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To Member Bodies and Executive:

CORANZ Annual General Meeting Sunday 18 September 2011

**Upstairs, Evans' Bay Yacht & Mtr Boat Club, 501 Evans Bay Parade, Wellington.
Tel 027 686 0063 Hugh. Rooms open from 9.00 am. Meeting starts 9.30 am
Evans Bay Members: 04 939 4170 to contact us at the Meeting**

Lunch will be provided. The AGM should finish by 3.30 pm. There will be a **teleconference from 11.00 am to noon**, for those who cannot make it to Wellington in person, to discuss important issues. Let me know by phone or email if you will be coming or ringing in.

See previous announcement for info about delegates, motions, travel arrangements etc.

The 2011 Agenda and Minutes of the 2010 AGM are attached, as are the 2010 AGM Minutes, and proposed changes to the CORANZ Constitution to allow regional voting members..

Any Council member or **member organisation intending to call in please let me know in advance.**

I ask delegates to please consider the following before attending:

- 1 Additions/changes to the CORANZ 2008 Outdoor Recreation Charter for the 2011 Strategy** – for those without copies, I can post you one on request. We are keen to start now on measures we do not support the National Government Coalition on eg stealing Canterbury water, Foreshore and seabed give-away for the **2011 Election Charter**
- 2 What actions CORANZ can take to stop National giving the Foreshore and Seabed to iwi.**
- 3 Priorities for CORANZ action in the coming election campaign.**

For associations not able to attend, please email me your thoughts on these three questions, or any other matter important to you, before the AGM.

Thanks and Best regards
Yours Sincerely

Hugh Barr
Secretary

Attached: 2011 AGM Agenda, 2010 AGM Minutes

Agenda : CORANZ Fourteenth AGM, 2011

Wellington, Sunday 18 September 2011

9.00 am - Coffee/Tea for 9.30 am start

Venue: Upstairs, **Evans Bay Yacht Club, 501 Evans Bay Parade.** (5 mins from the Airport) Tel 027 686 0063 for a ride.

1 Welcome and Apologies: Apologies - Alan McMillan (Chairman, Public Access NZ) (Teleconf); Ron Stuart (President, NZSAA), Lloyd Hanson (President, Marlborough Recreational Fishers' Assn);

Notified delegates:

NZ Salmon Anglers Assn: Tim Ellis (A = attending), Ron Stuart, Bruce Moody A)

Public Access NZ: Alan McMillan (Teleconf), Hugh Barr ((A) Secretary, CORANZ); Peter Vahry (A)

JBNZ: Clark Marshall, Clive Workman (Pres), Garth McMaster

NZ Freshwater Anglers Assn: Ken Sims ((A) Co-Chair CORANZ), Jim Hale ((A) FFA Pres). Tony Orman (A)

Option 4: Trish Rea, Jason Foord, Scott MacIndoe

NZ Bowhunters Assn: Andrew Duncan

Marlborough Rec Fishers Assn: Tony Orman (A)

Steve Veail ((A) Immediate Past Co-Chair); **Strato Cotsilinis** (Treasurer)

2 Approve Minutes of 2010 AGM (Attached). Please email any corrections before the meeting. Matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda

3 CORANZ Annual Report: Presentation, discussion: **Proposition:** This National government is a major threat to outdoor recreation on many fronts – Foreshore & Seabed, water allocation, desire to meddle with National Water Conservation Orders. – will be emailed by mid-week

4 Treasurer's Report: Presentation, discussion. Strato Cotsilinis. CORANZ expenditure has been minimal – through Hugh not charging many expenses. A small reserve has been built up, which gives a fighting fund.

5 Teleconference 11 am – 12 noon: for those unable to attend. **Please confirm if you will be ringing in.**

May be able to use another free system: If so I or Peter Vahry will notify you how this can be done.

Otherwise: Dial 083 032 then the pin number 599 401 Please ring promptly at 11 am.

Costs are **54c/min per party connected**, so those of you with speaker phones should invite nearby exec members round to share the line. If you can't get connected, ring me on my cellphone 027 686 0063. If there is only one person ringing in, we will use a single connection, as this is much cheaper.

Teleconference Agenda:

Whatever matters those calling in want to raise. Please make a list of these before calling in.

Close off by 12 noon:

6 Subscriptions, membership and Budget

The present subscription, a nominal one of \$350/year for national associations, \$100/year for regional associations and \$25/year for individual supporters. CORANZ's expenditure was less than income this year. We need to consider running on more than the shoestring we have been accustomed to.

6.1 Amendments to the CORANZ Constitution to allow voting regional members

This change was approved at last year's AGM. A proposal, and proposed changes is attached, and has been circulated to members for comment.

