

Taranaki Equestrian Network General Meeting

15 June 2023, Shoreline Complex New Plymouth at 5.30pm-

PRESENT: In person - Neil Florence, Sarah McIntyre, Megan Gundersen, Halina Sarten - On Teams – Vernessa Cook & Sharon Robinson

APOLOGIES: Nicola Luxton & Dianna Wynyard

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Moved as correct by Sarah; 2nd by Halina; approved

CORRESPONDENCE: (Halina) report attached

FINANCIAL REPORT: Halina presented the financial report for the period from 07.02.2023 to 14.06.2023 (see attached).

Bank balance

- Society chq - \$6570.68
- Balsom Park chq – \$708.65
- TOTAL - \$7279.33

Moved as correct by Megan - 2nd by Neil – approved

Donations received – Sammie Smith (\$10)

Monies received from Newsletter advertising –

- MADISON PARK - INV#1001 - \$100.00
- DYNAMIC EQUINE - INV#1003 - \$50.00
- TEV - INV @1004 - \$100.00
- GROUND UP - INV#1002 - \$100.00 –
- \$350 advertising income. Newsletter expense \$1, 256.42 = **\$906.42** net cost

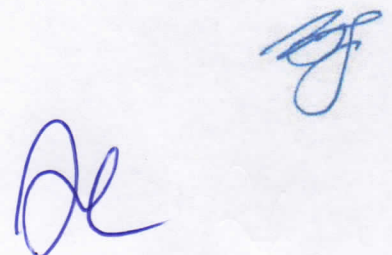
Public thanks already posted on Fb by Megan (11 June).

Reimbursement to Megan for TEN website upgrade- \$458.03 –

- The 'personal' plan. US\$120 – Megan paid NZD\$226.24 on Tue 28 Mar 2023 Card Number 4055-****-****-8890 however this did not work so
- Then again Megan paid NZD\$231.79 on Tue 29 May 2023 – requested a refund of first payment but they declined.

Moved by Halina reimbursement to Megan \$458.03 for the website plan, 2nd by Neil; approved.

****Action****



- ✓ Halina to organize payment

Applications for funding – Halina

After a group discussion on the possible funders TEN may be eligible to apply for to help cover the costs of maintaining the BZ, the following resolution was tabled by Megan

Funding resolution 15.06.2023 - The Treasurer of TEN will lodge two applications for funding this calendar year as follows

1. NZ Community Trust - \$4,500.00 approx towards the annual costs of maintaining the BZ being grading/digger work, weed control and removal. Neil to seek quotes for the work to support the funding applications
2. TOI Foundation – annual grant of \$500.00

All agreed – Resolution adopted/passed

*******Actions*******

- ✓ Neil to provide 2 quotes
- ✓ Megan to seek a letter from NPDC of TEN's history of management of the BZ and its intention to grant Licence to Occupy to TEN to assist with funding application
- ✓ Megan to seek letters of support from running groups who use the BZ
- ✓ Halina to lodge funding applications

LAKE M - (Neil/Megan)

Recent closure event- Oxfam Trailwalkers Saturday 11 March 2-6pm;

Report on meeting with Charlotte Dunning at Council on 26 May 2023 (Neil/Megan)

- The proposal was put to Charlotte that MTB's be allowed on straight-through trail from Hydro Rd and horses reclaim top trail (old MTB trail) – Charlotte to convene a meeting with TEN and MTB's to suggest the swap/share
- Discussion on fundraising events by other groups at the BZ – Charlotte said we have no exclusivity over who uses BZ
- We got clarity on which tracks are maintained by Council, being the 'forestry tracks' and which are the 'bridle trails and our responsibility. Maps have been provided to us. The Forestry Manager is responsible for removal and clearing of any trees that fall anywhere in BZ.

*******Action*******

- ✓ Neil to follow up with Charlotte as to progress with MTB's



Fundraising sign –

Jasmine Harrison on THOR previously offered to pay for a board sign.

- Agreed to state TEN bank account number on sign and investigate QR code direct onto website. Possibly use Stripe as the payment platform?. More research needed on this - Halina to progress this

*******Actions*******

- ✓ Halina to recommend best way to raise funds from the sign.
- ✓ Megan to follow up with Jasmine as to sign cost donation

Traffic monitor for month of February and March and results (Neil)

Neil presented his Lake Mangamahoe Bridle Zone Traffic Survey 2023 – see attached. The survey shows the BZ is well patronized with an average of 91 vehicles using the carpark each week between the 12 February and 11 April 2023 (or an average of 13 each day). The 'please shut the gate' sign also worked well as on only one out of the eight times Neil visited to obtain the traffic data, did he find the gate open.

Thanks so very much for your time doing this Neil – this data is valuable for decision making.

Trail Forks or Strava app - how could one of these be used so riders don't get lost?

Vernessa has determined that the All Trails app works best for us and Neil volunteered to trial it when he next rides at the BZ.

Steve Hales offer to do two days digger work.

Action: Neil to trial All Trails app.

EQUESTRIAN STRATEGY

Refer to the last GM minutes dated 7 February 2023 if you need to refresh yourself on what has happened up until now?

