

## Ruakaka Reserve Board

Minutes: Public Meeting

Venue: Clapham Hill, Ruakaka Reserve Motorcamp, Ruakaka

Date: Sunday 28 January 2024

Time: 10.15am

Present: J. Quayle (Chairperson), J Kearney, M Carter, E Smith, A Abel (Manager)

Apologies: J Spyve, A Clark

Board Report: verbal by J Quayle, E Smith, A Abel (also shown on PowerPoint)

Financial Statements:

- 2023 Financial Performance Report

General Business from Public:

- Substantial increase in wages: *John Q replied that we work on 40% of turnover is wages and this also includes the annual hourly rate increase change on 1<sup>st</sup> April*
- Waterflow in Camp 5 urinal, also has an issue with a smell: *AM agreed, we have got a plumber going to sort it out in February when he is able to close the room to have a good look at what is causing the smell*
- Frothy water going into the estuary on the hillside of the bridge, a neighbour is concerned about it: *he will meet with AM to show her where this is so it can be followed up through the correct channels*
- Thank you for the reports presented at this meeting and how good the grounds look
- Spend money with present campers, upgrading the facilities for current campers to enjoy the benefits
- Janet Whalley (camper) is happy to help with funding applications after the Board is registered with Charities again.
- Seawall won't come under any funding from Charities
- Can we get EQC for the seawall to prevent more erosion?: *AM & John Q are going to meet with Charles Sweeney (camper) for more information*
- Camp 1 steps up to the playground area needs looking at
- Cleaning – to be checked more regularly
- Camp 5 urinal lights – not working: *AM replied that we are waiting for replacement lights and she will follow this up with the electrician*
- Does the Charitable status affect tax that the Board needs to pay? *John Q replied that it does affect some tax areas*
- What's the Charitable status to date: *John Q replied that we are registering with them at present*
- As Camp Waipu cabin owners are selling their cabins, this could be a good opportunity for the Board to purchase some



- We are affordable for families compared to other camps
- Campers attending the meeting are happy to continue with no bikes being ridden in the camp during the peak period
- Campers have seen quite a few rats in camp this summer, suggestion was to go to the the Men's shed for traps: *John Q replied that we had just been talking about that and Anne-Marie has approached the Waipu Men's Shed to purchase some of them*
- DOC has a pest control programme in place, have we spoken with NRC & DOC regarding this: *AM replied that the DOC Ranger is too busy with the area he has to cover and NRC had no traps available when she called them early January 2024*
- Camp1 water in the drain behind the seasonal site holders is stagnated in some areas, can a working bee be organised to help resolve it
- Grants for funding, is there a limit?: *Reply – Under \$10,000 is easy to get, Over \$10,000 is harder to get, some trusts now only have up to 4 submissions/year*
- Under 5 playground area, we should apply to trusts to add more equipment
- Rex block – make a couple of changes to make it more efficient to operate, especially over the winter: *John Q replied that we are at present getting quotes to do this*
- School camps, there is a lack of places for schools to go, camp should advertise to schools the option of camping in tents here
- Brynderwyn closing – 28 February for a period. How is this going to affect camp? *We will do our best to encourage people to still come using the diversion roads, these have had a lot of work being done on them making them in better condition*
- Seasonal sites, we don't advertise them, why? *John Q replied - we haven't advertised them yet until we have it resolved by 2025 with DOC. We will have designated areas from 2025 onwards*
- DOC doesn't see the love, care, and structure of this place, many generations of hard work from volunteers have been put in to create this camp over many years helping to make it what it is today. We need to get DOC to understand the culture behind this place, the connections – hapu, people and others
- Can there be camp maps available at the next meeting
- The Board informed those at the meeting that they are looking for new board members and if anyone was interested to either contact John Quayle or Anne-Marie
- The Board informed everyone that they are looking for a secretary – part-time, paid position, working for the Board
- Next Public Meeting suggested to be held alternative years – end December/beginning of January and following year, end of January or later

Meeting Closed: 11.25am

*J. A. J. 23/06/24*