

## **AAT GENERAL MEETING**

Sunday 20 September 2009, The Grange Campbell Town

### **Present**

R Dax (Chair), M Stevens AFTA, T Byard STLAA, R Butler TGALT, M Caminada Indep Nth,  
S Bax AFTA, N Cribbin STLAA, J Broomby Northern Clubs, P Murphy TFFA, T Williams Devonport, C Bicanski Devonport, L Tirant Indep NW, A Gordon Break O'Day, T Jones Longford, T Horan FFCT, P Hazelwood FFCT, H Stewart AAT, J Diggle IFS

### **Apologies**

A Hope TFFA, D Edwards Indep Sth, B Cameron NWFFC, P Williams Northern Clubs

Meeting opened by Chairman

### **Minutes of last meeting**

Motion: "To accept the Minutes of the meeting held 14 June 2009"

Moved: M Stevens           Seconded: M Caminada           Carried

### **Matters arising**

'Sustainable Yields Programme' briefing yet to be scheduled  
Inland Boating facilities audit is underway

### **Chair's Report**

Activity List provided via email  
Correspondence files circulated

### **Irrigation matters – T Byard (representative on IDB working party)**

Irrigation report attached

### **DAFF Grants**

The grants have been audited and signed off by the Commonwealth

### **Spirit of Tasmania**

SOT have confirmed their intention to be long term partners of AAT

- Will SOT subsidise travel costs for Tasmanian fishers to attend interstate ABT tournaments?

### **Fishing Competitions**

2 x ABT, 3 X Bream, and 2 x Trout competitions being run this year

### **Red Jelly**

Red Jelly has been assisting IFS with the uniformity of collateral.

AAT are currently collecting quotations for production of a 25 minute film for interstate and international exposure. Have received a quote from Southern Cross and are awaiting a quote from Red Jelly (WIN).

- Suggestion to ask for a quote from Nick Crawford HAVE

John Diggle IFS arrived

### **IFS matters - J Diggle**

The 'Take A Mate fishing' promotion is underway and already 243 people have taken up the offer. Feedback from the meeting: the promotion is a reward for those who renew their license. There is no incentive for those buying a new license. IFS to consider for next year.

Whitebait season opens on 1 October 2009.

Year to date license sales figures suggest an increase of 10%

Four Springs management/ownership query - JD to look into

Powerbait - "Will you be prosecuted for using powerbait in an 'artificial only' water? This is a grey area - it depends what is on the end of the line not the method of fishing. If IFS bans set rod fishing in artificial waters, would that solve the confusion? Feedback appreciated.

Query on anglers on West Coast raising money to stock Lake Rosebery. JD advised they were raising money to pay for the transportation of stock. The stock was provided by IFS, but the transportation is very expensive.

Work is continuing with IFS on communication strategies, newsletters, the Code, 'Take a Mate' promotion and administrative assistance

### **Waterhouse**

IFS will look into the bag and size limits for next season and stocking will be as per normal stocking program

Can Barrington be stocked with Atlantic salmon prior to winter? Depends when they are available from the hatchery and on transportation programs (cost of transport has increased considerably)

### **Cattle Hill Wind Farm**

Suggestion has been made to provide access on eastern side of Lake Echo

### **AAT presence at Agfest**

A member suggested that AAT could be represented at Agfest perhaps with IFS. JD advised that IFS is no longer attending Agfest due to little perceived value. However, Fishcare volunteers attend. IFS may be interested in future for promotion of the Junior Angler program but this is as yet undecided. AAT feel there is not a great deal to offer at present but will keep it in mind for the future.

John Diggle left  
Lunch

### **Partnership prospectus**

A powerpoint presentation of the Partnership Prospectus was shown.

### **Constitution**

First draft for the reorganisation of AAT's structure was circulated prior to the meeting.

- Request feedback for full discussion next meeting

Feedback received on AAT website – suggesting it requires a preamble, aims, objectives, goals etc in much more detail than currently exists

What is AAT not achieving which people want it to achieve??

Suggestion to advertise the role of the independent representatives so that anglers understand they can contact their independent rep to bring forth issues to AAT

### **ATDP Program**

Provided a progress report to Government as at 30 June 2009.

Tasmania was represented at a recent UK Game Fair by UK travel agent 'Fly Odyssey'

R Dax will spend 3 weeks in the UK in November 2009 representing Tasmania at the Film Festival, conducting presentations and fishing/sport store visits

### **Recreational Lakes Committee**

Working on a strategy for rubbish collection and toilet maintenance etc

### **Adopt-a-water**

Discussion paper distributed.

- Bring Club's comments to next meeting

### **IFAC Meeting**

RD attended meeting

### **Government relations**

Meeting held with the Minister. Will meet with the Premier at the end of September.

### **Websites**

Feedback provided re AAT/Fishing Tasmania websites:

Contains out-of-date info

Some links do not work

There is no contact for the Webmaster

It is difficult to know if subscription was successful

### **USA market**

No activity at present

### **Axeman's Hall of Fame**

Axeman's Hall of Fame is interested in developing a private fishery at Latrobe. Will keep AAT informed of progress.

### **Other business:**

Fly Fishers Club of Tasmania has recently received a grant from Sport and Recreation. A reminder that AAT will assist with the preparation of grant proposals

It is time to advise regards insurance renewal. There is a possible price increase of 7% but if possible AAT will absorb the increase

The Sheffield and Railton Treatment Plants require upgrading. The Mersey Rivercare Group is concerned at the prospective damage of nutrient rich water being dumped into the river and would appreciate a letter of support

➤ AAT to send letter of support

What is the chance of improvements to the condition of the Lake Augusta Road – almost none!

Silver Plains gates will remain open till the end of the season

Cressy Research Station has been leased. The water for the toilet block comes from the Research Station. Will it be compromised?

➤ RD to enquire

Feedback suggests a professional guide is asking farmers along the South Esk River to restrict access to other fishers

➤ TGALT to follow up

A query, was there any knowledge of a guide trying to gain permission to fly in a temporary fishing standing camp into the World Heritage Area? It is understood that no official request has been made.

Brushy Lagoon Fishing Competition is being held on Saturday 24 October 2009.

**Next meeting** early December – to be advised