

**CORANZ 11th Annual General Meeting, Sunday 7th September 2008,
Evans Bay Yacht Club, 501 Evans Bay Parade Wellington, 10.00 am– 3.10pm**

Co-Chair Steve Veail opened the meeting, and welcomed delegates at 10.00 am

1. Present:

Steve Veail (NZ Deerstalkers' Assn) Chair, **Hugh Barr** (Public Access NZ, NZ Deerstalkers' Assn) Secretary, **Ken Sims** (NZFFA) Co-Chair, **Strato Cotsilinis** (NZFFA) Treasurer, **Max Wheatley** (NZFWD Assn), **Alby Frampton** (NZ Deerstalkers' Assn. Teleconference: **Alan McMillan** (Public Access NZ)

2 Apologies:

Tony Orman (Public Access NZ), Brian Haybittle (JBNZ), Trish Rea (option4), Ron Stuart (President, NZ Salmon Anglers Assn), Tim Ellis (NZSAA), Ron Dougherty (NZSAA), Kath Jagard (NZFWD), John Henderson (Marlborough Recreational Fishers Assn); Jason Foord (option4)

Moved: (Barr/Veail) That apologies be sustained **CARRIED**

3 Confirm membership of Jet Boating New Zealand

This had been confirmed by an email vote of members in July.

Moved: (Barr/Veail) That the email vote approving Jet Boating New Zealand be confirmed. **CARRIED** unanimously.

4 Approve Minutes of 2007 AGM (Circulated):

Moved (Veail/Sims) That the Minutes of the 2007 AGM be confirmed as a true and correct record. **CARRIED**

5 Matters arising from the Minutes:

9.1 Commercial game Preserves: CORA letters to F&G and Minister of Conservation: This was not carried through.

A Court decision had allowed Auckland-Waikato F&G to have a different policy to F&G National.

Action: Moved (Sims/Cotsilinis) Strato, Tony, Ken, Ian to draft letters to F&G Auckland, and MinCon. **CARRIED.**

11.1 Crown-Tainui Treaty Agreement to clean up the Waikato River: It was noted that Fish & Game, as a recreational member, had not gained an as-of-right seat on the Management Committee.

6 CORANZ 2008 Annual Report:

Hugh and Steve talked to the 2008 Annual Report, summarising the main matters of interest during the year, and CORANZ's actions.

- **Aerial 1080** – There was increased public concern about aerial 1080, following the charade of ERMA's "review". ERMA OK-ed aerial 1080-ing of public water-supply catchments. This winter, including the Kumara water-supply aquifer (AHB -later removed from the drop), Karamea's (AHB), and probably Levin's (DOC) public water supplies were marked for aerial 1080-ing. There had also been 41% of keas in a DOC sample at Fox Glacier being killed by 1080. Four polo horses and 20 sheep were killed by aerial 1080 at Rangipo, south of Turangi.
- **Walking Access Bill** – the Bill introduced to Parliament in April was very disappointing, concentrating wholly on walkways, the failed Federated Farmers concept from 1975-89. It even misinterpreted the 1990 Walkways Act to allow downgrading of public roads to Walkway Standard. It seemed Federated Farmers (or MAF staff) had run riot putting in their preferred version. Even when that major fault was rectified by the Select Committee, the prospects for the Commission in MAF look bleak. National has even criticised Labour for not sending the Bill to the Primary Production Select Committee. CORANZ and NZDA made very effective submissions to the Select Committee.
- **Game Animal Panel** - United Future's work with Labour to **recognise and manage deer wild pigs, tahr and chamois** was completed with the Panel developing three options:
 - **Option 1**, Minimal change;
 - **Option 2:** a national Wild Animal Control Advisory Committee reporting to the Minister, and a Big Game Hunting Council representing all hunting interests;
 - **Option 3:** Statutory recognition of DCTP as valued resources, and management on public lands, where appropriate by a statutory Recreational Hunter Management Authority.
- **High Country pastoral land reform** –research by scholar Dr Ann Brower showing that Pastoral leases, as statutory leases, may not have common-law lease trespass rights, as they are only a licence to graze,

and have no right to the soil. Fish & Game is seeking a declaratory judgement. DOC has been declaring six Conservation Parks formed primarily through Tenure Review. These include the Two Thumb, Kaikoura, Hawea, Oteake, Hakatere proposals. All should be good for recreation.

