



Tasmanian Fly Tyers' Club

Minutes of the General Meeting 18 August 2014

Meeting began 7.45 pm

Present: The President, John Smith, as chairman and 37 other members as per the attendance book.

Guests: Nil.

Apologies: Rob Brodribb, Stewart Edwards, Glenn Eggleton, Jason Garrett, Simon Gates, John Hughes, Chris Medwin, Peter Murphy, Heather Noga, Prue O'Halloran, John Pinfold, Mark Quinane, Colin Shepherd, Stuart Spotswood, Tim Urbanc, and Chris Walsh.

Minutes of the General Meeting 21st July 2014: Moved Tim Lewis seconded Malcolm Crosse that the previous minutes be adopted as a true record. Carried

Business arising from the Minutes

Nil

Correspondence

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Simon Gates request for transfer of membership to associate. This has been approved by the Committee.

BOC – gas

Signed Reciprocal Agreement from Auckland Fresh Water Anglers Club – a copy has been emailed to members

MyState bank statement

Out

Bill Beck's The Season as it was

President's Report

John Smith thanked the outgoing President and committee for a job well done.

He welcomed the new members to the committee it was good to note some younger faces.

He acknowledged the work done by non-committee members pointing out that they are often the unsung heroes.

He thanked Macca for being shack warden and noted the help given by Tony Dell. Macca agreed to continue his role.

He also thanked Doug Miller for his excellent job with the Vice and called for members to send him contributions so as to make his life easier.

He pointed out that the new committee has some work in progress to finish.

The Club will have to do something about its age demographics.

Following on from Corey Harris' visit from the Fly Fishers Club of Tasmania some possibilities are no limit on membership, lower fees, no joining fees, no need to tie a fly to join, different classes of membership including juniors, more community focus by running fly fishing and fly tying courses.

He believes the new committee should have a look at our strategic direction. You will be consulted on all changes.

Our constitution needs a bit of tidying up.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Andrew Blackwood reported that the trading account has 6,610.41, the Investment account 6,146 and the term deposit 5,205. There are about 25 Annual subscriptions outstanding.

Shack Report

Brian McCullagh reported that the shacks are in pretty good shape. The cutlery has been cleaned out. The toilet pump at Miena still needs to be checked out, this will be done shortly. The Dago Point shack needs a new battery and the composting toilet may need some more work if the usage of the shack increases.

Activities Report

Stephen Butler will prepare the events schedule for this year. He will be moving the Penstock weekend to February.

There will be a Lake Echo weekend with Patrick Oxbrough in March, this idea was well supported on a show of hands, so too was a Lake Crescent weekend, Tony Abel volunteered to assist. The new events, The RSL fly tying and the dyeing days will be held again. A Derwent River day will be organised hopefully by Tim Urbanc with the assistance of Patrick Oxbrough.

It was suggested that we should compete in the New Norfolk Anglers Club - Derwent River Challenge a charity fun day usually held the opening weekend.

General Business

Malcolm Crosse gave an update from Anglers Alliance Tasmania (AAT). Gary France from Trout Guides and Lodges Tasmania is Chairman. The Hydro is interested in making the Shannon more suitable for fishing. AAT are keen to find a couple of places down south which would be similar to Four Springs near Launceston.

Members were reminded not to overload their boats, also if wearing something over your life jacket make sure that you can still pull the toggle to inflate it.

There being no further general business the meeting was closed at 8.25pm.

Next meeting 15th September at the Lenah Valley RSL.

Tim Lewis
Secretary