

AAT GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 14 June 2009, The Grange Campbell Town

Present

Richard Dax Chair, Roger Butler TGALT, Terry Byard STLAA, Norm Cribbin STLAA, Mike Stevens AFTA, Michael Caminada Indep North, John Broomby Northern Forum, Trevor Williams Devonport, Charlie Bicanski Devonport, John Smith TFTC, Michael Byrne Longford, Todd Lambert Longford, Alan Gordon Break'O'Day, John Diggle IFS, Helene Stewart AAT

Apologies

Phil Williams Northern Forum, Peter Murphy TFTC, Peter Maloney Devonport, Stephen Bax AFTA, Denis Edwards Indep South

Meeting opened by Chairman

Minutes of last meeting

Motion: "To accept the Minutes of the meeting held 15 March 2009"

Moved: R Butler Seconded: T Byard Carried

Matters arising

Condition of Lake Augusta Road to be raised at the next Recreational Lakes Committee

Financial Report

Treasurer's Report distributed by Roger Butler

Reports accepted C Bicanski / J Broomby

- Commence discussion with OAMPS re next year's insurance proposal

Chairman's Report

Activity list distributed and correspondence file circulated

Meeting with Premier and submission due

Following a meeting with the Premier R Dax is writing a letter to the Premier covering the successes of IFS and AAT in the past 3–4 years and what AAT are requesting for the future including a new management structure for the IFS.

John Diggle arrived

IFS Report – John Diggle

IFS have been busy stocking waters following good output from the hatchery this year.

In the next few weeks Huntsman Lake will be receive 600 and Brumby Creek another 400–500.

Query re Break'O'Day River – there is no signs of the previous stocking, no fish seen. IFS to check.

Longford Club to write to IFS re the overfishing of newly stocked fish prior to their competition day.

Joe Millen queried reasons for fish in the Bronte/Brady chain being in a poor state of health –

JD suggests may be overstocking or too little food and he will keep an eye on the situation.

J Broomby applauded Neil Morrow's work and asked whether his contract would be renewed.

JD advised his contract was not up till January 2010 and discussions with Neil would be held closer to the time but that IFS was interested in Neil working with them further.

Kingborough Club query re the chemical contamination of water. JD advised that the pesticide management program was housed in DPIW so it would be worth raising any issues direct with them.

A new look Code is being produced including the regulations, an angler diary and only one advertisement but with less general information. "Take a mate fishing" is the new offer when buying a licence.

Penstock has been very heavily fished in recent times, in fact is the third highest fished. Currently looking at changing the boating regulations to include electric outboards.

Developing a feedback opportunity on AAT's website so fisher's can quickly make comment/provide feedback on the fishery which will be forwarded directly to IFS.

RD has continued to deal with the appropriate authorities concerning irrigation and will arrange a briefing by the "Sustainable Yields Programme" people.

- Briefing date, time and venue to be advised

Meeting with Minister Llewellyn

R Dax has a meeting with Minister Llewellyn on Friday 19 June.

- Committee request that R Dax raises the implications of the budget announcement regarding PWS

Film Festival progress and future film production

The number of viewers has doubled from previous years. The Tasmanian film has been well received. Information has been distributed on Tasmania by Tas representatives attending the screenings in NZ and interstate. All footage (8-9 hours) has been provided to AAT for future use. Plans are to next year create a 25 minute and a 10 minute film plus 4 shorter segments and powerpoint presentations for interstate and overseas promotions.

T Lambert (Longford Club) advised that some Club members are concerned that AAT is too focused on tourism. R Dax explained with numerous examples how this is not the case.

- R Dax to put in writing his reply to these 'concerns' to assist T Lambert's explanation to Longford Club members

Film Festival showing in Tasmania in June:

19 th June	Devonport
22 nd June	Launceston
24 th June	Hobart

Red Jelly, IFS, AAT, Fishing Tasmania ad Prowess Publishing

A new monthly newsletter, replacing the Angler News, has been produced – Fishing Tasmania monthly. There will also be 3 publications per year, some for local distribution through tackle shops and some for interstate distribution.

A partnership prospectus is currently being developed in conjunction with Red Jelly. Current partners include Hydro Tas and Spirit of Tasmania.

