

North Canterbury Forest and Bird Annual General Meeting
7.30 pm, Tuesday 9 July 2024
WEA 59 Gloucester St

Minutes (draft)

Present: Approx 60 members (Separate sign-in sheet appended)

Apologies: Ian Campbell, Renée Habluetzel, Rick Robinson, Eleanor Bissell
Moved those apologies be accepted: Diana Shand (Chairperson)

Minutes of previous AGM, 30 May 2023

Moved as true and correct: Diana Shand

Seconded:

Matters Arising from those minutes: None

Financial Report (presented by co-treasurer Michael Godfrey)

Michael presented the Statement of Source and Disposition of Funds for the year ended 31/12/23, and briefly outlined major sources of income, and major expenditures. Spend exceeded income by \$4461.00.

Moved that the treasurer's report and accounts be accepted: Diana Shand. Carried.

Chairpersons Report

The passing of outstanding environmental advocate and activist and long-serving Forest and Bird stalwart Lesley Shand was remembered, and her enormous contribution to the work of the society and the branch was acknowledged.

Diana then summarized the key areas covered in her report. A link to the full report is to be found on the Forest and Bird website under 'Branches' and was also available at the meeting in a limited number of hard copies.

Diana thanked members of the committee for their work, and particularly acknowledged those standing down (Chay Cotter, who resigned as co-chair in December; Renée Habluetzel, who will continue to be our Arthur's Pass liaison person, and John Knox).

Moved that the Chairperson's report be accepted: Diana. Carried.

Election of officers:

Moved: Cynthia Roberts Seconded: Maria West - that the following officers be elected (Ruth Littlewood), or re-elected:

- **Co-chairpersons** Diana Shand; Ruth Littlewood
- **Secretary** Frances Wall
- **Co-Treasurers** Michael Godfrey, Rick Robinson
- **Health and Safety Officers** Helen Hills, Frances Wall
- **Other committee members** Valerie Campbell, Helen Hills, Hugh Thorpe, Louise Holmes
- **KCC** Eleanor Bissell

In addition the following members were elected to the committee:

- Ann Godfrey (Moved: Frances Wall, seconded: Valerie Campbell)
- Rod Hay (Moved: Michael Godfrey, seconded Helen Hills)
- Deschia Sutherland and Susan Miles (KCC co-leaders) (Moved: Diana Shand, seconded Ann Godfrey)
- Jess Lamb and Paula Tucker Camano (Moved: Diana Shand, seconded Valerie Campbell)

All the above were elected unopposed.

General Business: No matters were raised.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Lance McCaskill Memorial address

Diana Shand introduced the speaker, **Emeritus Professor Dave Kelly**

"How will mast seeding respond under climate change? Recent discoveries show winners and losers."

Professor Kelly described recent meticulous field research to find out how masting will be affected by rising mean temperatures as climate change accelerates. Using examples from NZ and Europe (*Nothofagus*, snow tussock, tawa) Dave showed that some plant species will have large reductions in seed output, but others will be unaffected.

Questions from the floor followed, and Helen Hills thanked Professor Kelly.

The evening was concluded with supper and a chat.

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