



Tasmanian Fly Tyers' Club

Minutes of the General Meeting 28th April 2014

Meeting began 7.30 pm

Present: The President Malcolm Crosse as chairman and 29 other members as per the attendance book.

Guests: No guests.

Apologies: Patrick Oxbrough, Doug Mosenthal, Barbara Fowler, Glenn Eggleton, Stephen Luttrell, Ashley Artis, Craig Granquist, Brian McCullagh, Phil Fisher, Ron Ruthven, David Nicholson, Prue O'Halloran, and Cliff Ludford.

The chairman welcomed Tony Dell as guest speaker, Tony advised that his co speaker was unable to attend.

Minutes of the General Meeting 17th March 2014: Moved Ian Madden seconded Tony Dell that the previous minutes be adopted as a true record. Carried

Business arising from the Minutes

The Assets Committee is gradually getting together.

Reciprocal clubs, Stephen Butler is working hard on this. We have had a good response from the Auckland Freshwater Anglers Club and they will discuss reciprocity at their next committee meeting They currently own a fully furnished property in Tuturangi that sleeps 8 and our members would be most welcome to use this if it is pre-booked. You will always be most welcome visitors to their meetings. Stephen has emailed many other clubs without much response from the English clubs, he will try slow mailing them. The members present were happy with Stephen progressing with finding reciprocal clubs.

Bernice Ruthven, the chairman said that Bernice had been a great supporter of the club since it was formed in 1957 and in the early days attended most functions. She will be missed by Ron and many members.

Correspondence

In

Invitation from John Diggle from IFS to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the first hatching of trout in Tasmania. A number of our members will be attending the function at the Salmon Ponds. Tim and Kate Lewis will attend the dinner in Launceston on Sunday night.

An email from Ian Stokes about the fly casting day. The President advised that his points had been taken on board by the committee. It was also suggested that the event be held out of season.

A letter from IFS requesting fly tyers for their field weekend. Jason Garret and Brian West agreed to do this.

Out

Nil

Treasurer's Report

The acting treasurer, Peter Murphy advised that there was little variation in the bank balances, the trading has 5,581, Investment 6,147 and the term deposit 5,000.

Activities Report

Lyndon Cubbins advised that he had the Tiger Hut weekend under control. If you wish to attend then contact Lyndon. The annual dinner will be held 26th July in the same place as last year which is now owned by the RACV. Grace Matcham has arranged for it at the same price, the chairman advised that the food will be better than last year. The fly tying day at the Lenah Valley RSL will be held on the 12th July not the 26th as noted in the previous minutes, Malcolm has arranged for the media to be present.

General Business

Stephen Butler was congratulated on setting up our Facebook presence, he would be happy to see a few more 'likes'. Peter Murphy has put us in contact with Get Wines Direct, once we join this will enable members to get a discount of up to 7% on their purchases.

The President canvassed the idea of changing the limit on the number of full members that the club can have. He opened the matter up for discussion.

Ian Stokes thinks more work should be done on getting members more involved with the club rather than increasing the number of members.

Chris Medwin thinks we could have a younger age group with different limits.

Mark Aspinall thinks children of members should be encouraged to become members.

Guy Nicholson said that the average age of a member is about 64 and that we need an influx of younger blood.

Tony Dell said the constitution gives an advantage to children of members. (The Secretary was unable to find this rule)

Danny Rimmer said we need to promote ourselves amongst younger people. The Facebook initiative may help this. Ian Madden gave a very emotional speech. He said we must have faith in the committee, we must increase our membership. We he joined there were 20 members and 99% attendance at club events. (Applause)

Mark Aspinall asked Chris Medwin as a younger member how much use he made of the club.

Chris replied that he enjoys the club and he has been to every meeting. He has a few young friends that he fishes with who could become members. He would like to see more young members.

Stephen Butler said that we are an inclusive club not exclusive. He said a number of our members could transfer to associate membership. To be an associate a member one has unable to take an active part in club affairs, by reason acceptable to the committee. Associate Members are required to pay half the annual subscription plus any extraordinary financial calls made by the club, from time to time.

Guy Nicholson asked if we could get a visitor from another club to speak on how they operate their club.

Next meeting 19th May 2014 at the Lenah Valley RSL followed by a fly tying demonstration.

There being no further general business the meeting was closed at 8.20pm.

Tony Dell then spoke about using Tasmanian trout fishing methods successfully in New Zealand following on from his recent trip with Brian McCullagh. The difficulties of hiring a suitable boat and vehicle. He showed us photos of the some big fish that he and Brian caught.

Tim Lewis
Secretary