APL AGM Minutes 16th June 2014

**AWHITU PENINSULA LANDCARE INC.**

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Monday 16th June 2014**

**9am at Matakawau Hall**

**Present**

David Craig, Anna White, Eric Gillott, Adam Scattergood, Anna and Ian McNaughton, Gary and Alison Marson, Kate Fegan, Alan Finlayson, Jack Harper, Margaret Makgill, Jenny Hinton, Colin and Judith Hull, Ted Kitching, Peter Shepherd.

**Apologies**

Antonia Craig, David Jamison, Mahadevi and Martin Peel, Parvati Erikson, Tricia and Wayne Aspin, Sue Johns, Paul Dixon, Jill Naysmith, Leonie Picard

**Minutes** of the AGM held 16th June 2013 were taken as read and were movedthey be signed as a true and correct record. *Ian McNaughton/Anna White – carried*

**Matters Arising:** None

**Convenor's Report:**  Alison presented her report (copy attached) *Alison Marson/Eric Gillott - carried*

**Financial Report and Statement of Financial Performance:** Financials were presented by Eric Gillott (copy attached). Surplus for the year was $25k which compared with $10k for last year. The main source of income was from Auckland City for Pest Control $50k, with a one-off “Targeted Possum Control” of $30k and a contribution from COGS (Dept. of Internal Affairs) for office and volunteer costs of $3k. Grants also from Auckland City for $2609 for fencing at Waimatuku. To put the figures in perspective, $18k per year is needed to fund nursery operations and as there are very few sources of support to fund ongoing operating expenses, it is prudent to keep funds in reserve. A significant activity for the year has been the establishment of the nursery with a total cost to 31 March of $78k, with $20k held for completion of project. We have responsibilities under the pest control programme where we have targets and must be able to respond to meet these targets. Not recorded are the many hours of volunteer time and effort. Moved that the financial report be received. *Eric Gillott/David Craig– carried*

**Pest Control Report:** Ian presented his report (attached). Ian will be retiring but is happy to stay on as senior advisor to committee and successor, and continue to do pest control work in the RD3 area. Jack Harper brought up the future of gas traps – unfortunately numbers of these are failing in the field, so not yet ready for widespread use. We have given out nearly 40 cat collars to Peninsula residents to aid bird life. Moved that the report be received.

*Ian McNaughton/Alison Marson*

**Planting and Nursery Report:** - Adam presented his report. Planting at Pollok Wharf, Lighthouse, Awhitu Central reserve, Social Club, Waimatuku and dune planting all succeeded very well. Anna McNaughton will be taking over this season for community planting. Nursery is in first year of operation and we are still sorting out and identifying various challenges such as flooding, compost delivery, shadecloth ripping, slag, compost chute and frost protection. Volunteer numbers good but more work necessary in winter. Trees for Survival plants from Awhitu School now in nursery. There have been a few plant orders in advance and hopefully new website should help promote this. Our stock is approx; 10k with 2k for public planting and 1k for Waimatuku dunes. We cannot collect seedlings from now on because of Kauri dieback - seeds only. Footbath for prevention of this disease spreading to nursery plants is also installed on entry to nursery. A big thank you to Adam for his extremely hard work and many volunteer hours and to Finn, Margaret and Anna McNaughton for coordinating community plantings.

*Adam Scattergood/Gary Marson*

**Election of Officers:**

Convenor – Alison Marson *Anna White/Colin Hull - carried*

Secretary – Anna White *Alison Marson/David Craig – carried*

Treasurer – Eric Gillott *Anna White/Ian McNaughton carried*

Core Group - Gary Marson

- Ian McNaughton

*-* Anna McNaughton

*-* Margaret Makgill

- Jenny Hinton

- Leonie Picard (with her approval) *Alison Marson/Judith Hull - carried*

Also includes ex officio Auckland Council representative and Ngaati Te Ata as designated.

**Appointment Pest Coordinator**

Ian McNaughton is retiring and a new coordinator will be appointed at next core group meeting.

**Appointment of Community Plantings Coordinators:**

Margaret Makgill, Alan Finlayson, Anna McNaughton and Jenny Hinton. *Alison Marson/Ian McNaughton - Carried*

**Appointment of Auditor**

Moved that Bryan Bain be appointed. *Eric Gillott/Alison Marson- Carried*

**Membership Fee**

Moved than the fee remain at $10 per person  *Alison Marson/Eric Gillott - Carried*

**General Business**

1. Anna White thanked Alison for her years of commitment to Landcare and for her generosity of spirit, sanity and wisdom.
2. A gift and certificate was given to David Craig in appreciation for 20 years of service on the committee. He commented that he has met many people and made many friends not just in work like planting but also socially because of Landcare.
3. Peter Shepherd has talked to many people on his pest control work travels and his experience had been that Landcare has a very good name in the community.

**The meeting closed at 10.10am**