



## Tasmanian Fly Tyers' Club

### Minutes of the General Meeting 16 March 2020 Lenah Valley RSL

**Present:** Andrew Reed (chair) plus 19 members, Denis Abbott, Andrew Blackwood, Michael Bourne, Stephen Butler, Tony Dell, David Hemmings, Chris Hilton, Andrew Hood, Nick Ingles, Tim Lewis, Dave Long, Stephen Luttrell, Neil Pinkard, Mark Rampant, John Spencer, Glenn Szalman, David Travalia, Tim Urbanc, Noel Wilson, David Young.

**Apologies:** Tony Abel, Ashley Artis, Anna Bellette, Wayne Bellette, Chris Berndt, Andrew Bovill, Brent Bowerman, Rob Brodribb, Glenn Cannell, Malcolm Crosse, Stewart Edwards, Glenn Eggleton, Ken Fisher, Craig Granquist, John Hughes, James Jones, James Mackay, Paul Markey, Nick May, Brian McCullagh, Doug Miller, Ranald Moore, Peter Murphy, Guy Nicholson, Heather Noga, Murray Proctor, Mark Quinane, Chris Roberts, John Smith, Stuart Spotswood, Ian Stokes, David Tadd, Bill Turner, Brian West.

**Guests:** Norm Cribben.

**Recent deaths:** The President said there had been a few recent deaths associated with the club. He called upon Noel Wilson to say a few words about Michael Excell who died last Thursday. Noel said that he wasn't a good fly fisherman but was a good clubman. He joined the club in 1989, served on the committee and in 2002 he won the Johnnie Walker trophy for clubman of the year. Noel had a wonderful day with Michael competing in the Fowler Trophy a few years ago.

The secretary said that Brent Bowerman's father had recently died and that Malcom Crosse's eldest daughter, Jo, had died last Friday. Our thoughts are with all the families.

**Minutes of the General Meeting** held 17 February 2020 Moved Tim Lewis, seconded David Travalia that the previous minutes be adopted as a true record. Carried.

**Business arising:** Nil.

#### Correspondence

**In:** Request for members to tie flies at the Liawenee Field Day in May. We will ask for volunteers closer to the date because of Covid-19.

**Out:** Nil.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Access Account	\$11,149.83
Term Deposit Account	\$ 7,000.13
Term Deposit Account	\$ 6,022.56

Date	Description	Credit	Debit
17/02/2020	Shack fees	\$245.00	
11/03/2020	CHQ DEP S SPOTSWOOD SUBS	\$85.00	
10/03/2020	TIMOTHY URBANC	\$95.00	
25/02/2020	V Lammin Fees	\$400.00	
12/03/2020	AURORA AC 50211584		\$279.64
21/02/2020	BOC LIMITED		\$6.59

The treasurer said that some expenditure will be required on the Lake Sorell shack, he said the club ample funds for this expenditure.



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**Membership:** The Club membership currently has 2 vacancies. An application has been received for Scott Haslock, proposed Tony Dell seconded David Travalia also Norm Cribbin, proposed Neil Pinkard seconded Malcolm Crosse. These applications will be considered by the committee at their next meeting.

**Activities Report:** David Young reported that the Western Lakes trip had gone well. 6 participated which was pleasing. The first night was spent at Christys Creek, the next day was sunny and windless, few fish were caught. An old small wooden spoon was found at the campsite which David had great pleasure in presenting to Andrew Blackwood, who said that he was not the only member who blanked. David asked that the spoon be mounted and presented annually.

The Casting Day is Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, David Travalia will arrange the catering and he has carte blanche.

David Hemmings is unable to attend but will arrange for other to organise the casting. On a show of hands many said they were interested in attending

**Shack Update:** Tim Urbanc said that Brian McCullagh is making a list jobs to be done at the Sorell shack, a working bee will be arranged. Tim said that the tea towels at the Bob Peacock Shack need to be cleaned regularly, please take them down from Miena, Tim can arrange for them to be taken back.

#### **General Business:**

Noel Wilson asked if the Club had thought about the use of the shacks during this Coronavirus period. Dr Chris Hilton commented that it was known that social factors were known to play a part in vulnerability to disease and that robust social networks / interactions [ such as happen in our club ] improved health for older adults. Commenting subsequently [ after the meeting ] he pointed out that this view has to be balanced against the fact that social distancing and quarantines remain our most effective tactics for shielding the most vulnerable during this outbreak. In terms of shack usage therefore in relation to the current situation, those who are most vulnerable in the club would be at significant risk should a fishing colleague staying in the hut unknowingly be infected. Avoidance of droplet spread [ staying away from those with obvious respiratory symptoms ], washing hands thoroughly prior to eating and avoiding hand to mouth or eye contact are crucial factors in staying well. Each person will naturally come to their own view of whether to visit our shacks during this period of heightened concern.

Steve Butler said that he could organise for the next meeting to be video conferenced using Zoom.

Next meeting Monday 20th April 2020.

After the meeting David Travalia showed some wonderful photos of his taken in Europe and explained why he took them.

Tim Lewis  
Secretary