Action: Discuss and approve the changes

6.2 New members: Sporting Hunters Outdoor Trust (SHOT): Application for associate membership.

6.3 Resignation: NZ FWD Association

Wellington Meeting Agenda, continued:

7 Public Access matters: Specific issues, Walking Access Commission. PANZ has had a very successful AGM a month ago, and now has coverage over much of New Zealand, and an active team of trustees. **Walking Access Commission** and improving public access –. (Alan McMillan, Steve Veail, Peter Vahry)

8 Govt's Foreshore and Seabed proposals (Hugh Barr) – The Coastal Coalition is circulating a Citizens Initiated Referendum, supporting repeal of the new privatising Act. The Green party wants iwi to have all of the territorial sea (foreshore and seabed), and all of the Exclusive Economic Zone and continental shelf. They want nothing for groups who don't have a Maori ancestor, even though these rights and privileges for NZers were only created in 1977 (or 1994).

9 Pastoral lease tenure review changes – National is trying to reverse what Labour has achieved, and pander to the lessees even more than before. A recent briefing from LINZ addressed soft lease rental charges, that were only based on unimproved grazing value ie leaving the lessees to gain income untaxed from non-grazing activities, and make massive capital gains when selling these properties.

10 Conservation Lands, and National Parks – a new blast of CMSs (Conservation management Strategies) are about to start. Massive expectations have been created, when their main goal seems for DOC not to commit to very much in its goals and targets, and keep away from any detail, as last time. Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty-East Coast, Wellington-Havke's Bay/Ruahine/Kawekas, Whanganui/Taranaki.

11 Big Game Hunting Council Establishment Committee progress –commercial domination, but more representation of recreational hunters, claimed by United Future

12 DOC 2011 renewal of WARO (Wild Animal Recovery helicopter Operations) concessions on public lands and the scourge of heli-hunting.

13 Govt Use of poisons and toxins in the Outdoors – aerial 1080, Graf Boys DVD, DOC and AHB poisoning programmes. DOC kills 7 tagged Kea in Okarito/South Westland with 1080. Vandals shoot 5 at Klondyke Corner.

14 Update of CORANZ NZ Outdoor Recreation Election Strategy for 2011 – What additions or changes are needed. Given this Govt's unfriendliness to democracy, we need a strong Strategy, and a strong Election campaign (Tony Orman, Hugh Barr). Tony has completed a shortened version, that has circulated to political parties for comment. NZ First (Winston Peters) has responded. Few other parties seem likely to comment

15 Relations with DOC (HB) –DOC Biodiversity Strategy; DOC-NGO 2-monthly meetings, DOC combining Tongariro-Taupo and Wanganui-Taranaki conservancies, DOC firing key staff.

16 Option 4: Kahawai management(Trish Rea); Hokianga Accord, Blue cod management in the Marlborough Sounds, Co-operation with the NZ SFC

17 CORANZ Election Campaign and issues – The key issues that CORANZ and our members should hammer over the next two months.

18 4WD Policies on public land – review of progress. Where to from here (Peter Vahry).

19 NZ Conservation Authority – now dominated by people with no interest in outdoor recreation, or even conservation. The future of conservation boards looks shaky

20 Top five priority or action items for CORANZ for the year ahead, incl meetings with Ministers. **Please prepare your priority list before the teleconference.**

21 Building CORANZ's future – ideas for younger members (Tony Orman). Ideas for individual activist members. Most national associations can get blackmailed or white-anted. So are not particularly staunch in fights with strong opponents eg Federated Farmers, Commercial fishers, the national Govt. Ginger groups are needed if we are to get sensible management for outdoor recreation. Allowing voting regional members should better help us play an activist and change-agent roll.

6 Election of Officers -

Chairmen (1 or 2 required): Nominations received: **Co-Chair** Tony Orman, and Bill Benfield nominated by NZSAA, PANZ,

Secretary – Hugh Barr (PANZ, NZFFA, NZDA) nominated by NZSAA, PANZ,

Treasurer- Strato Cotsilinis (NZFFA) nominated by NZSAA, PANZ

Auditor – to be appointed at the AGM if possible

7 Remits from members and Items for discussion: No remits have been received.

Views of member associations: What are the main priorities for each member body?

8 Council Programme and Priorities for the coming year **including the Outdoor Recreation Strategy for the 2011 Election:** Discussion

9 CORANZ Election Campaign priorities: Discussion and ranking

10 General Business: Any other business Thanks to Office holders and members

Close AGM by 3.30 pm

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Secretary



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28 July 2011

To: CORANZ Member bodies and Councillors:
From Hugh Barr, CORANZ Secretary

Regional full membership - Proposed changes to CORANZ's constitution

At the 2010th CORANZ AGM, a motion was passed that CORANZ allow regional voting membership; viz

Moved (Barr/Hale) That the CORANZ Constitution be reviewed to allow regional recreational groups to have a vote. **Carried.**

This letter is to set out the Constitution changes that this leads to, so that the matter can be carried out at the CORANZ AGM on Sunday 18th September 2011.

