



Tasmanian Fly Tyers' Club

Annual General Meeting, Lenah Valley RSL, 21st August 2017 at 6.30pm

Present: Andrew Hood (chair) plus 40 members as per the attendance sheet.

Apologies: Tony Abel, Ashley Artis, Bruce Barker, Josh Bradshaw, Rob Brodribb, George Clarke, Stewart Edwards, Mark Hunt, Brian McCullagh, John Miedecke, Doug Miller, Doug Mosenthal, Peter Murphy, John O'Halloran, Neil Pinkard, Danny Rimmer, Chris Rothe, Ron Ruthven, Adrian Scott, Selestie Scott, John Spencer, Simon Thomson, Bill Turner, Chris Walsh and Luci Wilkins.

Minutes of the 2016 AGM – moved T Lewis, seconded I Stokes that these be adopted as a true record carried.

Business arising from the minutes – nil.

President's Report on behalf of the Committee

Andrew Hood presented his report.

The past year has been an extremely successful one for our club, quite clearly as the direct result of the efforts of a large number of members in both organising and participating in all aspects of the club's functions and activities.

We have been able to welcome several new members to the club (Wayne Bellette, Shane Broadby, James Johns, Chris Roberts and Adrian Scott), but sadly lost a long-standing member in Graeme House who died during the year. Congratulations are due to Laurie Matcham who was awarded Life Membership in August. We now have a full membership quota and small waiting list despite a small number of resignations.

The club continues in a very strong financial position which enables expenditure to be made prudently for the benefit of all, and without undue concern as to whether we have sufficient funds. Many thanks to Andrew Blackwood for his diligence as Treasurer.

Undoubtedly, the current health of the club is largely due to the success of the many activities that have been held through the year. These have included at least seven fishing events, five fly-tying and three "miscellaneous" activities, a few of which were held in conjunction with other organisations, and all of which were regarded as being very successful. Many members were responsible for organising these activities and all events were well-attended – thanks to all involved, both organisers and participants, and especially to Ian Stokes who coordinated the overall activities calendar.

Another great development in support of the activities programme was made by Tim Lewis creating the new booking section on the club website. This has very quickly become the only reliable way for members to obtain information about, and register for club functions and activities, as well as being a valuable aid for activity coordinators. Anna Bellette and Steve Butler have also set up a "members only" Facebook page.

Once again, particular recognition needs to be given to Doug Miller's ongoing and fantastic contribution in compiling and editing "The Vice". By any measure this is an excellent publication which would be the envy of other clubs – many, many thanks, Doug.



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Similarly, we should thank Anna Bellette for co-ordinating a great series of guest speakers at our monthly meetings and for the Annual Dinner. Perhaps the two that stood out, if only for their “wow” value were Pat Whitaker's talk, with live exhibits, about snakes and Brad Harris's excellent talk on photography at the annual dinner.

While on the subject of the dinner, thanks are, once again, due to Grace and Laurie Matcham, who together with Dave Lipscombe arranged a great evening. Anna Bellette and Andrew Reed also organised a very successful raffle.

Brian McCullagh and Tony Dell, with great support from several other members, have undertaken extensive works on both shacks during the year. The Sorell shack now has solar panels and battery storage, largely through the great contribution by Malcolm Crosse, while Miena has had extensive internal and external renovations completed over recent months. These works have involved significant expenditure by the club, but they have undoubtedly added to the value of both properties, and would not have been affordable if we had had to use commercial contractors.

Thanks largely to the research efforts of Tony Dell we now have all the club trophies together with complete records of recipients, and particularly the “original” Hedley Griggs salver fully engraved with winners' names. John O'Halloran has also made two very handsome new trophies for the Margaret Knight and Fowler Trophies.

Personally, I have found the last year as President somewhat challenging but also very rewarding – challenging due to the necessity to become familiar with all that is going on in the club, but rewarding in that I am now more familiar with what is going on, and also know many members far better than I would have otherwise. My fellow Committee members have all contributed hugely and I thank them profoundly for their great assistance and support. In particular, Tim Lewis has been fantastic in the assistance, support and guidance he has provided as Secretary. Unfortunately Ian Stokes and David Lipscombe are both stepping down from the committee, but I anticipate the new committee will be just as active and productive in the coming year.

Treasurer's Report

Andrew Blackwood reported that it had been a successful year for the Club financially with a surplus of \$6,434 compared with a deficit last year of \$2,098.

Maintenance was way down on last year.

Some expenditure has been carried over to the next financial year.

Moved T Munro seconded M Aspinall and carried that the financial statements be received.

Auditor's Report

The report of the Auditor was received.

Election of Office Bearers

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

President: Andrew Hood proposed Ian Stokes seconded Andrew Reed

Vice President: Andrew Reed proposed Andrew Hood seconded Anna Bellette

Secretary: Tim Lewis proposed Andrew Reed seconded Andrew Hood

Committee: Anna Bellette proposed Andrew Reed seconded Andrew Hood



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Committee: Chris Medwin proposed Andrew Reed seconded Tim Lewis

This left the treasurer and two positions vacant on the committee, the chair called for nominations from the floor.

Treasurer: Andrew Blackwood was proposed by T Munro and seconded M Crosse elected.

Committee: Wayne Bellette proposed N Ingles seconded E Howard elected.

No more nominations were received, this leaves one vacant position on the committee.

Andrew Hood thanked David Lipscombe for the excellent way he carried out his role as vice president and thanked Ian Stokes for all his work as activities organiser as mentioned in his report.

Appointment of Auditor

Moved seconded Andrew Hood that Michael Müller be re-appointed as Auditor.

Appointment of Honorary Solicitor

Moved Andrew Hood seconded A Blackwood that Brett Cassidy be re-appointed as Honorary Solicitor.

Patron

Moved Andrew Hood seconded Henry Edgell that Barbara Fowler be re-appointed as Patron.

‘Johnny Walker’ Clubman of the year

The President awarded this to Anna Bellette for the wonderful work she does for the club pointing out that she has only been a member for 2 years and has served 1 of those on the committee.

Close of AGM at 7.05pm

T Lewis
Secretary