

Annual General Meeting of CNISF at NZDA clubrooms Sunday, 23rd August, 2020.

Began at 1.10pm after a barbeque - President John Cook welcomed everyone to meeting.

Attendees as follows- John Cook, Cam Speedy, John Davis, Steve Gavet, Rob Dragten, Allan Jackson, Josh Van Der Valk, Gary Harwood, Fiona Duley, Ken Atkinson, Ralph Gouldswald, Gary McMillan, Sindre Stockton, Cam McMaster, Jeff Bryant, Kerry Bryant, Kylie Simpson, Luke Care, Matt Gibson, Martine Pierhagen, Mark Bridgeman-McMillan, Nick Powir, David Hudson, Duncan Murdock, Kate Bryant, Phil Craig, Nic Weatherherd, Chas Hutton, Ron Lenzen, Mike Clinch.

Apologies – Dan Herries, Mike Knowles, Tom Loughlin, Denley Tarplett, Moved they be received Cam Speedy, seconded John Davis, Carried.

Agenda list circulated for confirmation.

Minutes of previous Annual General meeting 2019, having been circulated previously was accepted as accurate record, moved John Cook, seconded Cam Speedy. Carried.

Matters arising

1. Discussions with Conservation Board has not produced a representative yet on the Sika Foundation Committee.
2. Kaweka Hind Management hunts discussions with DOC Hawkes Bay still ongoing – hopefully progress next 12 months.
3. Placing Jaw posters and information in Kaweka huts to come.

Financial Report – Mike Clinch (attached).

At present Sika Foundation has 430 financial members, with 70 outstanding subs still to come in. Moved Financial report be accepted. Moved Mike Clinch, Seconded Cam Speedy, carried.

Presidents Report was read to attendees, thanking all who helped the Sika Foundation during the year (attached).

Moved that John Cooks report be accepted – John Davis, seconded David Hudson, carried.

A film crew, compliments of NZ Hunter magazine, will film a Sika Management 101 Presentation by Cam Speedy at the completion of the meeting.

Election of Officers

John Cook, President, Cam Speedy, Secretary and Mike Clinch, Treasurer were all accepted unopposed.

General Rep - Josh Van Der Valk nominated, Cam Speedy, seconded John Cook, Carried.

Eastern Rep- Dustin Murdock nominated Cam Speedy, seconded Allan Jackson, carried.

Western Rep – Gary Harwood, Cam Speedy nominated, seconded Steve Gavet, carried.

Hunters and Habitats rep – Allan Jackson. Carried.

General rep - Kylie Simpson, nominated Cam Speedy, seconded John Cook, carried.

Women's Rep - Fiona Duley, Moved Gary Harwood, seconded Allan Jackson. Carried.

NZDA Rep – to be advised (David Hudson to fill role in the meantime).

Iwi Liason Rep also to be advised (Tom Loughlin approached and accepted)

Representative from Conservation Board - still not resolved.

Four new roles to be added outside Committee:

Projects Coordinator – Gary Harwood

Huts and Tracks -Mike Main

Trapping - Josh Van der Valk

Membership Co-ordinator - Mike Penn.

General business.

1. Additional Hind management hunts have been discussed? and there will now be 2 hunts in October, 1 in November, 1 in March and 2 in June. The October and June hunts will not include high mountainous hunting blocks. (Health and Safety concerns.)
2. Website Upgrade -Martine Pierhagen is prepared to upgrade current Website. Cost to come after discussion on extent of work involved in upgrade.
3. Sika App. Fiona Duley suggested we develop a Sika App. Similar to the Tahr App. Game Animal Council may help with setting it up? Martine to have a look at the setup. Matt Gibson interested in being involved.
4. Sika Show will only go ahead if Level 1 is in place for all New Zealand.
5. Ospri wish to have discussions with NZDA and Sika Foundation shortly.
6. Southern Kaimanawa Rresearch Project – Formal Write-up - Cam to talk to Ivor @ Landcare.
7. Sika Foundation have paid for air- freight for 1200 kg of Wapiti mince from Wapiti Foundation to help local families during Covid restrictions. The cost was \$1200. The Wapiti Foundation are culling around 1000 animals yearly.
8. Hunts – early June hunt had 40 hunters removing 32 hinds from Kaimanawa and Kaweka hunting blocks, and 74 hunters removed 19 animals in later June hunt. Reports indicate the maps supplied in the Data packs make a difference in locating animals.
9. Whio Project – Josh reported that the winter moisture is causing the A24 baits to become mouldy and no longer attracting target animals. Also the gas to operate the trap is leaking in many traps. In his opinion the A24 traps are not as efficient as first thought. Gary reported that we have 2 years data on file to look at.
We need to talk to Goodnature re where we go from here into the future, However increases in numbers of Whio are good indicators we have made a difference.
10. Agreements with Doc Taupo and Hawkes Bay are slow-going at present, hopefully things will progress shortly.

After a short interval, Cam Speedy's presentation was screened and appreciated by all present.

The presentation will be shown at Sika Show if possible and available on Sika Foundation Facebook?

Meeting ended at 3.50pm.

Presidents report 2020 AGM

It's been another busy year for the foundation.

Whio recovery project

Hut & Track maintenance

Trail camera survey

Bat monitoring project

Management Hunts

Hind-Sight initiative

Another stunning Annual Report

These projects take effort and time from a lot of volunteers and sponsors, its only with these people, that make all this possible. Thanks to Gary, Josh, Ron, Mike Maine, John D, Allan.

The number of people who email asking to help what the Sika Foundation is doing is incredible, It is so encouraging as a committee to have a waiting list of helpers for projects we are running

Social Media

Martine has done an amazing Job with the FB page and Website, with a huge increase in interest in what we are doing.

Membership

This interest has resulted in paid membership rising to over 500 and the Facebook following to over 5600.

Venison FWF

Sika Foundation financed 1040 kgs of Venison from Fiordland Wapiti Foundation to Taupo Women's Refuge & Food Bank and the Turangi Food Bank as part of the '*Meat-the-Need*' initiative. Three consignments of product came fortnightly to each organisation over 6 weeks, allowing them to help feed almost 2,000 needy local people during that time. This was the biggest single donation of food either organisation had ever received. Great to see an awesome product go to such a good cause.

Sponsors & Volunteers

A huge thumbs up to our volunteers, sponsors, supporters & partners.

These people and businesses are what makes every project we are running possible.

We have a power point and one of the pictures is titled "People Power" and that sums it all up really.

Committee

A massive thank you to the committee.

To have a team focused on the same goal is awesome. Now the GAC are picking up on our approach with the '*Hunters for Conservation*' initiative encouraging more hunters to take greater responsibility, instead of just taking. Going forward, we can only get stronger by doing what's right,

John Cook

President 2020