Sanctuaries of New Zealand  
Minutes of Second Annual General Meeting  
Held at Puketerake Marae, Karitane  
4 September 2014

**Apologies** – Kara Prankerd

**Minutes of previous AGM** - moved Wendy Sporle, seconded John Innes. ACCEPTED

**Matters Arising** - none

**Chair report** – Matt Maitland:
- SONZI is now formally incorporated with the New Zealand Companies Office under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908. Thanks to Kara Prankerd
- An activity plan has been drafted with emphasis on raising funds for the Society
- Ideas for recruiting membership were discussed
- Report on finances: there were no revenues and no expenses

**Election of officers**
- Chair: Matt Maitland: nominated by Simon Collins, seconded Colin Campbell-Hunt. CARRIED
- Secretary: Colin Campbell-Hunt: nominated by Rick Field, seconded Matt Maitland. CARRIED
- Treasurer: no nominations received. To be appointed from members of committee
- Members of the committee: the following were nominated by Matt Maitland, seconded Colin Campbell-Hunt: Simon Collins, Wendy Sporle, Rick Filed, John Innes, Andy Warnford. CARRIED

**Committee work plan for 2015**
The following were suggested:
- Clarify the **purpose and strategies** of SONZI in broad consultation with sanctuaries and affiliates
- In partnership with **Tourism NZ**, develop promotion of NZ sanctuaries to international markets
- Determine what contribution SONZI can make to meeting the **information needs** of sanctuaries as part of a network including: DoC, established sanctuaries, Landcare, books (Dave Butler et al; Diane Campbell-Hunt; others). For example, dissemination of best-practice standard operating procedures.
- Define ways in which SONZI can helpfully contribute to the **dissemination of relevant science** from the universities and other science providers
- Clarify SONZI’s **advocacy message** and develop an advocacy plan to engage with major national entities: DoC, politicians, ...
- Begin to build key relationships with national bodies – DoC, Pest-free NZ, ...
- Define ways in which SONZI can contribute to the **funding of the sanctuary movement**. These must in no way cut across or weaken the potential of its member organisations
- For example, identify a major **national sponsor** organisation to fund SONZI work and to support newly-established sanctuaries that do not yet have fund-raising capability. This should be a body that would not consider sponsoring any (regionally-based) sanctuary.
- Build and formalise **membership**, using the networks of member organisations
- Enhance database of members; decide what attributes of membership to be stored as fields in the database
• Create a **web presence** – one possibility: a distinct page on the Sanctuaries of NZ website run by Landcare

• Participate with Landcare in planning and (earlier) promotion of annual sanctuaries **workshop**.

• There was discussion of possible sites for next year’s workshop: Rotorua? Ark in the Park?

• Workshop programme to include time (a day +/-?) on topics of interest to the larger mainland sanctuaries: sanctuary management, marketing, volunteers, education programmes etc. etc.

• Where possible SONZI should seek to pursue its aims in **partnerships** with relevant organisations, thereby achieving more than it could do on its own and widening support for its aspirations.

The meeting ended at 9am.

**Memberships**

During the meeting, the following additional memberships were received:

Sanctuary organisations (contact person):

• Tawharanui Open Sanctuary (Matt Maitland)

• Shakespear Open Sanctuary (Matt Maitland)

• Mokomoko Dryland Sanctuary (Grant Norbury)

• Zealandia (Raewyn Empson)

• Pomona Island Charitable Trust (Fay Edwards/John Whitehead)

• Windy Hill (Judy Gilbert)

• The Brook Waimarama Sanctuary (Rick Field/Dave Butler)

Affiliate organisations:

• Landcare Research (John Innes/ Neil Fitzgerald)

• Parker Conservation (Kevin and Graham Parker)

Individual memberships:

• Kate Richardson (Massey University)

Prior to the meeting, memberships had already been received from:

• Orokonui Ecosanctuary (Chris Baillie)

• Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust (Simon Collins)

• The Ark in the Park (?