



## Tasmanian Fly Tyers' Club

### Minutes of the General Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**Meeting began 8.15 pm** (after a casting session with David Hemmings)

**Present:** John Smith (President) and 23 members as per attendance book

**Guests:** Andrew Reed, Anna Bellette

**Apologies:** Tim Lewis, Mark Quinane, David Nicholson, John Spencer, Chris Berndt, David Tadd, Stephen Luttrell, Henry Edgell, Andrew Cables, David Lipscombe, Bryn Carman, Doug Mosenthal.

**Minutes of the General Meeting November 17 2014:** Moved I. Stokes Seconded L. Matcham – That the minutes are a true and accurate record.

#### **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- The 'Going Fishing' email system has so far not been used. John Smith encouraged members to make use of the new system to make informal arrangements with other members to go fishing.
- David Young has organised the distribution of club records to the State Archives and the TMAG. A box of miscellaneous items that were no longer needed, was made available to members at the meeting. David was thanked for his work in dealing with club assets.

#### **Correspondence**

**In-** BOC Gas bill, MyState Statement, Roger Viney – resignation, George Clarke – request for associate membership.

**Out-** George Clarke – request for associate membership declined. (John Smith - Associate membership is only available to those who are sick, have a disability or live too far away to participate in club activities)

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Access account - \$8,520.13, Term Deposit - \$6,276.29, Term Deposit - \$5,205.00

#### **Activities Report**

- Ian Stokes – Miena – long weekend in January – 3 members have expressed interest. Weather conditions could be adverse. Penstock Weekend – February 20 -22. There have been discussions with the Tasmanian Fly Fishers' Club about a joint bbq and the possibility of members of the clubs pairing up to go fishing.
- Andrew Blackwood – 3 members are going on a walking/fishing trip to Lake Halkyard in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in February and others are welcome to join them – he will notify members by email. The trip is weather dependent and the date is being kept open at this stage.

#### **Shack Report**

- Brian McCullagh – there is a problem in fitting a fly screen door to the door jamb at the Miena shack but he will investigate options. Brian will line the bbq area and build a new fish safe with Tony Dell - to be installed behind the toilet. Brian will obtain 6-8 tonnes of wood for the Miena shack and will organise a team to split and stack it. He reminded members to open the valve on the bottom water tank fully to prevent the pump from cutting in and out.
- Rob Dineen will spray the broom around the Miena shack.
- John Smith – a gas bottle will be left attached to the bbq. He reminded members to book before using the shack and to fill in the diary before leaving.
- Brian and Malcolm Crosse have visited the Lake Sorell shack and are investigating putting the power on there.

#### **General Business**

- John Smith reported on a productive Committee Weekend – January 10-11. Shack improvements were discussed and fly tying equipment is to be put in the shack to provide formal/informal opportunities for tying. A major focus was the need to attract young members and the difficulty in doing so. The Committee is proposing to waive entry fees and remove the membership limit for young members. There is some uncertainty whether there is a requirement for 50% of members to be present before the constitution can be changed. If so, this needs altering.
- Andrew Blackwood – need to streamline banking procedures and provide for online banking for the club. Changes are underway.
- Tony Abell expressed interest in having a Lake Burbury fishing weekend.



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- Tony Dell and Brian McCullagh will organise a session on dyeing fly tying materials during the winter.
- David Hemmings – Peter Hayes is running a casting weekend for women in March (28<sup>th</sup>?) – food, wine and instruction in tying knots included.
- Stuart Spotswood – 2 large blocks are for sale at Bronte – need to monitor attempts to sub-divide blocks and launch boats from them, impeding shore access.
- Malcolm Crosse – MAST is installing new boat ramps at Penstock and Little Pine Lagoons. The Little Pine proposal is expensive and may not be appropriate – the proposal can be viewed on the MAST website. There will be an open morning at the Lodge at Miena for consultation about the ramps.
- John Smith - John Fowler Trophy – 50 entries. Tim Lewis has modified the website so that scores can be entered.
- Steve Butler drew attention to a posting on the Club's Facebook page offering fly boxes for sale – may not be good value.

Meeting closed after a round robin at 9.10 pm

Next meeting February 16 at the Lenah Valley RSL

Guy Nicholson  
Acting Secretary