



Tasmanian Fly Tyers' Club

Annual General Meeting, Lenah Valley RSL, 15th August 2022

Present: Andrew Reed, (chair) plus 38 members, Denis Abbott, Tony Abel, Chris Berndt, Andrew Blackwood, Michael Bourne, Rob Brodribb, Stephen Butler, Bryn Carman, Malcolm Crosse, Lyndon Cubbins, Tony Dell, Rob Dineen, Martin Exel, Craig Granquist, David Hemmings, Damian Hingston, Andrew Hood, James Jones, Tim Lewis, Mark Links, Dave Long, James Mackay, Paul Markey, Chris Medwin, Doug Miller, Tim Munro, Peter Murphy, Mark Quinane, Peter Rasmussen, Danny Rimmer, John Smith, John Spencer, Ian Stokes, David Travalia, Tim Urbanc, Noel Wilson, Tom Woolley, David Young.

Apologies: Ashley Artis, Anna Bellette, Wayne Bellette, Glenn Cannell, Henry Edgell, Jason Garrett, Scott Haslock, Adrian Hope, Eric Howard, Nick Ingles, Stephen Luttrell, Brian McCullagh, Douglas Mosenthal, Neil Pinkard, Chris Roberts, Colin Shepherd, Stuart Spotswood, Peter Trott, Bill Turner, Chris Walsh, Brian West.

Minutes of the 2021 AGM – These were adopted as a true record.

Business arising from the minutes – nil.

Treasurer's Report

Andrew Blackwood presented the treasurer's report.

Andrew said there was very little variance to 2021 except for the reduced expenditure on the shacks. He said shack rental was lower and a session will be held at Miena shack in October to how interested members how to open and close it.

Insurance keeps increasing and it is becoming harder to insure because of their remote locations.

Auditor's Report

The report of the Auditor was received.

Proposed David Travalia seconded Dave Long that the reports of the Committee, auditor, and servants of the Association of the transactions of the Association during the last preceding financial year be received. This was approved.

Election of Office Bearers

The secretary advised that he had received 10 days prior to the AGM nominations for the following positions.

President: Andrew Reed (Nominated Craig Granquist, seconded Michael Bourne)

Vice President: David Travalia (nominated Andrew Blackwood, seconded Andrew Reed)

Secretary: Tony Abel (Nominated Ian Stokes, seconded Craig Granquist)

Treasurer: Andrew Blackwood (Nominated Ian Stokes, seconded Craig Granquist)

Committee:

Wayne Bellette (nominated: Andrew Reed, seconded Anna Bellette).

Dave Long (nominated John Spencer seconded David Travalia)

Tim Urbanc (nominated John Spencer seconded David Travalia)

Paul Markey (nominated Andrew Blackwood, seconded Anna Bellette)

All positions were filled.

Appointment of Auditor

Moved Tony Dell seconded, Craig Granquist that Michael Müller be re-appointed as Auditor.

Appointment of Honorary Solicitor

Moved Craig Granquist seconded Ian Stokes that Brett Cassidy be re-appointed as Honorary Solicitor.

Patron



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Nominations for Patron need to be received at least a month prior to the AGM, no nominations were received.

Change of Club Rules

It was agreed unanimously to change Section 5.13 to read The membership of the Club shall be limited to ninety members, except as provided under rules 5(3)(f), 5(9), 5(15), 39 and 40.

It was agreed unanimously to change Section 5.15 to read The Committee may increase the limit of 90 specified in section 5(13) to a maximum of 110 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.

Life Member

No nominations were received for life membership.

President's Report on behalf of the Committee

Andrew Reed presented his report.

It is with great pleasure that I deliver the 2022 Presidential Report.

This year has seen some changes with the easing of CIVID restrictions, although there are many at risk members of the Club due to everyone's advancing years.

We have run most of our usual events this year and they have been well attended. It was particularly pleasing to see the Annual Lunch attract a crowd of 50. In a sign of the times, we had 5 people unavailable on the day due to being unwell or a close COVID contact!

Club events run over the last season included

Annual Lunch

Tiger Hut

Casting Day

Lee's Paddock

Lake Sorell Working Bee

RSL Fly Tying Day

Farm Dams Weekend

Bream Day

Zoom Fly Tying Sessions

I would like to thank all those who lead, helped and provided support for all of these club activities, and they deserve a round of applause!

The Club survey has been a great success with 70 responses from our membership. According to those who do this sort of thing this is a fantastic amount of interest and feedback. Some of these responses were presented to the Club at the last general meeting and this video can be viewed on the club website at <https://youtu.be/jnrdcgqDaDg> The Committee has listened and responded tonight with the proposed changes to club rules around membership numbers. Special thanks to Tony Able for his work with the rewording of the relevant sections. The survey has also provided the Committee and Club with much 'food for thought' on a variety of issues and we will be working hard over the next year to digest and act on this information. It was particularly pleasing that so many of you had put considerable thought into your answers.



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Tim Lewis is now planning for more fishing after 9 years of being Club Secretary. How do I say thank you to a person who has done so much for the Club and , on a personal note, mentored me into the Club, on to the committee, as Vice President and then as President. Tim has been a core part of the committee and he will be sadly missed. He has an encyclopaedic knowledge of both land and shack owners and always knows where to find information. He is being replaced by the very able Tony Abel who was last in the job between 1991 and 1994!

As one Committee member leaves another one arrives. We are very happy to welcome Paul Markey who joins us this year. He's been a member for 4 years and represents our ongoing renewal process. Going back to the survey mentioned earlier, the need for younger voices on the Committee was mentioned frequently.

David Trivalia, the Vice President often talks of the generous spirit within the club. This is seen by members every time we get together for any reason. Two examples stand out over the past year.

The first is for the Annual Lunch Raffle. 12 of the 13 prizes were donated to the club, by club members!

The second involves special thanks to Jim Jones for his donation of the beautiful cane fly rod, I'm sure whoever wins it will have great pleasure fishing with this classic. It represents hours of work and truly encapsulates this generosity of club spirit. Jim certainly deserves a round of applause for the time he has invested in this work of art! On the topic of tonight's raffle, Granny is also in line for thanks for sourcing and organising Davie McPhail's flies for the runners up prize.

'Johnny Walker' Clubman of the year

The President said The Clubman of the Year is always a tough decision to make and this year is no different. I had to go back to the year 1996 when outgoing President Tony Abel faced the impossible decision between two club legends of Macca and Delly. So, for only the second time in club history there are dual winners this year.

Tonight's first recipient is also repeating history. In 1978 Bob Peacock presented the inaugural winner of Clubman of the year trophy to Tom Summerville. This was for an extended term as Secretary. After a quick count from the honour roll it required 9 years of service. It will come as no surprise that our retiring secretary gets this award.

Ladies and Gentlemen, congratulations to Tim Lewis.

He shares this trophy with my actual Right-Hand Man and Zoom maestro. There is much involved in the smooth running of the club and we are all so grateful to have a tame IT Expert on hand. His ability to manage computers and Zoom makes these things run seamlessly and adds to the functioning of the Club. It also encourages us all to keep in contact and look out for each other.

Ladies and Gentlemen, congratulations to Steve Butler.

Trophy sharing will need to be organised between the pair of you and I strongly recommend you ask Macca and Delly to see how they did it.

Close of AGM

T Lewis
Secretary