- **Sport & Recreation New Zealand (SPARC)**, passed the ball by DOC (who didn't want it) after the 2006 Recreation Summit, has consulted on a minimalist Strategy, with no supporting analysis, with SPARC' Six "Strategies" aiming primarily to restructure the sector according to SPARC's unknown goals. NGO input seems to have been ignored.
- **Concern about damming wild and scenic rivers** including the Warau (Marlborough), Mokihinui (Buller), Wataha etc. Privatisation of water rights is raising its ugly head again too.
- **DOC's Carbon sequestration programme** – DOC is 're-branding' to promote multiple commercial uses. It could become a 21st Century multiple commercial use Forest service.
- **Recreational Sea fishing** – the continuing court saga of asking for more kahawai in the sea, and a reduced commercial take for bait, of these great fish, via Option4 and the Hokianga Accord.
- **Meetings with Ministers, DOC and NGO bodies** continued

CORANZ also welcomed Jet Boating New Zealand as a national member from June 2008.

Moved: That the CORANZ Annual Report be received (Cotsilinis/Sims) **CARRIED** unanimously

7 Teleconference:

Alan McMillan (PANZ) joined the meeting by phone at 11 am. Alan, who has been on the Walking Access Advisory Board, setting up the Commission, briefed the meeting.

T1 Walking Access Bill:

He is relatively happy with the Bill, which should go through before the Election. Positive changes were:

- A new clause on access other than Walkways
- Inability to get LINZ to take any interest (says MAF). This means senseless duplication of mapping resources.
- It will be a Crown agency that has to do what the Minister (of Rural Affairs) says. Alan believes it should have been an autonomous Agency.
- The Advisory Board has been disbanded. CORANZ nominations for the new Board should be made.
Action: Hugh to send in CORANZ nominations for Board positions.
- The Commissioner (CEO) has not yet been advertised.
- Alan explained that, as a member of the Board, he had not seen the Bill before it was introduced, while other members had.
- Brian Hayes – new book, available free from the MAF secretariat. CORANZ members please get copies
- As a Crown Entity, the Minutes and meetings of the Board should be open to the public.

Alan said PANZ fully supported CORA's submission and advocacy on the Bill. PANZ did not submit.

T2 CORA Administration: More meetings & sub-committees?

Hugh proposed that CORANZ should be more active and engaging that it was at present. Hugh suggested more regular teleconferences would be one way to proceed.

Also the **concept of sub-committees:** Possible common interest sub-committees could be set up: eg

- **Freshwater and waterway**, including water allocation, Jetboating NZ (?) etc
- **Public access** – keep the pressure on the WAC, and on district councils etc. All members
- **Salt water fisheries** – Only Option4 and Marlborough Rec Sea Fishers, possibly salmon anglers?
- **Recreational land-based harvesting** eg deerstalking, pig-hunting, game-birds shooting, trout, salmon

Any others?

T3 Dairying profligacy with water:

Regarding water allocation, the Dairy industry gets a very large subsidy, given it takes 2000 litres of water to make a litre of milk. At any reasonable charge for this water, Dairying would probably be bottom of the queue of those able to pay. Horticulture would be much better placed. Hugh said 1930s schemes to store water from winter to summer worked in Central Otago for orcharding eg Falls Dam, Mannorburn, Poolburn. The amount of water used was not excessive. Dairying demands are excessive.

T4 Nevis River proposed change to Wild & Scenic status (Kawhara Gorge) to add a hydro dam: Pioneer Electricity is applying. Fish & Game is opposing. Shows the massive pressure on New Zealand's river resource.

T5 Molesworth Station – Leasing of Marginal Strips: Alan mentioned that PANZ had been assisting a horse-rider to access Molesworth. They had discovered that when DOC changes Molesworth from a Special Lease to Landcorp, to become a recreational reserve, though the Reserve was leased, the lease, for convenience, had included the marginal strips, which were not allowed to be leased ie reserved from sale or other disposition (a lease is a disposition). Consequently this is illegal. PANZ has been in contact with F&G Nelson-Marlborough (Neil Deans) to jointly take action.

Action: CORANZ write to the Minister, and DG DOC, asking for this to be remedied. (Alan M to draft).

The Teleconference ended at 11.50 am

8 Treasurer's report:

Strato presented the Annual Accounts. Income has been higher this year. \$600 is subs from the previous year. CORANZ made a surplus for the year of \$2,437.72. Total assets at 30 June 2008 stood at \$7,662.75.

Moved: (Cotsilinis/Sims) That the audited accounts be approved. **CARRIED** unanimously.

Strato proposed that CORANZ change our constitution to not require an auditor. This was agreed for the next AGM. **Action:** Strato.

8.1 Annual Subscriptions, membership, Budget:

Moved: (Strato/Alby) That subscriptions remain the same as last year. **CARRIED** unanimously.

Note: Annual subscriptions therefore are set at;

National Associations: \$350

Regional members and Clubs: \$100

Individual Members: \$25

Other matters raised:

1 **Encouraging younger members** to be nominated to council, and to gain younger members for member associations.

2 Possibility of an **honorarium** for the Secretary, as the major worker for CORANZ. A level of \$500 - \$1,000 was discussed.