Both surveys have now been completed (first survey Dec 2022; second survey of all Taranaki equestrians closed April 2023) and we are waiting for Visitor Solutions to provide the draft report to the working group, which is expected by mid-year.

TEN SUMMER NEWSLETTER

This went out by email end of March to horse groups and individuals on TEN's email list.

Website is finally sorted so Sarah will add newsletter to this.

Due to net Newsletter cost of \$902.42, we need more advertisers next time. We will use the Okato Pony Clubs Taranaki Equestrian Directory for business advertisers for

the next newsletter and possibly do something similar in the future. We need to encourage awareness of TEN's work in advance of the Quiz Nite

*******Action*******

- ✓ Sarah to post on TEN, THOR (and as many groups as possible) the link to the Newsletter.

PUKEITI AS A RIDING PLACE (Vernessa to report).

No progress is being made here so we are putting this project on the backburner.

TEN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE (Vernessa / Megan to report)

Vernessa put together a draft membership survey using Google Forms which she presented via some sneaky Teams 'take control' function that took away all Megan's power and control (only temporarily).

We discussed the number of questions and the length of the survey plus the possibility of 'survey fatigue' being a 'real thing' that is affecting some parts of our community and this being a possible hindrance to obtaining membership data and information.

It was decided that we encourage membership by offering a chance to win a \$100 Saddlery Warehouse voucher if you sign up with TEN. The second part of the survey will be optional after participants have answered the contact details, location and number of horses' questions. '

Moved by Halina that we purchase a \$100 Saddlery Warehouse voucher for the TEN membership draw – 2nd by Megan – approved

*******Action*******

- ✓ TEN members to all trial the survey, Vernessa to finalise and liaise with TEN as to distribution details.

POSSIBLE APPEAL TO ENVIRONMENT COURT ON DISTRICT PLAN OUTCOME?
(Megan. Nicola)

Megan's 2019 submission on proposed District Plan succeeded in having horse-riding accepted in the Open Spaces Plan and Natural Open Spaces Plan but not in the Public Access Corridors section- i.e. PAC- Coastal Walkway, Taranaki Traverse, shared paths and Esplanade Strips (access to coast and rivers). - See *attached* rejection/ accepted decisions.

Pamela Unkovich – an equestrian from Kaponga and an Environmental Planner, spoke to us online via Teams. She recommended filing an Appeal.

It would help our case if riding groups lodge a 'Notice of person's wish to be party to proceedings Section 274, Resource Management Act 1991'.



A \$600 filing fee is needed and the appeal must be filed by 26 June 2023.

Moved by Megan that TEN lodges a Notice of Appeal to the Environment Court on the NPDC's decision to reject our submission on the District Plan requesting horse riding to be included in the overview statement on Public Access Corridors and that TEN approve payment of a \$600 filing fee. 2nd by Sharon – approved

Moved by Megan that TEN applies to the Environmental Legal Assistance Fund (ELA) for help with funding the legal and expert witness fees involved in the Appeal. 2nd by Neil - approved

*****Action*****

- ✓ Megan to lodge Notice of Appeal and apply to ELA

10. Quiz Night (see attached Run Sheet)

Agreed end of August is a good time and – this is already a well-oiled machine. Makes \$4000 to \$5000 each year.

*****Actions*****

- ✓ Halina and Megan will coordinate the organisation of publicity, raffles, and auction items
- ✓ Halina to contact Jo Huitima to see if she can help get some prizes.
- ✓ Megan to book venue

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.30PM

Halina Sarten

TEN Secretary

Signed

Date

Megan Gundesen

TEN Co-Chair

Signed

Date

TEN Correspondence 07.02.2023 – 14.06.2023

Correspondence IN/OUT

Neil Florence – TFS Pine - BZ Windfall May 2023; please sort these fallen trees and survey the remainder of the BZ - Sent: Thursday, May 25 2023

Megan Gundersen - Charlotte.Dunning@npdc.govt.nz - TEN and request for forestry track info; let me have either a map which shows the tracks at the BZ that are designated 'forestry tracks' or clarification on what Councils maintenance specifications are for those tracks – Sent: Monday, May 22 2023

Megan Gundersen - Charlotte.Dunning@npdc.govt.nz - TEN and Bridle Zone update; set up a meeting to discuss: Proposal to rename a trail that better reflects its current use. TEN holding a key. Memorandum of understanding. Fundraising at the BZ. Spraying – just to gain a clear understanding of what trails are done by the Forestry Manager. Renaming trail. Sent: Friday, March 3, 2023

District Plan - districtplan@npdc.govt.nz - NPDC - Decision on the Proposed New Plymouth District Plan; Received: Saturday, May 13, 2023 11:21 AM

Megan Gundersen - District Plan districtplan@npdc.govt.nz - TEN queries on District Plan decisions; I'd like to see the decision/outcome on my submission please. Sent: Monday, 15 May 2023

District Plan - TEN queries on District Plan decisions; the decision for each of your submission. Received: Tuesday, May 16, 2023

District Plan - how to appeal DP decision; Making an appeal - You must lodge your appeal with the Environment Court and the Council by Monday 26 June 2023.

Received: Friday, June 9, 2023

