



Tasmanian Fly Tyers' Club

Minutes of the General Meeting 15th February 2016 Lenah Valley RSL

Meeting began 7.45 pm

Present: John Smith (Chairman) plus 25 members as per the attendance book.

Guest: Seleste Scott

Apologies: Ron Ruthven, Chris Berndt, Cliff Ludford, Ross Scrim, Craig Granquist, Laurie Matcham, Stephen Luttrell, Guy Nicholson, John Hughes, Bryn Carman, Andrew Cables, Bruce Barker, Ashley Artis, John Miedecke, Chris Rothe, Andrew Bovill, Danny Rimmer, Mark Quinane, James Mackay, Henry Edgell, Chris Medwin, Ranald Moore and Rob Dineen.

New member: Mark Hunt was presented with his membership badge. His proposer, Jason Garrett said that Mark is probably the southern most tyer in the Club having tied flies in Antarctica.

Ian Madden: The President advised that we had lost a great member, Ian having served a vice president and committeeman over many years. He was also a great benefactor to the Club having set up the Capital Fund with a donation of \$5,000. Malcolm Crosse also spoke about his special friend, Malcolm had only been out on Penstock with him in November. A minute's silence in memory of Ian was held.

Minutes of the General Meeting held 18 January 2016 Moved Tim Lewis Seconded Malcolm Crosse, that the previous minutes be adopted as a true record. Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes – Name tags are in use at the meeting. Andrew Reed thanked the committee for their initiative because as a new member he finds them very useful. Malcolm Crosse reported that the solar cell power installation at the Sorell shack is scheduled for the 17th March.

Correspondence

In –

- Mystate statement, BOC, Land Tax.
- Tony Dell's further update history of the Club.
- AAT re Arthurs Lake intake for the irrigation scheme.
- AAT re Clean Up Australia Day. It was agreed that we could cover the area from the shack to the dam at Miena.
- Rick Armstrong re membership requirements.
- Fly Fishers Club Tasmania - last 3 newsletters.
- Tony Abel - re members' access to committee minutes. After much discussion for and against the matter was referred back to the committee.
- Robert Madden re Ian's death. *Hi Tim,
Thank you for those kind words.
I'm sorry you can't make it, but I'm sure the club will be well represented at his farewell. His fishing vest, complete with fly boxes, sprays, etc and customary slouch hat will be on his coffin for the service, but unfortunately he will be the one that got away.
Regards,
Robert Madden.*



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Out –

- Doug Miller Vice. Doug was thanked for another excellent production.
- Rick Armstrong re membership requirements.
- Tony Abel – acknowledging his email re members' access to committee minutes.
- Robert Madden re Ian's death.

Treasurer's Report

Andrew Blackwood reported that our accounts were Access Account \$ 5,289.87 Capital Fund Deposit Account \$ 5,034.03, Term Deposit Account \$ 6,444.68 and Term Deposit Account \$ 5,397.58

There are bills of about \$600 to be paid for land tax and rates. John Jones queried as to whether any remission of land tax was available. The committee will look into this by checking with the Club Solicitor.

Activities Report

- Ian Sokes reported that the Western Lakes trip with Andrew Blackwood has been well covered in this edition of Vice.
- Aspro has 15 booked so far for the Penstock weekend and 20 for dinner.
- Ian has received an email from Patrick Oxbrough saying that he is unavailable for the Lake Echo weekend 19/20 March. The weekend will still go ahead.
- Ian is arranging a date for the Salmon Ponds Casting day in May.
- Ian reported that 11 from our Club attended the Fly Fishers Club Tasmania event at Little Pine. He said that it was very well organised. We need to start organising next seasons event.

Shack Report

- The shack register will be delivered to Miena tomorrow.

General Business

- Brian West gave a rundown on his proposed training program for novice fly tyers. It will be a one-day event for about 6-10 students probably in May. He will need help, ideas and some supplies. The President is to send his proposal out to members.
- Criteria for Life Membership. The president will put the criteria up on the website.
- Boating Penstock on Penstock Lagoon.
The president said that this issue has been raised by Robert Madden who sent an email to the Club. The email has been forwarded to all members.
He said this issue has been raised in the past and that a vote at the Miena Community Hall on restricting the lagoon to electric motors was soundly defeated some years ago. Currently there is a 5 knot restriction.
Malcolm Crosse said that Ian Madden had been fishing Penstock for 40 years and could not believe the way the lagoon was being abused. Nowhere in the world has Malcolm seen a lagoon been used like Penstock with such big boats on it.
Jason Garrett spoke on behalf of Josh Bradshaw, Josh queries the research that is being presented.
Ian Stokes says it is the driver of the boat not the boat that is the problem.



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Malcolm Crosse says that when he looks in the gut of the fish that the food source is in poor condition.

Ian Stokes said that some of the problem may be with the campers that have increased in numbers this season, no toilet facilities are available.

Malcolm suggests that the boat corridor be improved.

Tony Abel thinks that most of the boats are better than they used to be.

Tim Lewis on behalf of Rob Dineen said re outboards they did some surveys about 15 years ago and found slightly elevated levels of hydrocarbons at ramps only. There were probably more 2 strokes then.

Toby Ekins suggested a big photo at the ramp of an outboard stirring up plant life would be a good deterrent.

Tim Urbanc asked if anyone had looked at the swan problem.

John Smith said we could have more regulation but there is no support for it, but we must make sure we don't lose Penstock.

David Young asked the Committee to write to AAT expressing our views. The draft needs to be brought back to the members.

Noel Wilson thinks there should be more education.

John Smith will draft a proposal.

Noel Wilson said it should not be restricted to Penstock as it applies to other to other lagoons as well.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

After the meeting Jason Garrett gave an interesting report on his recent fishing trip to southern New Zealand with his father and brother.

Next general meeting Monday 15th February at Lenah Valley RSL.

Tim Lewis

Secretary