



Tasmanian Fly Tyers' Club

Annual General Meeting, Lenah Valley RSL, 17th August 2015 at 6.30pm

Present: John Smith (chair) plus 37 members as per the attendance sheet.

Apologies: Andrew Blackwood, Brian McCullagh, Malcolm Crosse, Peter Murphy, Ron Ruthven, Stephen Butler, Tim Munro, Tony Dell, John Miedecke, Craig Granquist, Murray Proctor, Bryn Carman, Andrew Reed, John Hughes, Chris Berndt, David Nicholson, Michael Excell, Ian Madden, Prue O'Halloran and Steve Martin.

Minutes of the 2014 AGM – moved T Lewis, seconded D Miller that these be adopted as a true record carried.

Business arising from the minutes – nil.

President's Report on behalf of the Committee

I was saddened by loss of Michael Johns who has made a large contribution to the club although he has not been active in recent years. Our thoughts go out to his family.

I think it has been a good year for the club with activities being well attended. This is due to "Stokesy"'s organisation, the efforts of coordinators and those members who have been prepared to participate and have a great time. Thank you all. Regular events like the Penstock and the Macquarie River weekend continue to be highlights. Thanks to Henry Edgell and Richard and Scott Bowden for opening up their farm dams for some exciting fishing for monster rainbows and a great weekend in the shearers quarters. I am hoping our behaviour justifies a repeat visit.

Our Vice President has organised Monday Meeting activities that have maintained attendance and his performance while filling in for the President suggest that Guy could well take on that role. Thanks Guy. The Dinner was well attended, thanks to Jason Garrett, who somehow found time to organise this event.

Macca as Shack Warden, with support from Delly does a great job with the Shacks. The lake Lodges are in fine condition and ready for use with hungry fish itching to consume our flies, a new fridge to keep things cool, fly tying equipment to match the hatch, (thanks Laurie), a new fly screen door, (thanks Kenny Fisher) and plenty of wood.

The Fowler trophy aimed at promoting friendship and new fishing experience was very well subscribed with 48 entries. Malcom Crosse and Glen Eggleton were awarded the trophy and all participants were the winners.

It is a great Club and we have no trouble maintaining a full book of members. There is fantastic knowledge between the ears of our members and we are quite good at sharing this within the club. Training in fly tying within the club is great and include the tiger hut weekend, weekly events run by Doug Miller and Tony Dell the Monday meeting tie ins. New gear in the Peacock Lodge offers a new opportunity. The combined event organised by Steve Butler, and the "Dyeing" days run by Macca and Delly extends training outside the club which is part of our charter. Doug Miller has transformed the Vice into a publication any fly tying organisation would be proud of and has become part of the training mix.

The average age of club members has gone up by a year and the committee has proposed some well discussed constitutional changes that might help in the difficult task of recruiting new young and new female members to avoid longer term problems. Chris Medwin has been instrumental in developing strategies in this area. I think that we need to develop a training program if we are serious about recruiting.



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Tim Lewis has made my life as president easy and is largely responsible for the smooth running of the Club. Andrew Blackwood has kept finances under control. Thank you both.

Thanks to all the committee and to all participating members who make this club the great club it is.

John Smith

President

The report was accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Andrew Blackwood reported that the accounts were very straight forward and he is pleased to announce a surplus this year. Not having any tree's fall on the shack does reduce the maintenance costs! The "Sundry Expenses" were the 3 fly tying kits bought for use at Miena and at club functions.

Income was slightly down with fewer new members and, despite the best efforts of the committee, a slight reduction in subscriptions. We didn't cancel anyone's membership last year but a failure to pay two years running will result in cancellation this year. Revenue from the shack was up slightly.

Moved J Garrett seconded T Abel and carried that the report be accepted.

Auditor's Report

The report of the Auditor was received.

Election of Office Bearers

The chair called for nominations from the floor. As only one nomination per position was received all positions were filled without a ballot.

- President: **John Smith** (Nominated G Nicholson, seconded C Medwin)
- Vice President: **Jason Garrett** (nominated G Nicholson, seconded J Smith)
- Secretary: **Tim Lewis** (Nominated J Smith, seconded Jason Garrett)
- Treasurer: **Andrew Blackwood** (Nominated J Garrett, seconded J Smith)
- Committee:

Ian Stokes (nominated T Lewis, seconded J Garrett),

Chris Medwin (nominated: J Smith, seconded T Lewis).

Andrew Hood (nominated T Lewis, seconded J Smith)

The president thanked the outgoing vice president Guy Nicholson for his excellent contribution as committeemen and vice president.

Appointment of Auditor

Moved J Smith seconded T Lewis that Michael Müller be appointed as Auditor.

Appointment of Honorary Solicitor

Moved J Smith seconded J Garrett that Brett Cassidy be appointed as Honorary Solicitor.

Honorary Members

Moved J Smith seconded N Ingles that Michael Excell and Graeme Howard continue as Honorary Members.



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Constitutional Rule Changes

These changes relate to relaxing some requirements for membership, reducing the quorum for special meetings and financial matters.

(A) Membership of the Association

Moved John Smith Seconded Guy Nicholson

That the RULES OF THE TASMANIAN FLY TYERS' CLUB INCORPORATED 29 July 1988 UNDER THE ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION ACT 1964 AS AMENDED – 17 June 1996, 21 August 2000, 17 August 2009, 15 August 2011, and 19 August 2013 be changed by:

- 1) In clause 5(3)d(i) delete all words after "both" third occurring and insert "are satisfied that the nominee is a fly fisher with a genuine interest in fly tying and is committed to becoming an active member of the association."
- 2) Delete section 5(3)d(ii)
- 3) Delete section 5(3)h
- 4) In Section 5(13) Insert "5(15)" after "5(9)"
- 5) Insert after Section 5(14)
"5(15) The Committee may increase the limit of 80 specified in section 5(13) to a maximum of 90 providing those extra positions are filled by females or by males under the age of 35 at the time of applying to become a member."

(B) Changes to Quorum at Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings

Moved John Smith seconded Guy Nicholson

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- (1) In Section 16(2) replace "fifty (50)" with "twenty five (25)"
- (2) In Section 18(2) replace "fifty (50)" with "twenty five (25)"

(C) Banking and Finance

Moved Andrew Blackwood seconded John Smith

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If the committee decides to operate all or part of its financial matters on Internet banking it shall first discuss with the relevant bank available security processes applicable to similar organisations and will after consultation put into place sufficient security arrangements.

The motions were put and carried unanimously.

Life Membership

On behalf of the Committee, Ian Stokes announced that Lyndon Cubbins had been made a Life Member. Ian spoke of the many involvements that Lyndon had with the Club since he joined in 1975. Lyndon was very proud and surprised at being awarded life membership. The President presented him with a landing net in recognition.

'Johnny Walker' Clubman of the year

The President awarded this to Doug Miller for the wonderful work he does with the Vice.

Close of AGM at 6.55pm

T Lewis
Secretary