

Annual General Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday 29th November, 2023

7.00pm

Weston Hall Lounge, 20 Main Street, Weston, Oamaru

Item	Description
1	Welcome and Introduction: Nicky Hand, NOSLaM Chair gave a welcome and advised that the minutes of the 2022 AGM had been circulated to all attendees prior to the meeting.
2	Apologies: See Attachment 1 Present: See Attachment 2
3	Minute from last Annual General Meeting: Circulated by email with invitation Moved Bridget McNally, Seconded Kate Faulks
4	Chairperson's Report – Nicky Hand 2023 has had some very busy patches and some quieter patches for the steering committee. I do feel proud of what we have achieved, but we did need to step back a little over the winter period as engagement with farmers proved harder work than normal with the current economic conditions, and no new time bound pressing issues at that point to be engaging with. There is a lot of attention continuing to be given to environmental issues and compliance that farmers definitely need to implement and understand. At NOSLaM we remain as focused as ever on delivering workshops and educational events with the help of our industry experts, both in the field and in -hall, especially where we see a need. Working within the community and with local schools is also a really important part of what we do, and this is an area we plan to continue to expand where possible. This year we held a brain storming meeting to discuss ideas around what more NOSLaM could be doing within both the urban community and rural community. Our steering committee, full management team, and industry were all included. This session facilitated by Otago Catchment Community not only brought out some new ideas but also confirmed to us that what we are delivering is relevant, topical and beneficial. However, we are always looking for new opportunities and are open to suggestions from industry and the farming community. Our purpose remains unchanged, to educate, assist and encourage the North Otago farming community to work in conjunction with sustainable land management objectives. We operate with a vision (as per the slide) to have an environment we are proud of, a vibrant community and strong agriculture in North Otago. Connectivity is still very fundamental to our vision and you will see in Nic Neal's and also Rob's reports the great work that we have achieved this year, with schools, and education within the wider community. This is assisting us to get a better understanding and to communicate what is happening on farm, that our farmers really care about their land and to showcase the good work the majority are doing. We are really keen to continue to do more in this space. New and exciting initiatives are planned for 2024, and it is expected to be a busy year with North Otago being the first area in Otago to have to complete Freshwater Farm Plans.

	<p>The Integrated Farm Plan funding NOSLaM has secured to assist local farmers to all achieve a certified freshwater farm plan within 18 months is going to make 2024 a busy year. We are really grateful to Kate MacGregor for making herself available to assist NOSLaM to achieve this. Lyndon Strang will cover off more detail regarding this in his presentation.</p> <p>Thanks to Adam for all your hard work, as you continue to keep the sites on our Jobs for Nature programme to a high standard, as you will all see by the video tonight, these areas are looking amazing and this is a real credit to Rob, Adam, and Callum who have done a lot to get this programme to the level it is.</p> <p>This year we have once again recorded our volunteers hours, or as many as we can remember..... and I know they are not all recorded. We have as a steering committee contributed a total of 446 hours for this financial year, which confirms the dedication and passion of our volunteer committee members.</p> <p>To our funders OCC, WDC, NOIC, LWIC and McKenzie and Co... thank you so much, we really appreciate your continued support!! Without this support, NOSLaM would struggle to operate in this important space at anywhere near the level we are currently.</p> <p>I would like to welcome Lynda Perniskie to the NOSLaM team, Lynda will be assisting with financial support, taking our meeting minutes and other administrative duties as required.</p> <p>A big thank-you to Rob McTague and Nic Neal for all their work throughout the year. Your attention to detail and drive for NOSLaM is truly appreciated, and some really cool things have been achieved.</p> <p>To McKenzie Sim and Craig Fellows, both standing down, thank you both for your contributions to NOSLaM over the past year. And to Jane Smith who is no longer on the steering committee of NOSLaM but continues to assist us with ideas and strategy... we really do appreciate your continued background input.</p> <p>Also a very big thank you to the hard working volunteers on our Steering Committee who contribute a lot at meeting level and also at subcommittee level. Thanks also to our pod groups, who are likely get busier in 2024 with the fresh water plan roll-out. Your input is truly valued and you can feel proud of your achievements.</p> <p>Thank you all for your support, and for covering my short comings at times, when I struggle to have enough time to give to this role and you are all happy to assist, to make things happen.</p> <p>Have a really nice Christmas break everyone and lets achieve even more in 2024.</p> <p>Nicky Hand – NOSLaM Chairperson</p>				
5	<p>NOSLaM Treasurer / Secretary Report – Lynda Perniskie</p> <p>NOSLaM has continued with its many activities in the community delivering paid and voluntary hours of time focusing on our 4 strategic pillars</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Connectivity 2. On Farm Change 3. Environmental & Science Projects 4. Future Proofing <p>NOSLaM has continued reporting in Xero under the systems set up by Rob, which is supported by McKenzie & Co, who donate their professional services. The Xero reporting system allows for good information to be reported to stakeholders.</p> <p>Baseline funding from our key supporters</p> <table data-bbox="341 1944 1184 2018"> <tr> <td>North Otago Irrigation Co Ltd</td> <td>Otago Catchment Community</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lower Waitaki Irrigation Co Limited</td> <td>Waitaki District Council</td> </tr> </table>	North Otago Irrigation Co Ltd	Otago Catchment Community	Lower Waitaki Irrigation Co Limited	Waitaki District Council
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Is essential to future proofing our role in North Otago