3 The need to prepare a **CORANZ Strategic Plan**, to set directions and outcome goals for CORANZ Council. Having a Strategic Plan was also considered useful in showing SPARC was a competent and professional organisation. **Action:** Hugh

9 Election of Officers:

Co-Chairmen: Steve Veil, Ken Sims and Brian Haybittle (JBNZ) had been nominated. An election was held and Steve Veil and Ken Sims were elected.

Secretary: Hugh Barr, Nominated NZSAA; Elected with acclamation.

Treasurer: Strato Cotsilinis, Nominated NZSAA; Elected with acclamation.

Auditor: A S Collison (present auditor). Strato/Ken **CARRIED**

10 Views of member associations on CORANZ performance

NZFWD Assn: Are getting to understand CORA's value.

NZFFA: (Ken) A ginger group for anglers and F&G. Believes CORA must get smarter in communicating with grassroots. (Strato) Clubs take the political burden. But clubs that get political don't last very long.

NZDA (Alby): CORA a good idea to get outdoor recreational associations together. Value of ideas, debate and numbers. Believes CORA has passed the juvenile stage and needs to thing of becoming more active and supportive of its members. (Steve) Wellington Branch view: Branches aren't experienced enough, and in any case, want to go hunting. Difficulty for a Branch of dealing effectively with DOC.

The meeting stopped for lunch (12.35 pm) for 45 minutes.

11 Discussion of CORANZ's NZ Outdoor Recreation Election Charter, Election 2008:

A need to update the Charter and have the updated version on the CORANZ website. Three updates proposed:

1 Four Wheel Driving: NZFWD Assn addition just missed the printing deadline, and needs to be added as Section 4.3A Management of FWD vehicle access to the public estate' and 4.3A.1 Four Wheel Driving is a legitimate recreational activity.

Actions: Max to send Phil Orchard's text to Ken, and Ken to add this new Section to the Charter, and flag it as NEW. Also add 4.3A to the contents.

2 Treaty Claims: Review S 2.6 Settlement of perceived Maori Treaty Claims. FFA supported that there be no co-management of rivers.

Action: Hugh to review.

3 DOC Carbon "Sequestration" push: DOC is playing this as more important than saving native species to win brownie points. Yet on many counts it is crap. They are milling eucalypts at Te Kopi, Southern Haurangis, but presumably not paying carbon costs for their removal. Similarly they are felling pine and spruce wildings on land surrendered from Mt Cook station, without presumably paying carbon charges.

Action: Hugh to draft a new item, circulate draft and supply to Ken

4 DOC Sequestration: Sutherland's farm, Southern Haurangis: DOC is intending to replant this.

Action: Hugh to investigate what is happening.

12 Top Priorities for CORANZ for the coming year:

The ten priorities from 2007, were endorsed viz:

1 Stop the privatisation and commercialisation of outdoor sports

2 Clean & healthy flowing rivers

3 Restore our grossly overfished sea fisheries to sustainability especially for recreation

4 Continue Pastoral Lease Tenure Review:

5 Stop large scale spreading of Toxins for "pest" control. Instead introduce harvesting regimes, where the animal has a market value.

6 Improve public access to the countryside – Walking Access Act

7 Management of Deer, Chamois, tahr and feral pigs as a valued resource

8 Development of an Outdoor Recreation Strategy with SPARC.

9 Methods of allocation of fresh water

10 DOC's commercial carbon sequestration programme

As well an eleventh priority,

11 Re-orienting DOC to recreation was added.

13 General Business

13.1 Poteriteri Wilderness proposal:

Federated Mountain Clubs is re-proposing their Poteriteri Wilderness proposal, but as an add-on to DOC's Cameron Mountains remote/wilderness. Neither was added to the 2007 Fiordland National Park Management Plan. CORANZ is concerned at this proposal, as it eliminates aircraft access to this remote area and virtually eliminates recreational hunting.

Action: Alby will circulate his submission to the Fiordland national park Management Plan against the proposal.

13.2 Coastal Policy Statement – Tidal power

Some members were concerned as to the adverse effect wave power turbines might have on fish species.

The Chair thanked members for their attendance. The meeting finished at 3.10 pm

Hugh Barr
Secretary

Confirmed as a true and correct Record: _ _ _ _ _ Chair: _ _ _ _ _ Date: / / 2008

Actions Summary: S 5 Tony, Ken, Ian to draft letters to F&G Auckland, and MinCon

7 T1 WAC: Hugh to send in CORANZ nominations for WAC Board positions.

7 T5 Molesworth marginal strips: CORANZ write to the Minister, and DG DOC

8 Constitution change: Strato – for next AGM

8 CORANZ Strategic Plan – Hugh

11 Outdoor Charter: Max, Ken, Hugh; Southern Haurangis sequestration (Hugh)

13.1 Poteriteri W/ness: Alby.