet.

An observation was made that suggests that the sheep may be affected by Lice. Need catching for drenching.

Resolved. Ross to purchase a bag of sheep nuts from P G Wrightson , to train sheep to enter yards and be human friendly.

Firewood. We have been let down by Port Blakely the forestry company who indicated they were willing to provide us with some logs as a fund raising venture. Reason was that they thought we were a Charitable organisation and because we were not they would not sponsor us.

The last two trees have been cut down at Chris Paul's address and split.

Sponsorship. Waitaki Irrigators Collective- \$2500. We applied for sponsorship of fish food in October last year. They contacted us for further details which were forwarded. Since then no contact with the organisation even after sending an enquiring email in March 26.

Poultry show. Reminder that WRES is assisting the Oamaru caged bird club on Tuesday the 14th July and again on Sunday the 19th of July in assembling and disassembling bird cages for their show. This is a fund raising activity.

There being no further business the **meeting was declared closed at 9.45pm.**

Next meeting **Tuesday the 7th July same place same time.**

