



## Tasmanian Fly Tyers' Club

### Minutes of the General Meeting 20th April 2015

#### Meeting began 7.35 pm

**Present:** John Smith (President) and 19 members as per attendance book

**Apologies:** Tim Lewis, David Nicholson, Graeme House, Malcolm Crosse, Tony Dell, John Miedecke, Andrew Reed, Mark Aspinall, Jason Garrett, Cliff Ludford, Eric Howard, Doug Miller

**Minutes of the General Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015:** Moved I.Stokes Seconded P. Murphy, that the previous minutes be adopted as a true record. Carried

#### Business Arising from the Minutes

John Smith drew attention to the work done by John Miedecke in writing the WHA Management Plan submission on behalf of the club and thanked him for his efforts.

#### Correspondence

##### In

IFS re volunteers for the Liawenee field weekend.

Aust Post re annual box fee \$181 - agreed to pay it for another year but not to renew it next year. The current bills are mainly for the treasurer and these can be sent to him directly.

Stephen Smith inquiring on how to join the club.

Email from Simon Gates drawing attention to a shack for sale at Dee Lagoon.

##### Out

Submission to the World Heritage Area draft plan

Email to AAT querying some of the items in their draft submission to the plan

Stephen Smith on how to join the club and inviting him to our meetings.

#### Treasurer's Report

Mystate statement, Aurora bill, Land tax reminder.

Mystate term deposit renewal certificate, \$6327.36 renewed for 3 months at 2.15%. It has been decided not to look for alternative investments at this stage.

Mystate dividend statement for \$54.18.

Trading Account - \$9,549.89. Term deposits - \$11,532.30

#### Activities Report

- I.Stokes – 5 took part in Lake Echo weekend led by Patrick Oxburgh. Not many fish were caught but the lake has obvious potential.
- T. Abell – 5 went to Lake Burbury and stayed in a shack at Gormonston. Conditions were difficult but some fish were caught. The log book showed how prolific the fishing could be with rainbows up to 3.5 lbs. I. Stokes – this trip should become an annual event.
- L. Cubbins – The self-catering Tiger Hut fly tying weekend from May 29-31 is already half booked. Anyone who wants to go should contact Cubby.
- S.Butler has again offered to organise a fly tying day at the RSL in July.
- J.Smith – casting day at the Salmon Ponds on Sunday May 3. Bruce Barker will organise the casting. D.Hemmings – need to make sure that planks are made available to access the casting platform.
- Liawenee weekend – May 16-17. M.Rampant, B.West and J. Spencer will represent the club by tying flies on Sunday May 17.



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- B. McCullagh has a vacancy in an annual fishing trip for 7 days to Darwin. Interested members can contact him.

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### Shack Report

- B. McCullagh has made contact with a wood supplier who should deliver 8 tonnes to the Great Lake shack next week. Brian will organise a mechanical splitter.
- Kenny Fisher met Brian at the Miena shack last week and Kenny has offered a fly screen door that should fit into the door frame.

### General Business

- J. Smith - Annual Dinner still planned for July. Jason Garrett has agreed to research a suitable venue for the club.
- Dee Lagoon shack for sale – I. Stokes – this is not a former fly tyers' shack – the previous one burned down. T. Abell – a fairly substantial shack for \$90,000. B. McCullagh – there is a problem with repeated break ins in this area – especially with isolated shacks like this one. There was consensus not to follow up on this shack.
- J. Smith – Proposed changes to club requirements. No entrance fee for prospective members aged under 30 years. Proposed constitutional changes – eligibility – change to fly fishers with a genuine interest in fly tying. Proposed changes to quorum – 15% of membership. B. McCullagh – potential for a small group of members to gain control of the club assets. J. Smith – has referred proposed changes to Tony Dell who had similar concerns to Brian. Could change requirement to 25% if need be. J. Smith – usual for Tasmanian organisations to require 15% . I. Stokes – quorum could only deliberate on pre-advertised issues and would need a majority - members would turn up if something important came up.

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm after a round robin.

Annie Philips, a wildlife vet with DPIPWWE gave an interesting presentation on frogs, platypuses, bio-diversity threats e.g didymo and realistic precautions that inland fishers could take.

Next meeting May 18 at the Lenah Valley RSL at 7.30pm

Guy Nicholson  
Acting Secretary