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### **Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust Annual General Meeting**

**Date:** 16 October 2023 at 12.05pm

**Venue:** Board Room, Sports House, 142 Saxton Rd East, Stoke, Nelson 7011.

#### **1. Welcome**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the 2023 AGM.

#### **2. Present**

Gillian Wratt (Chair), Bill Gilbertson (Trustee), Lew Metcalfe (Trustee), Tim Wanklyn (Trustee), Tim Kelly, Nicky McBride (Wheelie Fantastic and Trustee), (Trustee), Elizabeth Bean (Administrator), Sherie Schwass (Kiwi Journeys from 12.15), Anita Gardner (Nelson Cycle Tours).

Apologies: Virginia Watson (Trustee), Michelle Byczkow (Trustee), Matt Kidson (Trustee), Gisela Purcell (TIA).

#### **3. Minutes of AGM 10 October 2022**

*Resolved: That the minutes of the AGM of 10 October 2022 be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.*

*Moved: Lew Metcalf and Seconded: Tim Kelly.*

#### **4. Matters Arising**

Matters that were raised are either complete or are currently being addressed by the Trust.

#### **6. Chair Report – Gillian Wratt**

The Chair report had been provided to attendees ahead of the meeting and was taken as read. The Chair noted:

- As well as storm recovery work, the Trust has made good progress on trail development on both the Great Taste Trail and the Coppermine Trail.
- Funding from MBIE will be very tight for all Great Rides in next few years. Coupled with this, the Trust is coming to an end of allocated funding from TDC for the Great Taste Trail. In response to these factors, the Trust will be looking to Official Partners for support in its submission to the TDC Long Term Plan, and exploring other funding options.
- The Great Taste Trail and Coppermine Trail continue to be significant community and visitor assets. In the past 12 months, use of the Great Taste

Trail has increased and use on the Coppermine Trail has decreased. For the Coppermine Trail the decrease was due to closure following the August 2022 flooding.

- While the Trust has good reserves, these may need to be used to make major enhancements to the trail e.g. on the Hoult Valley to Wai-iti section of trail.

The Chair acknowledged:

- Belinda Crisp who was appointed as Trail Manager in December 2023.
- Steve Johnston for maintenance activity and for developing the working relationships with sub-contractors.
- Elizabeth Bean for administrative services.
- Support of both Councils and also funding from MBIE.
- Trustees for their time and specialist input including financial, engineering and marketing.

#### **7. Financial Report – Gill Wratt**

The financial accounts to 30 June 2023 show that the Trust is in a sound financial position, with total accumulated funds at 30 June 2023 of \$924,283. These reserves have been built up over time and enable an operating buffer, with the balance of funds raised for and committed to construction costs for the completion of the Great Taste Trail, trail renewal and other priority cycle trail projects.

The Trust's statement of financial performance to 30 June 2023 shows a net surplus for the year of \$96,804. This compares with \$20,506 for the year ending 30 June 2022. The main reason for a higher net surplus for 2022-23 is that more construction activity took place than in 2021-22.

#### **8. Floor Open for Comments**

On behalf of the Trustees and OPs, Bill Gilbertson acknowledged the hard work of the Chair, noting that it is a volunteer role and that it is much appreciated by the community.

In response to a question about Nelson city cycle routes, the Chair outlined the Trust's vision for cycling in the top of the south, which has been shared with NCC and TDC.

**AGM closed at 12.25pm.**