

Minutes

Otematata Residents Association Incorporated

10 am, Saturday 28 January 2023

Otematata Lakes Centre

1 West Road, Otematata 9412

Welcome from the Chair

Present: Steve Dalley (Chair), Kath Bond, Paula Boys, Bernadette Calder (Secretary), James Denniston, Sue Millen, Greg Sanders – (Zoom) (Treasurer).

Apologies: Margie Callick, Richard Paton, Jane Turner, Carson Welsh, Marilyn Welsh.

Public Forum:

Brent Cowles (as Ahururi Council member) reported to committee. Community Board members, CLDP start back for 2023 on Mon/Tues commencing with a bus trip to local areas, culminating in a lunch in Otematata. Suggested that ideas/thoughts etc be emailed through to Brent.

Lots of discussion regarding 3 Waters. With change of Prime Minister, ?Govt etc. a third of the current services will disappear including staff. It will be a very challenging year.

Cycle trail via Otematata. This is definitely thought to be forthcoming but as everything else, takes time to organize.

Brent remained for rest of ORAI meeting.

Minutes: Confirmation of Minutes.

Moved that Minutes 1 October 2022 be accepted: James Seconded: Paula Carried

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Sport Club Sub-Lease: James is to meet with Neil Smith this coming week. Steve Dalley to peruse prior to signature.

Update on ORAI Website: completed.

WDC Update: completed.

GST Registration Update: completed April – September. Next: October – March.

Hockley: refer to General business.

Correspondence:

Incoming:

E 30/11/22 Baxter Invoice: \$537.63

E 1/12/22 Greg Sanders Re: Meridan Grant, Wetlands Project, Calendar sales, Peter Hockley.

E 25/1/23 Steve Loach: Re renaming the area of the Waitaki Valley from the Waitaki Dam to Omarama “the Waitaki Valley Lakes District”.

Discussion included information that a new branding exercise for the whole valley is in the pipeline. Brent indicated that the Community Board is currently looking at local plans but, of course, full consultation is required, all taking time. GD / BC

Moved that: ORAI endorse this rebranding of the Waitaki Valley Lakes District.

Mike / Paula Carried

Outgoing:

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Moved that: Correspondence be received.

Steve / Sue Carried

Financials:

Moved that:

Financial Report dated 31/12/22 (as tabled) be accepted and true and correct.

Greg / Kath Carried

Financial Report dated 31/1/23 (as tabled) be accepted and true and correct.

Greg / Bernie Carried

Noted that 15% GST will need to be added to all Hall hire etc on any future bookings. Paula to speak with Maree White regarding this additional charge to her recent booking. PB

James to speak with Greg re GST implications. JD / GS

Alan to amend the ORAI website to reflect GST addition to hire. Alan Reilly

The Committee acknowledges their thanks to Greg and James for their Charities Services work.

General Business:

Cloud upload: ongoing.

Sport Club Sub-lease: Defer until post discussions this week with Neil Smith (see above).

Bio-diversity: A thank you card of appreciation be sent to Steve Clark for his work in sourcing and setting up traps etc at The Wetlands. SD / BC

Promotion: ongoing.

Calendar sales: completed. Thank you to everyone; a very successful venture. Special thanks to Di Loach for her contribution in hours spent selling additional calendars. SD / BC

Grants & Funding & Hall Purchases: -

New Wetlands track: Meridan and the Otago Community Trust have committed to a total of \$40,000 leaving a shortfall of approx. \$21,000 ex GST.

Wetlands Walkway Update:

Website updates – ongoing.

Steve Bradshaw has approached the Chair re “Just Golf” ie frisbee golf as a possibility for in the Wetlands.

Discussed at length; suggested the Sports Club as a possible contact. Consensus that The Wetlands be kept as ‘peaceful as possible’ but Committee didn’t discount the possibility of their support once more information received. Seen as working well in other communities including public gardens etc.

Our thanks to Tim Davies who in addition to what he is already doing, has picked up additional mowing etc to assist while Carson is absent.

A possible new mower was discussed with additional work to be done before final consideration. Brent offered the use of his surplus ‘gear’ mower as a trial to see what is needed, in Wetlands area.

Steve reported that offending culvert willow tree roots have been poisoned to better increase water flow through culverts etc.

Ross McRobie’s Memorial has been cleared of surplus willow growth.

Peter Hockley:

Moved that: a letter of appreciation to be sent to Anne and Lisa for their significant contributions towards our community over the years.

Steve / Sue

Carried

SD / BC

Decision yet to be made on where to tag recently received monies.

Health & Safety Update: Nil accidents.

Hall Hire Update: 2023 bookings to date circulated prior to meeting.

Due to Marilyn Welsh’s current illness Paula Boyes has volunteered to temporarily oversee the bookings etc of the Otematata Community Hall. She will collaborate with Di Loach on what is required.

Contact information to be updated both website and on list in the hall.

Alan Reilly /

PB / GS

Increase in Hall Fee: Greg requested an increase to reflect a portion towards ongoing Hall maintenance etc Consensus to relook at this issue in 12 months, but not now.

Flag update:

Sales ongoing. On The Spot for sales.

Wellington Hui:

Kath and Steve updated committee on their worthwhile attendance at the Hui. It reinforced the great community we have in Otematata and made them more appreciative of positive cooperation amongst members enabling great initiatives for our community wellbeing.

Alps to Ocean: Brent Cowles

1. Council is awaiting funding (this side of the lake – Otematata). Totally aware of issue.
2. Min of Business and Innovation only provide 50% with remainder to be sourced elsewhere. MBI are however wanting to cement in this area.

3. Updates as soon as possible following their next month' meeting.

Meeting suggested two letters from ORAI to WDC and ATO to keep this issue of Otematata's exclusion from the Alps to Ocean cycle track, uppermost in this long and arduous process.

SD / BC

CLPD update:

Refer to CLPD Report to ORAI January 2023 (as tabled).

Lots to be happening over the next few months. Contractors are currently being sought with a view to complete plans.

Playground enhancement begins March.

Moved that report be accepted. Steve / Bernie Carried.

Meeting closed at 11.26 am

Next ORAI Meeting: Saturday 4 March 2023

Chair: Steve Dalley

Date: