

AAT GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 27 JULY 2008, IFS NEW NORFOLK

Present

M Stevens (Chair), T Byard, R Dax (RD), R Butler, M Caminada, N Pinkard, D Young, J Fulton, A Taylor, P Rasmussen, J Broomby, P Williams, R Dene, T Jones, H Stewart, (J Diggle)

Apologies

S Bax, A Hope, D Edwards, S Jackson, P Geddes, T Lambert, C Bicanski, NW Fly Fishers

Meeting opened at 11.30am, following a tour of the IFS hatchery at 11.00am

Minutes of last meeting

Motion: "To accept the Minutes of the meeting held May 2008"

Moved: R Butler Seconded: J Broomby Carried

Matters arising

All items will be covered in the agenda.

Correspondence in:

Most outgoing correspondence has been provided by RD via email. Letter to Tourism Tasmania circulated.

Incoming correspondence copies distributed.

Financial Report

R Butler distributed written report.

Executive Officer's Report

RD distributed written activity report.

RD sought comment on independent Hydrologist David Leamen and it was decided to invite him to address a meeting in future.

- RD to invite D Leamen to address an AAT meeting

Report on activity by H Stewart:

Clubs encouraged to 'adopt-a-water'. Information on AAT website.

Club contact database almost complete. All bar 2 Clubs have provided email contact so statewide communication will be very time and cost effective in future.

Ulverstone Anglers Club

New committee has been elected and it is hopeful that communication with the Club will recommence.

Insurance

There has been some response from Clubs regarding the insurance offer organised by AAT. RD is seeking an indication from all Clubs as to their interest asap.

- RD to query with insurance company cost of junior, as some Clubs are only paying \$2.50

Macquarie River access program

This program is underway, styles are currently being built and private landowners are being approached by Neil Morrow. Program is set for completion by February 2009.

- Any specific access issues please report to RD and he will raise with N Morrow
- RD to invite N Morrow to speak at AAT AGM on Access Program

Four Springs management

Jim Ferrier was the contact but there is currently no management committee.

- RD to ask Gunns what regulations apply to the issue of keys to gated waters
- P Rasmussen will discuss with Fly Fishers of Tasmania the instigation of a management committee or perhaps to simply 'adopt the water'

'Adopt a water' / Clean Up days

Encouraging Clubs to 'adopt a water' and also participate in national Clean Up Australia Day. Rubbish collection depots etc are high priority for the Recreational Lake Committee.

Longford Anglers representation

Longford Anglers Club has been attending AAT Committee meetings as observers at recent meetings but now request a seat on the AAT Committee, suggesting that the Northern Forum process does not represent them sufficiently and due to their Club's size feel they should be provided a position on the AAT Committee in their own right.

The Chair explained that while AAT is open to change and indeed feels that in future change in the structure of the organisation will occur, it is not in the best interests of the organisation to make changes to the Constitution at this early stage of AAT's evolution for the sake of only one club, when it would seem that the Northern Forum concept had not been given a good opportunity to succeed and indeed no better structure, inclusive of all northern clubs, was being proposed.

Whilst it is acknowledged and applauded that Longford has strong member numbers and is a very active Club, this provides no criteria by which to change the Constitution, and using Club size alone is not a very sustainable long-term criteria as numbers can indeed fluctuate substantially over time.

It was recounted by a number of Committee members who were in attendance at the original meeting to set up the structure of AAT, that it was in fact Todd Lambert Longford President who suggested and was in favour of setting up the Northern Forum and was in full support of the process.

The meeting strongly recommended that Longford start attending the Northern Forum and make their representation via the Forum. The opportunity exists to be one of the two representatives from the Forum to attend AAT meetings. Other northern clubs would like to give the Northern Forum an opportunity to succeed before looking for alternatives.

Exporting water

Decided AAT to not make comment until public comment is sought.

Fishing Tournaments

4 competitions currently being organised. AAT is in contact with organisers.

Tasmania's Angling Guide

New edition produced by TGALT and AAT primarily for interstate and international marketing.

John Diggle IFS

Stocking report distributed.

A copy of the new IFS Fishing Code distributed. New regulations included.

Congratulations to IFS for well thought out regulations and license renewal/sales marketing promotion.

Lunch. J Diggle left

AGM format and nominations

M Stevens would not be standing again for Chairman. R Dax will be nominating for Chair. Notice of the AGM and nomination papers will be circulated by email in coming weeks.

Alterations to Constitution

Will require a special resolution to be passed at the AGM to change the role of the Executive Officer to non-voting.

Lake Sorell infrastructure

T Byard reported that PWS was to bulldoze jetty at Lake Sorell. On speaking with the Minister this was put on hold and will be discussed at the next meeting of the Recreational Lakes Committee.

Bronte Lagoon and cattle

A fence will be erected by IFS/AAT/Hydro to keep cattle from the river bank.

Quamby Club raised the issue of the carpark at Bronte – if someone parks in the wrong spot it restricts all other parking opportunities. It was suggested that Quamby Club put in an application for MAST funding for boat ramp/carpark works.

- J Broomby to suggest to Quamby Club to make application for MAST funding

David Young left meeting 2.15pm - this was David's final meeting as he will no longer fulfil position of Secretary for Tas Fly Tyers Club. His input has been much appreciated.

Huntsman Bay boat ramp

There is nowhere to tie up a boat whilst going to collect car/trailer.

- M Stevens to raise with MAST/IFS/Hydro at Forum in coming week.

Other business:

In answer to a query from the last meeting regarding the payment of \$2 by Committee members due on or before 1 July each year, RD consulted the Constitution. The payment of this money shows a commitment by Committee members and therefore entitles them to the relevant insurance covers which AAT holds. Refer pages 3 and 16 of Constitution.

Next meeting Annual General Meeting
Sunday 28 September 2008
The Grange, Campbell Town

Meeting closed 2.30pm

Please note change of date which took place in the days following the meeting.
Due to a clash with a STLAA event, the AGM has been brought forward to
Sunday 21 September 2008.