

TASMANIAN FLY-TYERS CLUB
Minutes of the General Meeting 17/6/13

Meeting began 7.35 pm

Present: M Crosse (chair) and 33 members as per attendance book. Denis Edwards of AAT and Joe Riley and Jason Garrett snr of Fly Fish Australia were welcomed to the meeting.

Apologies: P Murphy, D Nicholson, M Quinane, R Dineen, J Hughes, R Brodribb, D Rimmer, G House, L Cubbins.

Minutes of the General Meeting 20/5/13: Moved I Madden seconded J Spencer, "that the minutes be accepted as a complete and accurate record." Carried

Business arising from the Minutes

Anglers' Access River Monitors – Neil Morrow has agreed to address the general meeting following the AGM on August 19.

Hobart City Council – Roy Longman has confirmed that an oval is available for casting practice and tuition for Council employees but that a 4.30 pm start is too late in winter. He will make contact with the club again in a few months when there is more daylight.

Miena Shack Improvements – B McCullagh – hopes that the work can be completed within the next month. Bad weather has been a problem.

Annual Dinner – 20/7/13 – A menu has been provided. The club has to enter a contract with Hadley's to guarantee the numbers and cannot afford to cover any excess. Those who have indicated that they will attend are to be asked to confirm their attendance.

Correspondence

In

1. Resignation letter – Mike Excell
2. Aurora Bill – Miena shack - \$211.47
3. BOC Gas - \$17.10
4. MyState – statement of account

Out

1. Letter to AAT on behalf of the committee asking for a written guarantee of continued fishing access to the Western Lakes through Gowan Brae now that the TAC is the land manager for the property.

Treasurer's Report

A Blackwood - current Account balance - \$6752, Term Deposit - \$5968. Shack insurance and the Aurora Bill have been paid.

General Business

Mike Excell Resignation – M Crosse has contacted Mike, who has been an active member of the club. Mike said that he has diabetes, and is no longer able to fish alone or take part in club activities.

Life Membership after 50 Years – the committee has received a recommendation from Ron Ruthven that the constitution be amended to award life membership to anyone who has been a member for 50 years. This proposal would need to be approved by members at an AGM. I Madden - the club was formed in 1956 and Ron Ruthven was an active member in its early years. He has been involved in shack working bees and worked on the club's constitution over a 3 year period in the 1980's. T Dell – the current constitution provided for life membership to be awarded to members like Ron. D Hemmings will nominate and M Crosse second Ron for life membership at the AGM on August 19.

The Bequest Program – M Crosse outlined committee deliberations on procedural arrangements/constitutional amendments, which will be needed to establish the club's bequest program. Life member Ian Madden has made a generous contribution of \$5000 to start the bequest program. Ian has been a member of the club for 56 years and spoke about how he sees that the club will continue to expand and already has international standing. He wants his donation to be a corner stone for others to build around. I Stokes suggested that, on top of reinvested funds and a 5% levy on annual membership fees to build the fund, the joining fees for new members also be invested in it. T Munro gave qualified support, noting the need to have a strong current account to protect the club's interests.

Bill Lark was welcomed to his first meeting as a new member of the club.

Books on Fly Tying – Ian Stokes has copies of fly tying books by former club member Max Stokes for sale at \$5 a copy.

Ian Madden – gave an apology for his attendance at general meetings for the next 3 months.

Fly Fish Australia – club members who have represented Australia in fly fishing championships include J O'Halloran, M Crosse, L Matcham, T Urbanc, J Davis and B Carman.

Guest Speaker

Joe Riley gave an interesting talk about his experiences as a member of the Australian Fly Fishing Team in a number of European countries and showed images and video clips.

Guy Nicholson
Acting Secretary