Financial Reports

The following is an extract from our Performance Report prepared by McKenzie & Co and examined by Wendy Fallon.

The Statement of Financial Performance reports

- Revenue is back on 2022 as we have recognized project revenue differed to 2024
- Expenses increased by just over \$7,000 in service delivery.

The year end result is a deficit of \$37,281, a direct result from the change in accounting policies.

The Statement of Financial Position

The increase in bank reflects positive cash flow of \$58,233 inclusive of \$46,880 MPI funding for Integrated Farm Plan development.

This MPI project was put on hold in the year under review, recognizing farmers were over whelmed with compliance due to ongoing legislative change.

The project will reemerge early 2024 to support farmers with the rollout of Freshwater farm plan requirements effective 1 February 2024 whereby farmers have an 18 month window to create and have their plan certified. Further drawdowns from MPI are available to support this project.

Debtors was a baseline grant from NOIC, historically this had been spread over three payments during the course of a year.

Creditors and Accrued Expenses included \$6,396 of GST

Deferred Revenue is recognition of carry over project grants inclusive of

- \$46,880 MPI Integrated Farm Plan
- \$32,653 MPI jobs for nature
- \$14,315 Otago Museum

The decrease in equity recognizes NOSLaM's use of cash on hand to deliver on projects.

Statement of Cash Flows

Reports the application of cash receipts and cash payments during the course of the year.

Notes to the accounts

Reports on income received for our baseline core activities and specific projects.

Employee expenditure includes:

Direct sub-contractor payments relate to jobs for nature as it winds down its planting and transitions to maintenance of established sites

Direct wages & Salaries were paid to a third party who worked alongside NOSLaMs Connectivity team

Wages were paid to our coordinator and connectivity persons.

Connectivity, Environmental & Science Projects main expense \$54,729 to plants and protectors

In summary

NOSLaM will be re registering under the new 2022 Incorporated Societies Act

The financial report has been presented in Tier 3 (NFP) format as NOSLaM elected to

	<p>go early to align itself with the new Act giving a greater opportunity to showcase our performance in the Entity's Vision, Purpose & Statement of Service performance which is found in the full accounts.</p> <p>NOSLaM reported a change in accounting policies recognizing deferred project revenue</p> <p>NOSLaM reported a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trading deficit for the year of \$37,281 and has drafted a budget for 2024 to monitor our position as part of our ongoing governance duties. • Surplus operating cash flow of \$58,145 was reported • With closing equity of \$45,409 <p>Recognition is also given to paid and voluntary hours undertaken by the NOSLaM's steering committee and internal employees</p> <p>Once again ongoing thanks to our funding partners North Otago Irrigation Company , Otago Catchment Community, Lower Waitaki Irrigation Company and the Waitaki District Council Together with our administrative partner McKenzie & Co Whose support is essential in delivering to stakeholders.</p>
6	Questions to Office Holders: No questions tabled from the floor
7	Acceptance of Chairpersons Report as the Annual Report: Moved Bridget McNally seconded Kate Faulks
8	Acceptance of Performance Report year ended 30 June 2023 (see attachment 3) Moved Lyndon Strang seconded Jo Hay
9	Appointment of Examiner Moved Jane Smith seconded Jo Hay, that Wendy Fallon is appointed as examiner for the following 2024 financial year (or alternative examiner as per McKenzie + Co's advice
10	<p>Activity Overview:</p> <p>On Farm Change – Callum Kingan spoke on the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse Events Workshop – June (42 Attendees) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waitaki District Council / Otago Civil Defence Presenters : Roger Cook (Group Manager WDC) and Ewen Graham (OCD) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Risks in North Otago – what is likely – now and in future b. What WDC and CD role is, priorities, resources c. What do they want us to do? 2. MPI Presenter: Anne Sutton <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Preparing for adverse events... An Agricultural Perspective – Checklist 3. Network Waitaki 4. Presenters: Shane Watson and Todd Trotman <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Maintaining clear farm / site access – tracks, trees b. Protecting your lines c. Downed powerlines 5. FMG Presenter: Hamish Symons <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Insurance – Business, EQC b. Reviews are important

