

Sanctuaries of New Zealand

Minutes of Second Annual General Meeting

Held at Puketerake Marae, Karitane

4 September 2014

Apologies – Kara Prankerd

Minutes of previous AGM- moved Wendy Sporle, seconded John Innes. ACCEPTED

Matters Arising - none

Chair report – Matt Maitland:

- SONZI is now formally incorporated with the New Zealand Companies Office under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908. Thanks to Kara Prankerd
- An activity plan has been drafted with emphasis on raising funds for the Society
- Ideas for recruiting membership were discussed
- Report on finances: there were no revenues and no expenses

Election of officers

- Chair: Matt Maitland: nominated by Simon Collins, seconded Colin Campbell-Hunt. CARRIED
- Secretary: Colin Campbell-Hunt: nominated by Rick Field, seconded Matt Maitland. CARRIED
- Treasurer: no nominations received. To be appointed from members of committee
- Members of the committee: the following were nominated by Matt Maitland, seconded Colin Campbell-Hunt: Simon Collins, Wendy Sporle, Rick Filed, John Innes, Andy Warnford. CARRIED

Committee work plan for 2015

The following were suggested:

- Clarify the **purpose and strategies** of SONZI in broad consultation with sanctuaries and affiliates
- In partnership with **Tourism NZ**, develop promotion of NZ sanctuaries to international markets
- Determine what contribution SONZI can make to meeting the **information needs** of sanctuaries as part of a network including: DoC, established sanctuaries, Landcare, books (Dave Butler et al; Diane Campbell-Hunt; others). For example, dissemination of best-practice standard operating procedures.
- Define ways in which SONZI can helpfully contribute to the **dissemination of relevant science** from the universities and other science providers
- Clarify SONZI's **advocacy message** and develop an advocacy plan to engage with major national entities: DoC, politicians, ...
- Begin to build key relationships with national bodies – DoC, Pest-free NZ, ...
- Define ways in which SONZI can contribute to the **funding of the sanctuary movement**. These must in no way cut across or weaken the potential of its member organisations
- For example, identify a major **national sponsor** organisation to fund SONZI work and to support newly-established sanctuaries that do not yet have fund-raising capability. This should be a body that would not consider sponsoring any (regionally-based) sanctuary.
- Build and formalise **membership**, using the networks of member organisations
- Enhance database of members; decide what attributes of membership to be stored as fields in the database

- Create a **web presence** – one possibility: a distinct page on the Sanctuaries of NZ website run by Landcare
- Participate with Landcare in planning and (earlier) promotion **of annual sanctuaries workshop**.
- There was discussion of possible sites for next year's workshop: Rotorua? Ark in the Park?
- Workshop programme to include time (a day +/-?) on topics of interest to the larger mainland sanctuaries: sanctuary management, marketing, volunteers, education programmes etc. etc.
- Where possible SONZI should seek to pursue its aims in **partnerships** with relevant organisations, thereby achieving more than it could do on its own and widening support for its aspirations.

The meeting ended at 9am.

Memberships

During the meeting, the following additional memberships were received:

Sanctuary organisations (contact person):

- Tawharanui Open Sanctuary (Matt Maitland)
- Shakespear Open Sanctuary (Matt Maitland)
- Mokokoko Dryland Sanctuary (Grant Norbury)
- Zealandia (Raewyn Empson)
- Pomona Island Charitable Trust (Fay Edwards/John Whitehead)
- Windy Hill (Judy Gilbert)
- The Brook Waimarama Sanctuary (Rick Field/Dave Butler)

Affiliate organisations:

- Landcare Research (John Innes/ Neil Fitzgerald)
- Parker Conservation (Kevin and Graham Parker)

Individual memberships:

- Kate Richardson (Massey University)

Prior to the meeting, memberships had already been received from:

- Orokonui Ecosanctuary (Chris Baillie)
- Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust (Simon Collins)
- The Ark in the Park (?)