

## **Minutes**

Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Association of Resource Management held in the **Palmerston North Convention Centre, Main Street, Palmerston North on Tuesday, 25 September 2007, commencing at 5.00pm.**

### **PRESENT**

20 Members

6 Executive Committee Members

### **Apologies**

Murray Harris, Mike Tuohy, Clive Tossier, Bala Tikisetty, Andrew Fenemor

It was moved that the apologies be accepted.

Ngapo/Abercrombie

### **ITEM 1 - Confirmation of Minutes – Annual General Meeting 21 November 2006**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Association of Resource Management Inc held on Tuesday 21 November at 5.30pm.

### **Resolved**

THAT the New Zealand Association of Resource Management

1. accepts the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the NZ Association of Resource Management Inc held on Tuesday 21 November at 5.30pm.

Stokes/Whale

### **ITEM 2 - Annual Report of the President**

The Annual Report of the President, Simon Stokes, was provided for members' information.

### **Resolved**

THAT the New Zealand Association of Resource Management

1. accepts the President's Annual Report for the year 2006

## Stokes/Manson

S Stokes took his report as being read but highlighted that the 2006 conference had 10K profit and thanked Chris Phillips for his efforts. S Stokes noted that there was now 60K in term deposits. It was noted the Alan Campbell was looking into CPRM further.

### ITEM 3 - Annual Report of Treasurer

The Annual Report of the Treasurer for the 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2006 financial year was attached.

#### Resolved

THAT the New Zealand Association of Resource Management:

1. accepts the Treasurer's Annual Report for the 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2006 year.

Manderson/Phillips

Took suggestions from the floor as to what should be done with money given the healthy financial state of the Association. S. Stokes noted the fund to run workshops/regional events and that people were to be encouraged to take more up for these events. One possibility was to fund Visual Soil Assessment or LUC handbooks, though only preliminary discussions had been undertaken. Could also be workshops/training associated with these.

G. Sutton raised the idea of having apprenticeship/cadetship. P. Manson considered it might be better to target secondary schools rather than just one set of money to one person, could have a hosted day out with a soil conservator.

G. Eyles thought monies should be used for the re-education of members. People in the game for 10-15 years could do a refresher course.

C. Phillips noted that the operating costs of NZARM are just covered by the membership fees and that additional spending would be spending capital built up through profits. S. Stokes noted that not all conferences make as much profit as others. However he wanted to see members looking to NZARM as a funding option for training.

I Cairns noted need to have a certain amount in the bank and rest can be offered in areas that will support and generate more membership. Peter xxx (HBRC?) agreed and that there could be improvements made in branding. Also should possibly be doing more lobbying and NZARM should consider this.

### ITEM 4 - Regional Coordinators Annual Report

Glen Sutton provided the Regional Coordinators Report for 2006 for members' information.

**Resolved**

THAT the New Zealand Association of Resource Management:

1. accepts the Annual Report of the Regional Coordinator for 2006

Washington/Abercrombie

**ITEM 5 – Audit of Annual Accounts**

**Resolved**

THAT the New Zealand Association of Resource Management:

1. accepts the Annual Audit for the year ending 2006.

Manderson/Ngapo

**ITEM 6 – General Business**

S. Stokes read out the names of all the new members.

S. Stokes noted that A. Campbell had to investigate carrying on with CPRM as changes in Australia with administration have changed the requirements. A. Campbell will be looking at the requirements, and whether NZIAS or NZARM pick up the license. There are questions that need to be discussed around a) does NZARM continue with CPRM? b) is CPRM needed? c) are there other options?

G. Eyles noted he would be disappointed if CPRM was dropped and considered there is a need to have a practicing certificate as a post-graduate qualification. C. Phillips noted that approximately 5% of the membership have it.

G. Eyles asked why only 11 people have it, if in theory it should be of value to at least 1/3 of the membership, either it isn't or it is not being promoted well enough or people are too lazy. P. Manson noted the need to lobby and raise the profile of CPRM.

S. Stokes stated that the Exec had moved that he lobby HR people in Councils' etc. CPRM has been raised on a number of occasions and people should be aware. Was aware it can seem complicated and initial certification process could be easier. The Executive were committed to having some sort of classification and were awaiting on the report from A. Campbell. Section 10 of the Constitution talks about a Soil Certificate that relates to NZARM, could look into this as an option which may cost less.

I. Cairns noted that in the 90s they wanted people to take responsibility for additional post-graduate training. So long as whatever have is soundly based and means what it says.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 6.45pm.

**Confirmed  
Chairperson:**

**Date:**