	<p>c. Future</p> <p>6. Guest Speaker –</p> <p>7. Chris Allen</p> <p>a. Their experience</p> <p>b. Powerpoint – lots of pictures</p> <p>8. Presentations were followed with a Q&A session featuring the presenters as the panel.</p> <p>Callum said even though the event was poorly supported by our target audience, the positive of the workshop was being made aware of the adverse event management plans in place of Waitaki District Council and Network Waitaki</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July – ORC Effluent workshop in Weston and Papakio – very well attended <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dairy effluent storage calculator ○ Suitably qualified persons ○ Pond drop tests <p>Callum was open with the AGM attendees, reporting on his personal costs associated relating to Effluent consents and had a photo of his pond where no changes were made yet to be billed just short of \$10,000.00 for his consent. This was backed up by fellow steering committee member, Lyndon Strang talking to his compliance experiences and again making no changes but to have incurred \$25,000 in costs. Thus highlighting the ongoing legislative compliance pressures faced by farmers.</p> <p>ORC Freshwater Farm Plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 meetings, Weston = 61 attendees, Papakaio = 54 attendees and Hampden = 33 attendees were held in October / November <p>ORC presented the new FFP rules and requirements for freshwater management on farm, with North Otago being the first FMU catching 20ha properties or greater. That commences February 2024 requiring certification within 18 months.</p> <p>The positive , Catchment Content Challenges and Values (CCCV) addition to existing templates, aiming to reduce requirements for resource consents</p> <p>Overview of Consents required per month: 756 in NO FMU – 42 3500 in Otago – 195</p>
10	<p>Jobs for Nature – Rob McTague</p> <p>As a brief recap for anyone unaware... the Jobs for Nature program was put in place by the government at the start of Covid 19 and was designed to work with catchment groups over a 3 year period to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide jobs and economic support while ensuring environmental benefits and to... • get money and support as quickly as possible to people and communities to assist the COVID-19 recovery. <p>NOSLaM identified Jobs For Nature as an opportunity to access financial support for a lengthy project that fell in line with our On Farm Change Strategy of Proactively engaging with farmers to promote GMP and education around environmental</p>

