

New Zealand Pig Hunting Association Incorporated

The Third Annual General Meeting held at Hamilton Motor Inn on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2013

- Meeting Opened: -** 1.05pm
- Present: -** Angela FitzGerald, Bill Westwood, James Corban, Terry Care, Steve McFall, Glenn Morris, Euan McBeth, Calvin Lauridsen, Maurice, Petersen, Campbell Chittick, Warren Petersen, Johanna FitzGerald, Geoffrey FitzGerald, Garry Ottmann, Roger Duxfield arrived approx. 2pm
- Apologies: -** Geraldine Edmonds, Amanda McBeth, John Thom, Grant Bunting, Rich Sinclair  
*Moved –James Steve*
- Minutes: -** Previous Minutes read and tabled. *Moved Euan/Garry*
- Treasurer Report: -** Read and Tabled  
*Moved – Angela/Bill*
- President's Report: -** Read and Tabled *Moved – Warren/Bill*
- Correspondence: -**
- Incoming Mail: -** Bank Statements, General enquiries for joining NZPHA, Membership Forms, Cap Purchases, Glen Terry
- Outgoing Mail: -** information for how to join to interested parties, Newsletters, stickers.

**Election of officers: -** all nominees were duly elected to the committee

Position	Nomination	Club	Passed	Accepted/Declined
President	Warren Petersen	Tainui	Garry/Geoff	Accepted
Secretary	Angela FitzGerald	TPHC	Bill/Steve	Accepted
Treasurer	Angela FitzGerald	TPHC	Bill/Steve	Accepted
<b>Committee: -</b>	(2012 committee was re-elected by all present at meeting, new committee members were voted onto committee)			
	Nomination	Club	Passed	Accepted/Declined
	James Corban	Peninsula	All Present	Accepted
	Geoff FitzGerald	TPHC	All Present	Accepted

Steve McFall	Te Kuiti	All Present	Accepted
Bill Westwood		All Present	Accepted
Grant Bunting	Mainland	All Present	Declined
Euan McBeth	TPHC	All Present	Accepted
Campbell Chittick	Tainui	All Present	Accepted
Garry Ottmann		All Present	Accepted
Maurice Petersen	Tainui	All Present	Accepted
Geraldine Edmonds	Hawkes Bay	All present	Accepted
Terry Care	Te Kuiti	All Present	Accepted

It was decided at the meeting that the Secretary/Treasurer position should be a paid position. The amount will be discussed at the first meeting of the new committee.

#### **Opening Business:**

*1080:* -

Garry to re-send out the draft Game & Fish policy, it was formed by quite a few important clubs and took 18 months to approve; it is a very strong standing policy, some stats need up dating. It acknowledges that 1080 is a tool, against indiscriminate use of 1080. Euan wants it to be a bit stronger and be a little more specific. NZPHA are too adopt the policy, with the proviso that minor changes can be made. Angela to send out to all associated clubs for comment.

*Policies/Guidelines:* -

There is no further progress at this stage with the Walking Access Commission. This is something that we can work on when we have a few more policies finalised.

*GPS tracking:* -

Collars, we have trailed them over and over again, they are equal to Garmon and also have a few different features. Dogmaster have approached us to buy the collars to look at being the importers. If this goes ahead they will reimburse us for the cost of the collars purchased. They are sending a large set of questions and are doing a due diligence on them. The NZPHA we were only there to find a legal collar. We may be able to sell this to another company if dogmaster will not take it on. Dogmaster are releasing a legal version but it does not have a topo map. Garry formally thanks those who have been involved in getting it to this point. Grant will need to provide all information to date that he has on the tracking collars.

*Swazi*

After the 2012 Sika show , four of the nzpha committee members outlined problems that we were having online with SWAZI, they assured us that they would rectify the problems, two weeks later they withdrew the deal. Swazi still need to pay us. A letter needs to be sent to Swazi regarding outstanding monies.

Ridgeline has come on board now with a clothing line, A letter to Ridgeline needs to be sent so regular payments can be set up. NZPHA get \$10.00 per garment that is sold.

- NZPHA Brand/Logo:** - Garry to look put a little © in the bottom corner. To be completed
- Caps:** - Caps are available to purchase for \$15.00 plus postage each.
- Banners** We are to look at getting smaller banners made; these will be sent to all NZPHA associated clubs. Garry to cost and new incoming committee to approve.
- Stickers:** - Stickers have been printed and are available for sale \$2.00 each plus postage.
- North Island Group:** - Group has been set up. With Grant's resignation, Euan has put forward Amanda McBeth to manage the Mainland Pig Hunting group as well. Amanda to contact Grant.
- Public liability insurance:** -  
Quote to be received by Crombie & Lockwood, information to be sent to associated clubs once received. Moved Geoff /Steve.
- Treasurer Reports:** - Treasurer Reports to be sent to all Clubs/Groups affiliated to NZPHA.
- Sika Show:** - 28/29 September, NZPHA to attend and tie up with the a meeting on the Saturday night. Need to have Ridgeline Gear there available for purchase, also have items from HOB.
- Thar Show:**- This is in Christchurch, NZPHA to attend, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> August
- Hooked on Boars:** - Garry and Bill alternate writing the HOB articles, all suggestions to be e-mailed to Garry.
- AGM Notification:** - letters sent out to committee members, website developer has not been able to complete changes on web site this year.
- Face Book:** - Face book page to be set up, this will be a closed site. Glen Morris to set up from the Te Kuiti Pig Hunting Club.
- Newsletters:** - ✕ All Clubs/Groups to have NZPHA website address on our front page of newsletters, this is so all members can keep up to date on what the ASSN is up to.
- Game Animal Council:** - Since the last AGM we have seen the GAC Bill it process through the Local Government and Environment Select Committee process and be reported back to Parliament with the recommendation that it proceed. From there we have seen it await its turn in the order of legislation for second reading. In the interim we have been working on an amendment to make a couple of improvements to the bill. These revolve around improving the definition of what is a game animal and also including a registration program for hunting guides and game estates. This amendment is almost complete and we expect the bill to come back into the house soon?. What has complicated matters is the unfortunate resignation of the Hon Peter Dunne from his portfolio as Associate Minister of Conservation for reasons that members will be well aware of. There was also the issue of the deregistration of the United Future Party. As of yesterday I have met with Hon Peter Dunne and he expects the United Future Party to be reregistered in the next six to eight weeks when the electoral commission

