

Minutes of the Guardians of Lake Hawea held on 23 August 2021 by Zoom at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: John Langley (Chair), Alison Brown by phone, Jane Forsyth, Don Robertson and John Taylor.

APOLOGIES: Jerry Burdon, Amie Capell and Jess Clark.

MINUTES of the 28 July 2021 meeting were taken as read and confirmed.

Correspondence:

Outwards

1. Contact Energy, Joe Wheeler – Submission re Draft Erosion Monitoring Plan 28/7
2. LINZ, Poppy Simpson-Wells – re signs at Craighburn 29/7
3. Greg Inwood – re grazing Hunter Valley station 5/8
4. ORC Pollution – re grazing at Hunter Valley station 9/8
5. Richard Burdon – re Lake Hawea Catchment group 12/8
6. Jan Solbak – thanks for notes re signs at Craighburn meeting 16/8

Inwards

1. LINZ, Poppy Simpson-Wells – re visit to Craighburn 27/7, 30/7
2. Greg Inwood – re grazing at Hunter Valley station 5/8
3. Contact Energy, Dunstan Brook-Miller Lake Hawea storage graph and rainfall for July 6/8
3. Beef & Lamb, NZ, John Ladley re Hunter Valley station 10/8
4. Richard Burdon – re Hunter Valley station & Lake Hawea Catchment group 12/8
5. Jan Solbak – notes of meeting with LINZ re signs at Craighburn 10/8
6. ORC, David Mair – re grazing at Hunter Valley station 16/8

General Business:

1. Lake level – 342.818 masl.
2. QLDC Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw – agreed to submit. No changes around Lake Hawea as surrounds LINZ and DoC land. Bylaw proposes a number of carparks for self-contained vehicles for 2 nights, including Camphill bridge. Agreed to support Camphill if new toilet installed and a limit to numbers of vehicles. Also agreed with Hawea Flat being included as prohibited but want boundary to go to Camphill Road. John T to prepare submission.
3. Hunter Valley station winter grazing – John L disagrees with some of ORC response – only half the creek fenced and stream comes over the road. John L to write response to D Mair at ORC.
Agreed it would be useful to meet with Lake Hawea Catchment Group. John L to write to Richard Burdon and to also include information about Guardians' other activities around lake edge.
Discussed other threats to lake water quality including large numbers of Canada geese especially at the Neck, plus stock access to the lake. Agreed these issues be put on agenda for meeting with Lake Hawea Catchment Group. Also agreed to write to ORC re these concerns and suggest that water testing for ecoli could resume.
4. Dotterels at Craighburn. John T reported on meeting with Poppy Simpson-Wells, LINZ and Rose Quirk. Access letter for cordon and information for signs to be finalised by Jane. LINZ agreed to produce the signs.
5. Grebes – John L has installed 2 platforms at Anzac peninsula, already in use; platforms at Neck and Silver Island yet to be installed.
6. HCA meeting report – no quorum. John Glover and Julie perry of Shaping our Future spoke to those present.
7. Erosion Monitoring Plan – no replies as yet.
8. Pest plants – Gunnera – Jane has had letter from WAI Wanaka who have been talking with Glen Dene. Will send all her information to Prue Kane.
Elodera – NIWA report due in September.
9. Riparian planting – John L will write application to external funding for plants and protectors. HCA will need to submit the application.
Possible planting on seasonal wet areas on Contact land were discussed. Approved the area near the tank but not the one near Muir Road.
10. Affected party approval for fishing charter application for consent – letter to be rewritten suggesting possible face-to-face meeting with applicant as way to set up dialogue.
11. John T gave new phone number for waterways issues – QLDC 03 441 0499. Cougar Security is the new Harbourmaster, but calls go to QLDC. In an emergency call 111.

Next meeting: 22 September 2021

Confirmed: