

# New Zealand Pig Hunting Association Inc



Newsletter – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016

The NZPHA most recent committee meeting held after a 4 months break over the Christmas season since the last meeting there is a lot to catch up with.

**Committee meetings** are only called when there are matters to be discussed, this averages out to 4 times a year. This helps to keep the costs down as gathering committee members from distance is not cheap and requires some notice and planning.

The minutes from the previous meeting can only be posted to member clubs and the website when they have been approved at the current meeting.

**Hooked on Boars** pig hunting magazine is up and running again with Brendan and Caleb Mathews taking on the publication. The NZPHA looks forward to working with them in supplying pig hunters with the latest news and updates from the NZPHA.

**Sika Show** Continuing on from the success from the Sika show, the NZPHA will also be present at the Bi-annual Tar show this year in Christchurch.

**Public Liability Insurance** The main item for discussion was the proposal to provide all pig hunters affiliated to the NZPHA with a NZ wide Public Liability Insurance.

There has been good discussion around the finer points, eg Claims to be paid out only if there is police prosecution or police involvement, the hunter will be liable for the policy excess with each claim etc etc. A draft policy will be sent to member clubs for their appraisal and acceptance.

**35 Year Consent** The application for a 35 year consent to use 1080 by the Waikato Regional Council, DOC and TB Free to which the NZPHA has submitted objections, is still following due process.

**Wild Pig Head Policy** A draft policy on Payment for the collection of wild pig heads for TB analysis is being reviewed by the NZPHA committee.

**Media Policy** the NZPHA has approved its media policy: "That all media releases need to be approved by the President of the NZPHA"

**Game Animal Council** From a meeting convened by the Game Animal Council and the Ministry for Primary Industries including Pig Hunters, Deer Stalkers, Bow Hunters, Professional Guides and the Safari Club International a resolution was passed in regards to animal welfare that:

"Hunters in NZ have a responsibility to conduct their method of hunting to the highest practicable standards of animal welfare with regard to minimising distress and suffering and to humanely kill animals being hunted."

The NZPHA committee is developing a code of conduct for pig hunters that is consistent with this statement and applicable to generally accepted hunting practise within pig hunting. The code of conduct will include animal welfare and pig dog training. When finished it will also be used by the Judiciary as a reference when deciding court cases.

**Inter Agency Hunter Safety** from the committee for Inter Agency Hunter Safety (which the NZPHA has a member on) and how to improve hunter safety, some good ideas are being discussed. When getting a firearm license should the hunter have to have an eye examination like for a drivers license? Should a new licensee have to do a quick practical test before the license is issued?

**Animal Cruelty Case** Results from the Gisborne Court case about animal cruelty to which the NZPHA / GAC sent 2 expert witnesses for the prosecution led by the NZSPCA. Both defendants were proven guilty.

#1, 3months community detention and 100 hours community work and NZ \$1,000.00 fine.

#2, 100 hours community work and NZ\$500.00 fine.

**It is not acceptable to inflict animal cruelty and to try and justify it as hunting.**

If you should then want to film it and release it via the social media you will be caught and prosecuted. The Blenheim case is on going and set down for May 2016.

**Tuhoe Policy** having worked with GAC on a policy for Tuhoe on dog access to the Te Ureweras, the NZPHA is now working on a dog access policy for all other landowners including the DOC estate.

**How to set up a pig hunting club** watch for a upcoming article by Bill Westwood in the Hooked on Boars magazine on how to set up a pig hunting club.

**Get Well Soon** the NZPHA sends its best wishes to Bill for a full recovery after he slipped and fell over a waterfall, breaking 15 ribs, shattering his left shoulder, fractured 2 bones in his back and breaking his neck. Bill is back at home, walking, with a neck brace and sling and is expected to make a full recovery, although it will be a slow one.

**New Treasurer/Secretary** the NZPHA is looking for a new secretary / treasurer. Angela is prepared to stay on until the AGM but work and family commitments have meant that she has having to relinquish the role. Any applications to the President, Warren Petersen at [admin@nzpighunting.org.nz](mailto:admin@nzpighunting.org.nz)

**Best undrawn Tusks** the NZPHA and Ridgeline sponsored the Best undrawn wild pigs tusks for 2015, this has been won by Karsten Schroeder from the Peninsula club on the Coromandel with a jaw measuring 22 4/8ths. Congratulations Karsten. A photo of the winning jaw is on the website.

**Kauri dieback** DOC has just finished its road show round to all its DOC offices in the Kauri region explaining to their staff and Conservation Board members about the Ministry of Primary Industries led Kauri Dieback Restoration Project. It is now up to the staff in those offices to inform and engage with those communities over stopping the spread of Kauri dieback.

The emphasis is on ensuring Kauri root protection and keeping tracks dry so that soil / mud is not being spread by humans. Of the 200 tracks identified, most will have hygiene cleaning stations installed at the entrance / exit. 25 tracks will be upgraded this financial year. DOC is currently working with local pig hunters / iwi / councils and communities in and around the Waipoua Forest to improve their understanding of Kauri Dieback.

Regards  
Steve