

ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION ORGANISATIONS OF N.Z. (INC).

Draft minutes of the Annual General Meeting of E.C.O. held at the Clinical School, Wellington Hospital on 31 July, 1983.

PRESENT:

Delegates - As listed in appendix.

Observers - As listed in appendix.

APOLOGIES: M. Luxton (NCV), G. Salmon (NFAC), D. Hughes (FTC), P. Hughes (B. Class Rep.), R. Tobin (NZUSA), S. Terry (B. Class Rep.), V. Blennerhassett, K. Hughey, S. Clayton, J. Horrocks, V. Horrocks, J. Hill, R. Thomson, P. Austen, M. Philip, M. Feringa, B. Henderson (Treasurer).

The apologies were accepted. (R. Morris/R. Fantl).

From the Chair, Roger Morris welcomed all present.

MINUTES OF 1982 A.G.M.:

Approved subject to adding P. Hughes, R. Morris and C. Horne to the list of those who attended. (Pinder/Fantl).

MATTERS ARISING:

Page 1 - Government Funding - Sue Weston (F.O.E.) undertook to send to all Environment Centres a proposed text re need for Government Funding of Environment Centres which ECO should convey to the Minister for the Environment on 17 August.

Page 2 - Treasurer's Report - The proposal to pay the Secretary for 40 hours per week could not be afforded until recently. At the Executive meeting on 28 July it was decided that he be paid for 40 hours from the next pay.

Page 3 - Newsletter - In response to questioning, the Secretary stated that after last A.G.M., "Member Bodies Section" of two pages on green paper was inserted in the Newsletter. Since then the content of the Newsletter taken from Member Bodies' publications or articles supplied by them has exceeded two pages. The use of green paper has been discontinued. J. Holm, S. Weston and B. Gray expressed satisfaction with help given by the Newsletter.

Page 3 - Travel Costs - S. Weston suggested that Member Bodies in a region subsidise fares for Executive members to travel to Wellington for monthly Executive meetings. J. Wilkin suggested the Lottery Board be asked for a grant. R. Morris suggested Council for Recreation and Sport be asked for a grant. B. Gray suggested that a P.E.P. or Work Skills worker be sought to replace the Secretary while he visits "B" Class Member Bodies.

Chairman's Report.

R. Morris spoke to his report which was adopted. (Wilkin/Weston). C. Wallace stated that she had declined an invitation to join the Energy Advisory Committee, because the Committee is too inclined to support the Minister of Energy.

S. Weston advised that she will produce guidelines for questions to candidates in Local Body Elections by mid-September. C. Wallace

recommended that we try to get environmentalists on to Catchment Boards and other Local Bodies. G. McSweeney pointed to the fact that Government must go via United Councils to get reserves established, therefore it is essential to get environmentalists onto United Councils. N. Needham agreed.

A. Graham noted that the Antarctica Working Party had succeeded in bringing the debate before the public. Now we must ensure that Antarctica is debated at the United Nations. The Working Party had circulated a questionnaire to Member Bodies seeking support for attempting to have Antarctica discussed at the U.N. Sir Charles Fleming considers that having the U.N. debate Antarctica could be "out of the frying pan and into the fire". A. Graham reported that N.Z. Government may try to defuse a debate on Antarctica at the U.N. because the head of Legal Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, has been appointed to our delegation to the U.N.

B. Gray stated that the economics of ocean outfalls is poor because the pipes break. He recommended that we try to influence the Task Force established to investigate the Waitara Region's wastewater treatment and disposal options. He believes that pipeline engineers are worried at the prospect of landbased treatment and a river outfall because of the possibility of accidental spills.

G. McSweeney complained at the slowness of Government to adopt the N.Z. Conservation Strategy. He recommended that the matter be raised with Dr. Shearer.

G. McSweeney believes that the Tasmanian Government will accept the dictum of the Federal Government on the Gordon-below-Franklin Dam.

N. Needham asked if the Planning Tribunal should recognise the regional or national interest. R. Morris advised that the national interest was priority.

R. Morris was thanked for his work for ECO. (Fantl/Wilkin).

Treasurer's Report.

In the absence of the Treasurer, R. Morris spoke to the report, increasing the Secretary's salary from 30 to 40 hours per week will cost \$2300 p.a.

Subject to amending line two on page five to read "Budget for the year ending 31 March 1984", and subject to audit and final approval by the Executive, the accounts were accepted. (Fantl/Wilkin).

B. Henderson was thanked for his work for ECO. (Fantl/Holm).

"B" Class Representatives.

It was reported that the following people were elected to the Executive Committee for 1983/84 at a meeting held immediately before this A.G.M.:

Ann Bell
Jenny Foggo
Roger Morris
Derek Shaw

Robin Taylor
Simon Terry
Cath Wallace

Motions Tabled - Nil.

Proposed Rule Changes.

After discussion, R. Morris suggested the en-masse adoption of all proposed rule changes ~~except~~ the proposed changes to Rule 9. Passed unanimously. (Wilkin/Weston).

The proposed change to Rule 9 was then voted on. It was passed. Of the 10 people eligible to vote seven voted in favour, N. Needham and G. Dawson dissented and E. Penny abstained.

It was agreed that the rules be reprinted.

General Business.

B. Gray proposed the following resolutions to be released to the media:

This Conference recognises the threat of the proliferation of nuclear weapons and calls on all New Zealanders to work towards averting nuclear war. Passed unanimously.

This Conference opposes the bringing of any nuclear weapons to New Zealand. Passed unanimously.

E. Penny emphasised the need to concentrate on alternatives to Think Big - e.g. small scale, high employment, low energy industries.

E. Penny noted that it is easy to misconstrue the motives of developers. We should try to understand them, if we are to be able to change them. G. McSweeney noted that at our meeting with the Environmental Council we discussed "Sustainable Futures"

R. Morris thanked everyone for attending.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Kae Miller, our caterer, was passed with acclamation.

The meeting closed at 3.50pm.

C. Horne,
Secretary.

11 August 1983

Appendix to Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of
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DELEGATES

REPRESENTING

Ben Gray	(North Taranaki Environment Protection Association (Taranaki Clean Sea Action Group
Janet Holm	(N.Z. Clean Air Society (Canterbury Environment Centre
Nora Needham	Tairua Harbour and Watershed Protection Society
Grace Dawson	National Council of Women
Jeanno Wilkin	Soil Association of N.Z.
Bob Fantl	N.Z. Institute of Architects
Evan Penny	Environmental Defence Society
Derek Shaw	Nelson Environment Centre
Barry Weber	N.Z. University Students' Association
Sue Weston	Friends of the Earth (N.Z.)
Gerry McSweeney	Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society

Observers

Interest

Peter Pinder	Friend
Sir Charles Fleming	Friend
Elliot Dawson	Observer
Brian Wright	Friend
Cath Wallace	South Auckland Conservation Association but not representing S.A.C.A. (ECO Executive)
Alistair Graham	Antarctica Working Party. (ECO Executive)
Roger Morris	Chair
Chris Horne	Secretary

J.C. Horne,
Secretary

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