



Tasmanian Fly Tyers' Club

Minutes of the General Meeting 18th July 2016 Lenah Valley RSL

Meeting began 7.35 pm

Present: John Smith (Chairman) plus 33 members and 7 guests as per the attendance sheet.

Apologies: Ranald Moore, Doug Miller, David Mackay, Graeme Howard, James Jones, Eric Howard, Tim Munro, Ashley Artis, Stewart Edwards, Ken Fisher, Mark Quinane, Brian McCullagh, David Nicholson, Luci Wilkins, Simon Thomson, Nick Ingles, Toby Ekins, Cliff Ludford and Rob Dineen.

Minutes of the General Meeting held 20th June 2016 Moved Tony Dell Seconded Brian West, that the previous minutes be adopted as a true record. Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Re the possible damage to the club items stored at the Fly Fishing Museum, John Smith advised that he had checked up and found that none of the items at the museum had been damaged.

Members were reminded to get their orders in for Malcolm Crosse's new book Australia's Best Trout Flies Revisited. Malcolm said that there are only 2,000 being printed. Support from fly fishing clubs had been incredible. So far the Club has received orders for 10 at the discounted price of \$40, a number of our members have ordered directly.

Correspondence

In –

- Mystate term deposit renewal notice.
- Central Highlands rates notice, the rates have only gone up a few dollars.
- BOC.
- Membership applications John Hughes seeking transfer from Full to Associate status as he now lives in Launceston. The committee has accepted his transfer, this enabled Ranald Moore to become a member.

Out –

- Central Highlands Council showing our support for Mr Geoff Glover re the Waddamana Road upgrade request
- The Vice – Doug Miller was thanked for another excellent edition

Treasurer's Report

Andrew Blackwood reported that our accounts were Access Account \$1,463.21

Term Deposit Account \$6,526.77 and Capital Fund Term Deposit Account \$ 5,557.24

We have just paid a \$3,500 deposit for the Annual Dinner which will be mostly recouped.

The annual subscriptions have started to come in.

Activities Report

- Steve Butler said the fly tying day was terrific. About 30 turned up and that the event should be repeated next year. Most southern clubs had members present.
- Brian West said the fly tying lesson for beginners was good, worthwhile and well received. There were 10 beginner students (maximum allowed) aged between 8 and 60 and there was plenty of (and much appreciated) help from our members.

Feedback from the event has been interesting. Areas for consideration and follow up include:

We need consistency from our members in the way they teach the tying of flies so as to not confuse the students (there are lots of ways to achieve a similar end). We need some spare equipment, one vice broke and bobbins were 'being difficult'. The information booklet that each learner was given will be developed and enhanced into the future, possibly including some 'pictorial steps' for the flies tied and a glossary of



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terms (the language used). Some of the students were interested in possibly joining the Club, but we have no public information on our website or Facebook page that tells anyone what the club is about and what it offers - this could be easily addressed and should be seriously considered. The course went from 10am to 4pm which was probably too long, so we made need to split it into 2 sessions in the future. It would probably have been nice if the students were given some flies tied by our members to take away as models to reflect upon and to jog their memories. Brian was thanked for organising the session and it was suggested he run a similar lesson or follow up lesson next year. Brian is more than happy to take on further coordination roles, but given the difficulty in becoming a member of the Club he questioned whether it is worthwhile from a Club 'looking to the future' point of view - this is something for a wider discussion. Maybe the Club only has an obligation to promote the 'art', and not necessarily to promote 'the club'. Note: Several of the beginners also indicated a desire to learn about fly casting and how to 'fish' the flies that were tied. This shows there is a gap in the 'market' and maybe the club could take on an active role in teaching wider 'fly fishing' techniques (now that Adult Ed courses have ceased - David Tadd and David O'Brien used to do a fabulous job in this respect). In summary, a good day with much gained by both the learners and the teachers involved.

- Annual Dinner, Andrew Hood said this is all organised 51 guests on Saturday July 30th, at the Cascade Reception Centre. There will be a raffle and Malcolm Crosse has organised some prizes, other prizes are welcome.
- Fly Tie In at Miena. Graham Blight from the Hobart Fly Tyers Club spoke about the old Bronte Fly Tie In days and said they can no longer be held in Bronte and have not been for a few years. He is looking at holding it at the Miena Community Centre on Saturday 15 October, this would link in with the launch of Malcolm's book, Malcolm will have the fly tyers from all over Australia that have contributed to his book there that day signing copies of the book. Graham would like to see all fly tying clubs represented. On a show of hands there was great support shown. It was suggested that Graham organise the event with help from Malcolm Crosse.

General Business

Chris Rothe said that the Essential Flyfisher in Launceston has new owners, Mike and Jules Stevens and a shop dog, Jock with assistance from Peter Hayes. It is Open: Mon-Fri 10am - 6pm, Sat 9am - Noon. He suggested that we should try and support these local outlets.

Malcolm Crosse said that Chris Reeves, Secretary of the 'The Fly Dressers' Guild of the UK will be visiting the state in February and suggested that he would make an excellent speaker for our February meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

After the meeting Chris Wisniewski from Inland Fisheries spoke about how they are looking to make a fishing lake near Hobart similar to Four Springs near Launceston.

Next general meeting Monday 15th August at the Lenah Valley RSL following the AGM.

Tim Lewis

Secretary