'Adopt-a-water'

Andrew Catchpole of Hydro has expressed an interest in the 'adopt-a-water' program. May assist in Hydro's goal to gain respect from fishers for Hydro infrastructure.

Packaging Stewardship Forum will be working with AAT regarding rubbish clean up ideas.

Great Lake boat ramp

IFS will be putting forward a proposal for a ramp as close to the 'intake' as possible, with the inclusion of a number of necessary safety measures.

Lake Fergus

An alternate access to the Lake has been identified and is currently under review for use in future if the landowner removes current foot access.

Longford Club concerns on direction

Longford Club raised concerns over AAT's direction with regard to involvement in the Bream tournaments – AAT is a freshwater organisation, competitions like this are for the 'high end' market with flash boats etc. R Dax replied that competitions are a part of the ATDP funding and AAT have facilitated getting the competitions off the ground in Tasmania and have an interest in seeing them continue, however, have no part in running them.

Planning for a Tasmanian Fishing Competition is underway.

'Project overview' on AAT website is dated 2007 and needs updating

- Update 'Project overview' on www.anglersalliance.org.au

DAFF grants

Auditor's Report to be finalised by end of June.

RFDP grant

RFDP grant is to be completed by March 2010

Canberra meetings

RD attended Canberra film festival

Irrigation

Suggestion made for R Dax to speak with TFGA to ensure they are correctly informed on our position regards irrigation.

Irrigation Working Group – report by AAT rep Terry Byard

The first meeting of the working group was mainly a "get to know you" exercise but also included a short presentation from IDB and Hydro Tas. At the next forum, AAT would like to have discussed how items and issues are going to be carried forward and actioned etc. There needs to be a process otherwise it runs the risk of becoming just a talkfest.

AAT has developed a position on a possible future lake level operating regime for

Arthurs Lake and this will be put to the next meeting. It includes the setting of an environmental level for the lake below which there would be restrictions on water coming out. The AAT position also includes the consideration of transferring water through Lake Sorell rather than past it to assist with the recovery of this former premier fishery, and the consideration of improved access for anglers to the various streams and rivers that the water from Arthurs will eventually flow through. These matters will be taken forward to the next working group meeting in July.

Kingborough Anglers water contamination (raised under IFS agenda item above)

Didymo questionnaire

Please complete and return survey asap to assist University of Tasmania student. If you require a copy contact Helene Stewart. Surveys can be returned direct to student or via Helene.

Access and Irrigation (items previously discussed)

Worm fishing at Huntsman Lake

R Dax received an invitation from Deloraine Club to address their meeting. They asked for AAT's support in lobbying for worm fishing in Huntsman Lake. The view of the AAT Committee is that Deloraine Club should put their views in writing at the end of the 5 year term when feedback is requested and AAT will write also at that time, but no conditions can be altered during the current term.

Simon Nell has stood down as Ulverstone Club President.

- R Dax to write expressing AAT's disappointment at this news and ascertain Simon's possible interest in the NW Independent Rep position.

Inland boating. How anglers can get the best facilities – a discussion. Mike Stevens

Copy of report summary attached.

At the previous AAT Executive meeting it was decided that Denis Edwards would develop a survey of destinations with facilities available, those requiring facilities and existing facilities requiring maintenance/upgrade. A priority list will be developed and in future when MAST requests funding proposals AAT can assist local Clubs to put forward whichever is the next priority.

- Denis Edwards to speak with Peter Hopkins

Other business:

Devonport Angler's Club has planned an Opening Day in October for their Junior Development Pond. They would like to use the trailer and will write to AAT explaining the program of the day and any areas where AAT may be able to assist.

IFS advise that if a water is solely a juvenile water, advise IFS and they can officially declare it as a Juvenile Water and can then take action against poaching etc

John Smith raised the question of the Dam at Lagoon of Islands and whether this should be destroyed in case the opportunity came to again create the Lake. JD and RD explained that the likelihood of this was next to nothing and that Lagoon of Islands was now a thing of the past due to the destruction of the environment over many years. Hydro Tas had advised that the whole wall would not be destroyed when adjustments were made.

Fence at Bronte has been completed - thanks to IFS and Kingborough Club members.

Roger Butler expressed his interest in continuing the position of AAT Treasurer for 09/10, due to the ongoing work required to complete the grants.

Next meeting

1. Irrigation briefing to be advised for July/August
2. AGM September 2009 to be advised