

Minutes of the GM 20 February 2023, LVRSL, 7.30

Present

Stephen Butler, Craig Granquist, Simon Ellis, Brent Bowerman, Andrew Reed, Andrew Blackwood, David Travalia, Tony Abel, David Long, Ian Stokes, Noel Wilson, Tim Urbanc, John Spencer, Michael Bourne, Paul Markey, Elliott Blackwood, Doug Miller, Chris Medwin, Peter Langton, Scott Haslock, Wayne Bellette

Zoom

Peter Rasmussen, Lyndon Cubbins, Denis Abbott

New members

Paul McCosh, Brian Schabe

Guest

Dave Tarbeth

Apologies

Chris Berndt, Peter Murphy, Anna Bellette, Rob Brodribb, Glenn Cannell, Norm Cribbins, Andrew Hood, James Jones, James Mackay, Chris Roberts

Minutes GM 21 November 2022: David Travalia, Craig Granquist

Welcomes to Brian, Paul and guest Dave. Brian and Paul both gave brief self-introductory remarks. It seems from both the western lakes trout have more to be concerned about.... (especially when a first trout was on a first trip and in sub-zero conditions in mid-winter Colorado (Brian). Positively Urbancian determination).

Correspondence

Email from Erin updating Brent's rapidly evolving circumstances – (which, remarkably, Brent is here to illustrate tonight – very much welcome back!)

AAT report on Sorell requirements – Malcolm Crosse, Terry Byard

Tony also elaborated on the earlier email re Macca and Helen, wishing them both the very best.

Arising

Insurance: the Committee are finalising questions for legal advice. A discussion paper will be circulated to all members shortly seeking input.

Induction materials working group/subcommittee and IT systems: induction progressing, but slowly. Discussion of the email issues experienced the past week – we were progressively blocked by an Outlook algorithm as suspected spammers, now rectified. Steve suggested we try and get members to white list club communications – discuss next meeting. Watch this space.

Upgrading first aid kits for Miena and Sorell: both shacks have new kits and snake kits are due shortly.

AAT report wrt Sorell: Malcolm and Terry Byard commended for their report – very well received. An omission - no discussion re the webcam funding – agenda for next meeting.

Stream access, bio-security: David Travalia discussed the rapid evolution of these issues and reiterated the need to try and stay ahead of the game – strategically to help formulate intelligent measures, rather than simply have things imposed. Discussed the disinfection kit Neil Morrow IFS has developed.

Activities:

Quite a bit of movement on the Activities front – see the web calendar and click on an event to get the details drop-down.

- Chris Medwin will run a Euro nymphing workshop on the Tyenna on Sunday 5th March;
- Wayne Bellette and Martin Exel have organised a Pedder weekend 24-26 March, details circulated but also on the website. Wayne stresses there is only a week envelope to book and necessary to book by phone to secure a 10% discount. Please also register on our website;
- Casting/BBQ at Salmon Ponds has shifted to the 7th May;
- The Bream Day remains 4th June;
- The Tiger Hut dates are confirmed;
- The Lees Paddock walk has been cancelled due to access issues – bridges down;
- The Cane Day on Pine was very successful and we'll seek to lock this in, also schedule other collaborative events;
- The Penstock Day had limited but illustrious attendance on a good dry fly day;
- There will be an end of season field event based at Miena 28-30 April. Book into the shack if you need a bed;
- A working bee will be held at Miena to coincide with the IFS Liaweenee weekend 20-21 May – details re what needs doing will be circulated well prior.

General business

Some information from AAT and IFS re the work commenced on Double Lagoon road, the scheduled start on the ramp work on Little Pine 1st March, decision against work on Shannon foreshore as now relatively low budget priority. No carp from Sorell this year, one only this season, an intense effort to be made March with a view to next moves. There is also a citizen science deer scan app projected? now operational? – we're pursuing further detail.

Some interest was indicated in possible 1st Aid course and wader safety training – both to be pursued further.

Round robin: there was not a lot setting the world alight, with most of the usual suspect spots rather inconsistent. Those interested in kingfish should follow Cubbins up the East Coast. A couple of reports of rainbows from Augusta are interesting, and Great Lake is probably the most reliable, given calm dawns. As always, pick the right day.

Meeting closed 8.31, followed by a fascinating presentation on fishing the Hinchinbrook Challenge by Paul Markham. Certainly one heck of a challenge, places are very limited and taken very fast. Anyone interested should have a long chat with Paul!

<https://www.facebook.com/people/AFO-Hinchinbrook-Challenge/100057686340485/>

Tight lines

Tony