10	<p>farming practices ... and successfully submitted a grant application for funding of a little over \$361,000.</p> <p>We had a couple of options open to us as to how we invested the money... follow along the path of a number of other catchment groups throughout the country and limit ourselves to a couple of large projects OR, look at multiple sites.</p> <p>As the latter better compliments our core purpose of educating, assisting and encouraging our farming community to farm in conjunction with sustainable land management objectives and practices, we decided to focus our attention on Critical Source Areas by engaging in the development of multiple smaller sites targeting specific and / or potential issues.</p> <p>As a result of Jobs For Nature, not only have we put revenue into our local community by supporting our local nurseries and other businesses and providing employment, environmentally we have planted 31 sites encompassing over 8 hectares of land with over 41,800 plants all of which has been protected with almost 12km of new fencing.</p> <p>A 5 minute video was shown of the Jobs for Nature planting sites which was well received by all.</p> <p>Connectivity – Nicola Neal</p> <p>North Otago secondary schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet regularly with Agriculture teachers and hosted events with all 3 schools <p>Secondary Schools Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 11 Agriculture and Agribusiness Field trip, supporting NCEA level 1 curriculum in all 3 NO secondary schools • Focus is on inter-connected agricultural operations and included irrigation infrastructure, sheep and beef, dairy and cropping. • Dung beetle colony release –WBHS • WBHS Opening of Te Maka Pōrori – Creek Boyz project • Water testing kits – WGHS <p>North Otago Primary schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage urban students with local sustainable food and fibre production. • Illustrate environmental work that farmers do. • Fenwick School Years 4 and 5 Farm Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dairy, Sheep and Beef • First time on farm for many • Supported by Dairy NZ, Fonterra and BX foods <p>Getting students out into the environment, learning about fresh water quality and ecosystems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hampden School Health Stream Assessment day with ORC at Kurinui (Big Kuri) creek.
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10	<p>Primary School Engagement with the University of Otago, NZ Marine Studies Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 days of learning over 3 different programmes, with 11 different schools • Focus on understanding how urban, rural and industrial land-use all affect the marine environment • Aquavan • Threats to the Moana via the irtual reality programme • Site visit to Kakanui where students completed a Marine Metre Squared survey <p>A major achievement to work with 13 of the 14 local primary schools</p> <p>Community events and workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquavan Community night • Dung Beetle seminar with Dr Shaun • Virtual Reality Marine experience <p>Continuing with Social Media, Beef and Lamb e-digest, ODT and Waitaki App Waitaki Land Use Diversification Project</p> <p>Collaboration with other groups in enviro space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geopark • Enviroschools • Landcare Trust <p>Soil your Undies</p> <p>Nicola concluded with a 2024 What's Next</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to grow social media presence, sharing our story. • Quarterly newsletter and insert into local print media. • Continue working with all local schools. • What events and activities do we want to see in our local catchment? <p>Integrated Farm Plans Project (IFP) – Lyndon Strang</p> <p>Lyndon spoke on the my farm concept for farmers that are impacted by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenhouse Gases • Animal Welfare • Freshwater / Winter Grazing • Biodiversity • Biosecurity • People / first aid <p>Noting NOSLaMs role is not to duplicate other work being undertaken in the community by different parties but to focus on bringing all elements together when working on the Freshwater Farm plans.</p> <p>Progress to date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14th February: Key Stake Holder Meeting • 16th February: Rural Professionals meeting organised by McKenzie + Co. Complied a database of what assurance programmes and farm plans are already used/required by farmers as well as what resources are available • 8th March: IFP Hui Ranfurly
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April: Farmer Survey • May: Adverse Events Workshop • July: Meeting with ORC regarding Freshwater Farm Plans and rollout • October: ORC Freshwater Farm Plan Workshops – Weston, Papakaio, Hampden <p>Ongoing talks with industry partners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting current industry programmes • Support Farmers directly writing fresh water farm plans via woolshed meetings, Larger group meetings and online • Project lead is Kate Macgregor alongside Lyndon. <p>It is expected the project will ramp up late January 2024 looking for expressions of interest followed by public and woolshed meetings. Funding is on hand with further advances available to be drawn down as the project progresses.</p>
11	<p>Election of Committee</p> <p>Nicky vacated the chair and Jane Smith stepped in for the election</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steering Committee 2023 / 2024 (see attachment 4) • Mackenzie Sim and Craig Fellows- Stepping down from Steering Committee • Erica Hurst coming on to steering committee <p>Moved: Jo Hay seconded Kate Faulks</p>
12	<p>General Business: - no general business arising</p>
13	<p>Guest Speaker – Apology received from Mayor Gary Kircher</p> <p>Kevin Malcolm – ORC Councilor, kindly stepped in as guest speaker</p> <p>He thanked NOSLaM for the opportunity to speak and the work they have done encouraging the flow of information out to the rural sector encouraging submissions on the district plan and ongoing community education.</p> <p>As his role Kevin had been in ORC meetings all day and confirmed the ORC long term plan is looking to consolidating growth and ensuring effectiveness to ensure that things are done effectively providing value for money for stakeholders. Being on the councilors mind as they progressed through the agenda.</p> <p>He sees the government’s role in support and science, on this basis ORC is pushing for the Freshwater Farm plans to be the lead document for Agriculture. Power must be given back to farmers to farm. The focus is to stop duplication within the farming industry as required by current legislation and let farmers farm and not be bogged down with compliance paperwork.</p> <p>The ORC land water regional plan is up to consultation (3) and he notes the ORC team is listening and responding to submissions as they work towards finalizing</p>

	<p>requirements for the Freshwater Farm plans. Wanting for the best damn area. With this in mind, North Otago’s requirements come into effect February 2024 and recognizes the work still to be completed by ORC before that date, as one plan is not a fit for all given the diversity of land types found within the Otago region. Again reinforcing the ongoing need to communicate with the ORC as they are listening.</p> <p>Both the WDC and ORC are under continual pressure with long term and district plans continuously being revisited and updated and stresses the need for central government to address this by extending out the time of reporting and compliance cycles under which both councils operate. As tax / rate payers we must push for this as the current regime is tying up resources and cash flow for the continuous tight cycle of plan reviewing, consultation and updating and reporting back to central government.</p> <p>Kevin wants to hear from his constituents and presented himself as a strong advocate for our region.</p>
14	Meeting closed 8.30pm followed by supper

Apologies NOSLaM AGM 29/11/2023

First	Last	Organisation
Sally	Brooker	
Brent	Craig	
Max	Crowe	WDC
Jackie	Dalziel	
Sam	Dixon	OCC
Hannah	Foster	Ravensdown
Mike	Holland	
Christine	Holland	
Erica	Hurst	
Brian	Kerrin	
Henry	Matheson	
Bruce	McNab	
Grant	McNaughton	
Ann	Roughan	Kakanui School
Richard	Saunders	ORC
Mike	Searle	NOIC
Jess	Turnbull	
Tom	Ward	
Jerry	Wing	
Margaret	Wing	

Janet Gregory MPI