completes its check of the party numbers. He also assures us that the confidence and supply agreement with the National Government is still in force and the GAC Bill is part of that agreement. This has been confirmed by the New Minister of Conservation Hon Dr Nick Smith when I met with him recently and by the Prime Minister when speaking on Breakfast Television. Hon Dr Smith also confirmed the commitment to getting the bill finished before the end of the year when asked in parliament's question time By Hon Peter Dunne.

#### **General Business:-**

##### *Gambling in Pig Hunting competitions: -*

Bill Westwood sent an inquiry to me regarding the status of pig hunting competitions with respect to the rules relating to operating a gambling operation. This issue has now also come up in relation to the Sika Show and the Tahr show with respect to the prize competitions. I wrote an article in Hooked on Boars just giving people a heads up that this could be an issue for competitions given that the size of competitions and the value of prizes has been on a steady increase. In my previous dealings with the Department of Internal affairs they have been loath to confirm the legality or otherwise of an event in advance. A number of us have looked through the rules relating to gambling and as we interpret the rules the demarcation in terms of competitions is as follows:

The competitions as they relates to the hunting per se and the prizes for heaviest etc do not constitute gambling but any prizes that are furnished as a lucky draw for those paying an entry fee does constitute gambling. From there it is then a matter of determining what class of gambling it is. If the value of prizes is not more than \$ 500 then generally it will be class 1 gambling and if the prizes are more than \$500 but less than \$5000 and turnover is not more than \$25,000 then it would be class 2 gambling. For both class 1 and 2 a permit is not required however such events can only be run by a society and the funds can only be used for authorised purposes. There are also some prohibited items as prizes.

#### **Recommendation:**

The NZPHA put sits interpretation in writing and requests a meeting with the DIA and requests confirmation in writing of its interpretation. When we get confirmation we put out fact sheet to all clubs giving them a check list for their competitions and what to do if they are in fact gambling.

##### *Animal Welfare Legislation: -*

An Animal amendment Bill has been introduced into parliament to:

- provide for clear and enforceable standards of animal welfare:
- increase the range of enforcement tools so that low-to medium-level offending can be addressed more efficiently and appropriately:
- clarify the obligations of animal owners and people in charge of animals:

- improve the transparency of decision making under the Act, and of research, testing, and teaching:
- enable welfare standards to evolve with societal expectations, scientific knowledge, good practice, and available technology

The bill has some significant ramification for how animal welfare relates to hunting. Previously hunting was excluded from the animal welfare act but the proposal is now to include hunting but to provide a defence for hunters from prosecution. This is a major difference both in approach and in ultimately who makes the rules. The operative sections are as follows:

*"Ill-treating, hunting, or killing wild animals or animals in wild state.*

Whilst there is a lot of water to go under the bridge yet before this becomes law, the reality is that this is a government bill and will become law. We will need to keep these provisions in mind as we develop out animal welfare policy. I have written an article in HOB to give everyone a heads up.

#### **Recommendation**

**That the NZPHA opposes the bill in its current form and makes submissions to the select committee on that basis and recommends the alternative approach suggested in our submission. That we combine with other like-minded organisations and lobby politicians to keep hunting out of the animal welfare legislation.**

- Mid central health:* - A letter has been received from Mid Central Health, This needs to be completed and returned, they are enquiring if we were informed of a 1080 drop that has taken place. The NZPHA appreciate being sent this letter we would appreciate and would like to be advised in the future before the operation so we can advise the other clubs. Geoff to complete and return.
- Newsletter Editor:* - Steve to complete after each meeting. Steve to e-mail it to Angela to be forwarded to associated clubs.
- Web site profiles:* - Terry Care to complete, all other committee members to ensure theirs are correct.
- Letter of appreciation:* - To be sent to Grant Bunting. Angela to compile
- AHB:* - Grant & Garry were working on a contract that only clubs can have contracts to supply heads. There is a process of change happening with in the AHB. The programme that we started did not run well to start, there were communication issues. Bill & Garry need to discuss and administer where the heads are to be stored. AHB want to standardise contracts, Kevin Cruse is now the National manager.
- Calendars:* - A draft has been made available for viewing. The cost to advertise is \$500.00 per year and you receive 25 calendars to distribute. General consensus from attending AGM is that we should be putting our name out there by the way of Web site and Social Media. Angela to e-mail calendar creator and advise that the NZPHA do not wish to go any further with this. Euan feels that we would be better investing our money in Public Liability for our associated members.

**Next Meeting: -** Saturday night after the Sika Show, Angela to book venue. A meeting may be required before this but will be confirmed.

**Meeting Closed: -** 3.43pm