

AAT GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 15 March 2009, Axeman's Hall of Fame Latrobe

Present

Richard Dax Chair, Roger Butler TGALT, Terry Byard STLAA, Michael Caminada Indep North, Stephen Bax AFTA, Neil Pinkard STLAA, Denis Edwards Indep South, John Broomby Northern Forum, Adrian Hope TFFA, Brian Cameron NWFFC, Simon Nell Ulverstone, Stephen Harwood Ulverstone, Peter Maloney Devonport, John Martin NWFA, Keith Credland NWFFC, Peter Burr DFFC, Daniel Bowden DFFC, Peter Cohen Deloraine, Colin Hedditch Penguin, Trevor Williams Devonport, Peter Murphy TFFA, Greg Davis Longford, Tyrone Jones Longford, Helene Stewart

Apologies

Mike Stevens AFTA, Norm Cribbin STLAA, Phil Williams Northern Forum, Neil Grose, John Diggle IFS

Meeting opened at 10.10am

Minutes of last meeting

Motion: "To accept the Minutes of the meeting held November 2009"

Moved: J Broomby Seconded: T Byard Carried

Matters arising

No further suggestions received for position of Executive Officer, so an appointment will be made in the near future

Habitat Fund – no response received yet in answer to a number of requests.

Financial Report

P & L and Balance Sheet distributed and spoken to by R Butler
Reports accepted T Byard / S Bax

IFS Report

John Diggle is currently on extended leave.

The position of Deputy Director has been filled by Tony Wright, former Business Manager.

Chris Wisniewski has been appointed to replace Phil Boxall in an 'Operations Manager' role

Reminder that bag limits are per day

The 24 hour licence will be changed next season to a 48 hour licence, for the same price

'Take a mate fishing' proposal to introduce fishing to more people and therefore sell more licences – buy a full years licence and you automatically receive a voucher licence for 2 consecutive days fishing to give to a friend

J Broomby spoke in favour of extending Neil Morrow's contract with IFS following the end of his contract this year.

Chairman's Report

Activity list distributed

Lake Fergus

In response to questions regarding the private land vs usage and access to the Lake:

Sign posts have been erected by the property owner stating conditions for use of land

A track for walking and bicycles has been added beside the river

The bridge was taken down by floods not the property owner

The owner has developed a bbq area, car turning area and hard stand boat launch area

The hut has been cleaned up and toilets added, which the owner services

There are a number of grass campsites and all these facilities are for public use

Through the locked gate there are more and larger campsites and a shower block, however, these are for the owner's private use only

Helicopters have landed on the property twice however this is unlikely to be a regular occurrence

Awaiting on PWS to sort out a few issues regarding the WHA after which a full report will be posted on the web site.

Correspondence in/out:

Correspondence files circulated for viewing

Irrigation

If you wish to apply for a position on IFAC, lodge your CV with Tony Wright at IFS; closing soon.

Minister's Angler working committee – members include John Cleary, IFS, DPIW, Hydro, IDB and now AAT. Terry Byard will be the AAT rep.

RD gave an account of irrigation progress as far as it was known and the results of various meetings concerning Arthurs, Shannon/Clyde, Poatina transfers, Woods Lake and the Lake River irrigators, water transfers from Sorell and of a forthcoming meeting with Minister Llewellyn.

Major marketing meeting

AAT, IFS and Tourism Tasmania met with marketing agency Red Jelly to progress the RFDP and fishing license system. AAT on behalf of the IFS will be implementing many future marketing initiatives

Lunch. C Hedditch and J Martin left.

RFDP mainland marketing

Gin Clear is a NZ film-maker who has made a 40 minute film on fishing in Tasmania. AAT have entered into a partnership with Gin Clear, Tourism Tas, TT Line, TGALT to support the film showings around the country. Excess footage will be made available for our use.

Another film on Tasmanian fishing covers 2 ½ hours of such footage as the Bream competitions and Arthur's Lake

DAFF Grants

Final reports are underway for the Commonwealth to be followed shortly by an auditing process.

Junior Angler – a 'learn to fish' program has been developed to be used in conjunction with the trailer, sticker rulers, caps, measure tapes, banners, road and reels etc.

Didymo – the trailer will be multi-purpose; Didymo banners will be displayed when using the trailer for Didymo promotion, Junior Anglers banners and IFS banners also produced. Didymo posters, brochures and keytags being used to raise awareness.

River access programs – very successful, many agreements signed with landowners, brochures produced, stiles erected.

Signs and brochures – all monies have been expended however, some implementation still to take place.

Fishing tournaments

1 trout and 5 Bream tournaments have been held. Neil Grose has been contracted to run the tournaments for the next 2 years. Next year planning to promote tournaments as the Tasmanian Fishing Championships.

Spirit of Tasmania

Spirit of Tasmania have entered into a three year partnership with AAT to promote tournaments and fishing in general including heavy discounts for tournament entrants and \$ support.

Recreational Lakes Committee

A map noting camping, motor home sites etc is being developed for the Central Highlands with the view to creating a master plan.

Additional rubbish bins and signage is being added to the Central Highlands through a partnership with the Packaging Stewardship Forum.

Silver Plains access – IFS is negotiating with Gunns for the continuation of public access.

Bronte Shore Fencing – 1 ½ km of fencing will be installed after Easter (help gratefully accepted, contact T Byard IFS).

Lake Augusta Dam Road – condition of the road is not good

- R Dax to raise at next Recreational Lakes Committee meeting

Clean Up Australia and “Adopt-a-water” – still encouraging clubs to adopt a local water and take responsibility for keeping the area rubbish free.

RECFISH Code of Practice – copies provided.

Meeting with the Premier

R Dax meeting with the Premier in late March to advise him of AAT and IFS’s activities and successes in an effort to strengthen relationships and gain cabinet recognition and assistance to continue progress.

Logging on Baker’s Tier

- R Dax to raise at Tourism–Forestry Protocol meeting

Insurance

Clubs and Guides have supported OAMPS insurance offer. Anyone interested can come onboard any time. Contact R Dax or H Stewart.

Meadowbank Dam

Letter circulated for viewing explaining draw down of 6m of water in order to do maintenance on spillway gates.

Other business:

Northern Forum had only a small gathering again – 2 reps from Westbury and Peter Geddes. J Broomby questioned the point of continuing to meet with such poor attendance. It was the view of the meeting for J Broomby and P Williams to continue coming to the meetings as the Forum representatives with full voting rights. Other Northern clubs are welcome to attend the meetings, without voting rights.

George Town Fishing Dam – the DPIW have confirmed the presence of an ‘introduced pest’ (turtles)

Longford Fishing Club is seeking film footage for their Library.

Next meeting Sunday 14 June 2009, 10am
Venue to be advised following next Executive Meeting