

NZ Pig Hunting Association AGM

14/07/2013 Meeting at Hamilton 1.00pm

Once again I have enjoyed the last year as president of the NZPHA. The challenges it brings and the people I meet make it both challenging and rewarding.

I feel we have had a fairly similar year to the last with several small gains but nothing to major.

The most notable issue was the cruelty case of a farmer in the Waikato. This case allowed me to get inside the door of the SPCA and build a repore at a very high level, which I feel will be very valuable to us at a later stage.

The tracking collar issue is still with us, but we are hopeful this could be resolved in the near future, and New Zealand pig hunters will have a legal option to use if they wish to, which was our initial goal when we decided to go ahead with our plan.

As I travel around the country there seems to be more and more people aware of our association, but to me our next big challenge is to somehow capture these members and get them to join up, so our membership is increased, therefore making us stronger in many ways. If anyone has some ideas please feel free to make them known.

With the SZAZI clothes deal being terminated, by them, it has allowed is the chance to strike up or deal with ridgeline, at a much larger per garment donation and a more pro-active attitude. They are already heavily involved with the pig hunting fraternity, so this only cements the relationship more so.

I would like to see us represented at both the Thar & Sika shows again this year, with the emphasis being promoting the associations' achievements and new challenges to entice people to join our association.

Lastly it is with great sadness that one of our foundation members is not able to continue on with us due to work commitments, Grant Bunting has been a tower of strength, knowledge and leadership and all of these qualities will be greatly missed. If there is ever a chance for his return to our fold, I would grab it with both hands.

President: WF Petersen:

