

Minutes GM 19 February 2024 LVRS and Zoom, 7.30pm

Zoom GM

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Meeting ID: 830 1299 5447 Passcode: 007

Present: Denis Abbott, Tony Abel, Andrew Hood, Norm Cribbin, Craig Granquist, Scott Haslock, Chris Hilton, Paul Markey, Paul McCosh, Robert Phillips, John Spencer, Ian Stokes, David Travalia, Tim Urbanc, Andrew Reed, Wayne Bellette, Dave Lipscombe, Dave Long, Malcolm Crosse

Zoom: not available this meeting

Apologies: Michael Bourne, Nick Ingles, Stuart Spotswood

Minutes GM 20 November 2023: Tim Urbanc, Denis Abbott

Corro in and out:

Little of note - that time of year, with the singularly important exception of Andrew Blackwood's letter stepping down from the Treasurer's role due to ill health.

Meeting papers from AAT prior to their meeting 18 February, Miena – circulated

Financial:

Term deposits \$7294.74, \$6457.86

Access account

Balance 19 November 2023 \$17,097.13, 19 February 2024 \$15,542

Note expenditures over this period included an over-payment of land tax \$620, since refunded, and Xmas drinks catering \$680. The land tax refund will appear in the March figures and the expenditure figures adjusted.

Arising:

Jason Garrett Snr: Andrew R has asked John O'Halloran to reprise his eulogy for the forthcoming Vice

Andrew Blackwood: stepping down, as above. Norm Cribbin has undertaken the role in his absence.

Hydro proposals: Brief discussion of the Hydro licencing proposals. These appear to be re-focusing on more commercial events. It remains there is only limited clarity as to the proposals at this point.

AAT meeting 18 February – report, Chris Hilton: wide-ranging, and my apologies to Chris for what I may have missed. Lisa Fallon is the new chair of the IFS Advisory Committee and Andrew Reed is a new member. There was considerable discussion of a number of items, including:

Some trout mortality issues;

The big algal bloom in Woods, non-toxic but reportedly spreading downstream via the Lake R as far as Trevallyn. There were some discussions as to the role of water levels and potential turbidity questions;

Upgrades to (?) launching ramps – (?) floating jetties? – at Bronte and Brady's;

Discussion of the (?) newly established Rural Water Round Table, which links to some of the concerns raised by Ron Thresher recently. Some suggest this may address the present uneven advisory mechanisms under Threatened Species and related legislation;

Some AAT-related discussion of Ron Thresher's talk re mayflies/the shallow lakes review and issues such as the stocking rates on Penstock and nature and impact of water temperatures.

Activities reports and updates:

Casting Day and dinner preceding: our informal January Miena dinner was combined with the Cane Day, 21 attendees, good precedent for the future. The Cane Day was the usual success, well-attended and good fishing.

Long Table, 9-10 March, Penstock: discussion of menu and proposed cost - \$25pp – with informal BBQ 8th. A guest speaker from the US – (?) Trout Unlimited?

Lees Paddock walk: Glenn Becher to lead, 3½-4 hour walk, stay @ Miena shack Friday, DT suggests communal meals and two cars only, max 6-8 people.

Shack reports:

Miena: after a lot of to-ing and fro-ing we have a free replacement defibrillator as suppliers unable to supply functional new batteries.

Sorell: successful site meeting 10 Feb marked out slab, agreed minor modification to design, scoped next steps. The Committee are considering scheduling an 'Intro to Sorell' w'end late March/early April – historically there are jassids there and on Crescent....

Guest speaker: Wayne's discussion of leaders and knots had to be deferred to future meetings due to time constraints.

Meeting closed: 8.51pm