**BRaid Inc: Annual General Meeting Minutes 7 Sept, 2015**

# Held at DoC Maahanui Office, Sockburn, Christchurch at 1pm.

**Welcome:** Chairman Nick Ledgard welcomed 9 other members.

**Present:** Nick Ledgard, Sonny Whitelaw, Edith Smith, Courtney Thompson, Jan Walker, Helen Chambers, Frances Schmechel, Steve Attwood, Valerie Campbell, Richard Maloney

**Apologies:** Jane Demeter, Val Clemens, Jim Jolly. Joanne McVeagh, Jack van Hal.

Moved: ‘that the apologies be accepted’. Nick /Sonny Carried.

**Minutes of the last AGM** held on Aug 29, 2014, were read.
 Moved: that the minutes are accepted as a true and correct record Nick/Frances. Carried.

**Matters Arising:**

Val Clemens well on the road to recovery. Best wishes sent.

**Chairman’s Report:**

Nick presented his report, in which he complimented BRaid on it’s achievements and activities since the last AGM. He particularly covered the work of our inaugural Manager, Jane Demeter, and her successor, Sonny Whitelaw, and praised them for getting BRaid ‘up, running and recognised’. The website development has been impressive and ‘given us a ‘shop window’ of which we can be very proud.’ Promotional efforts centred around the website and social media outlets, leading to a rising public profile. Current emphasis was on organising two bird management seminars and two trapping workshops over the next 2 months. Nick emphasised the importance of monitoring bird numbers and breeding ‘if we want to know if we are succeeding in our long-term goal of enhancing braided river bird life.’ To this end we ran another upper Waimak survey in Nov 2014, and this year had secured funding from DOC’s Community Conservation Partnership Fund to facilitate bird observation from braided river users, particularly those with commercial activities. We need to remain involved in the braided river regulatory arena (making submissions), despite its complicated and often long drawn out legal processes.

Nick concluded by thanking DOC and ECan for their vital support, and BRaid members for all their inputs, with special thanks to Managers, Jane Demeter and Sonny Whitelaw and Secretary / Treasurer, Edith Smith (and husband Peter).

Moved: Sonny/Edith “that the Chairman’s report be accepted”. Carried.

**Treasurers Report and Presentation of Audited Financial Statement:**

Edith presented the Audited Annual Accounts – a Statement of Financial Position through to 30 June 2015 and a Statement of Income and Expenses. Our main funders are the World Wildlife Fund, The Canterbury Community Trust and the Isaac Wildlife and Conservation Trust providing funds committed to supporting the Manager’s role. BRaid’s current uncommitted funds stand at $3,284.14. The Accounts had been audited by Peter Smith.

Moved: ‘that the financial reports be accepted’ Nick/Helen Carried

Discussion:
Special thanks to Auditor Peter Smith for his guidance and expertise.

**Election of Office Bearers:**

Chairman: Nick Ledgard. Nominated: Sonny / Steve Carried
 (vote of thanks to Nick for work done throughout the year)

Secretary: Edith Smith Nominated: Sonny / Helen Carried
 (Edith’s primary role to be Minute Secretary, as all other secretarial duties carried out by Manager)

Treasurer: Edith Smith Nominated: Helen / Jan Carried

Hon. Auditor: Peter Smith Nominated: Nick /Jan Carried

Signatories to BRaid bank account: Nick, Edith, Val Nominated Helen / Jan Carried

Management Committee: Nick, Sonny, Jan, Edith, Jim, Jack (or DOC rep), Frances (or ECan rep)
 Nominated: Steve / Jan Carried

**General Business:**

After a short discussion it was agreed that the annual subscription should remain at $20, but a small increment (of say $2) should be considered next year.

The AGM was declared closed at 1.40pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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