Clause 4, Membership states:

4 MEMBERSHIP :

- (a) *There shall be two classes of membership - full and associate.*
- (b) ***Full membership** of the Council shall be open to any incorporated national Outdoor Recreation Association, Society or Charitable Trust, whose objects are compatible with those of the Council. Any association applying for membership shall forward a copy of its Constitution and rules to the Council. The Executive of the Council shall determine acceptance or otherwise of the application.*
- (c) ***Associate membership** is open to any organisation that is not eligible for full membership, or individuals who wish to support the Council. Associate members have no voting rights at General Meetings of the Council, but have speaking rights. The Executive shall determine acceptance or otherwise of the application.*

Full members that are national bodies, have a vote, namely three reps on Council, and three votes. The most appropriate way for regional recreational groups to have a vote is for them to be allowed as full regional members, each with one vote. This can be done by adding "or regional" after "national" in sub-clause (b). Regional members would need to be incorporated societies, or charitable trusts, with objects compatible with CORANZ. Regional branches or clubs of full national members cannot be full regional members.

Representation and Voting: I suggest regional associations have one voting representative on Council, appointed by the regional association, and that he/she have one vote. Issues may arise when a number of branches of a national association each joins CORANZ, but the national association does not. To get around the possibility of being swamped by the votes of a national

association in this way, I propose that regional associations with the same main primary outdoor recreational activity, have a cap on their combined votes of three votes, and that, if this case arises, they each share equally in the fraction of these three votes, when more than three such regional associations belong.

Alternatively the number of votes held by full national members could be increased, say from 3 to five. The Council should be targeted primarily at national associations.

Veto: Clause 4 (e) states that the Executive of the Council will govern by consensus (no dissenting national associations). Outside an Annual General Meeting, a veto on consensus has to be exercised by all representatives of at least one national association. However, no veto has ever been exercised at Executive Committee meetings, to my knowledge.

I conclude that it is not appropriate to provide for regional associations to exercise a veto.

Annual Subscription: Present Annual Subs are \$350 for Full National Associations, and \$100 for associate members. I suggest that a fair sub for voting regional associations be 40% of the National rate, which at present would be \$140.

Special General Meetings: At present at least three Full National members (9 votes) are necessary to call a special general meeting. I think the right to do this should remain only with national associations. In any case e-mail communication makes most matters be able to be discussed to a large extent without SGMs, and AGMs suffice.

For the above changes, the required amendments to the Constitution are:

1 Regional voting membership:

4 (a) *There shall be two classes of membership - full (voting) and associate (non-voting).*

4 (b) (i) *Full national and regional voting membership of the Council shall be open to any incorporated national or regional Outdoor Recreation Association, Society or Charitable Trust, whose objects are compatible with those of the Council.*

(ii) Regional branches or clubs or regional groupings of clubs of full national members cannot be full regional members. But they can be associate members (Speaking and attendance rights).

National full member veto:

7 MANAGEMENT

(e) Each Officer of the Executive shall have one vote, except that when a full national member has less than its three representatives present, the remaining representative(s) can jointly exercise its additional vote(s). The goal of the Council is to promote the common interests of its member associations. To this end decisions of the executive shall be by consensus of the representatives of the member bodies present, (no dissenting associations), except that the Executive cannot veto a resolution of a General Meeting. To exercise a veto in other situations, all representatives of at least one full national member association must vote against a proposal. Full regional members have no veto rights.

Representation and Voting:

8 GENERAL MEETINGS :

Amend CI 8 (d), (e), (f), (h) as follows:

(d) Special General Meetings may be convened from time to time as the Executive sees fit, or shall be convened on a request in writing, stating particulars of business to be brought forward, from not fewer than three full national members, not less than one month after receipt of such request. Notice of such meeting, giving particulars of business shall be given to members within ten days of receipt of the request. At any such meeting the business to be transacted shall be **the** only ~~the~~ consideration of and if necessary taking action on, the matters referred to expressly, or by implication, in the request.

(e) Each financial full **national** member ~~association~~ may be represented at all General Meetings of the Council by three (3) delegates, **financial full regional members by one (1) delegate**, and associate member associations by one delegate. Members must inform the secretary of the names of their appointed delegates in writing before the General Meeting.

(f) Each financial full **national** member ~~association~~ may exercise three (3) votes, **and each financial full regional member one (1) vote, apart from when Clause 8 (g) applies**

(g) Where more than three full regional members undertake the same outdoor recreational activity, then their combined vote is capped at three votes (as for a national association), and each of the regional associations shares equally in its percentage of the three votes.

(h) The quorum at any General Meeting shall be seven (7) voting delegates or votes representing 30 % of the total full membership, whichever is the lesser.

(i) The annual subscriptions for full **national and regional members**, and associate members shall be set at the Annual General Meeting.

Please check out what I am suggesting, and let me have your comments back in the next few days. According to the CORANZ Constitution, amendments to the Constitution need to go out to members by 31 July.

Best regards

Hugh Barr
Secretary cc pdf of CORANZ Constitution