

AAT GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 10 April 2010, The Grange Campbell Town

Present

R Dax (Chair), T Byard STLAA, R Butler TGALT, M Caminada Indep Nth, N Cribbin STLAA, J Broomby Northern Clubs, D Edwards Indep Sth, H Stewart AAT, J Diggle IFS

Apologies

A Hope TFFA, M Stevens AFTA, S Bax AFTA, P Murphy TFFA, T Williams Devonport, L Tirant Indep NW

Meeting opened by Chairman

Minutes of last meeting

Motion: "To accept the Minutes of the meeting held 20 September 2009"

Moved: R Butler Seconded: T Byard Carried

Matters arising

Mike Stevens to provide preamble to Constitution – follow up with Mike

Chair's Report

Activity List provided via email

UK activity report circulated, covering R Dax's November 2009 UK visit

Tourism Tas have confirmed trade missions to UK, US and Asia will take place once every 18 months for next 3 years. At the upcoming US trade mission this year Ken Orr will be representing AAT/TGALT

IFAC – Minutes of last IFAC meeting distributed

ATDP – First cut of film soon to be available, interstate roadshows to begin shortly targeting Angling Clubs

John Diggle arrived

IFS matters – J Diggle

Presentation of statistics of license sales, lake harvests and number of anglers.

Inland Waters Boating Infrastructure Plan 2010 draft available for comments – to MAST by end May (a copy of the Plan can be found on the IFS website)

IFS to send reports to R Dax on email for distribution

1046 people have taken advantage of the 'Take a Mate' program which is about a 10% conversion on approx 10,000 renewals

Four Springs ownership – still to be determined
Trout weekend coming up 22–23 May at Liawenee, Great Lake, 10am–3pm

Lunch
John Diggle left

Treasurer's Report – Roger Butler
Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss statements provided

Macquarie Water Management Plan – Roger Butler
Roger Butler reported on his presentation of recreational trout fishery values with regard to the Macquarie River Catchment. Copy of presentation distributed.

Irrigation matters – T Byard (representative on IDB working party)
Report distributed, including Arthur's Lake Irrigation Proposal and proposed operating regime, and update in Lakes Sorell and Crescent

CSIRO Sustainable Yield Project documentation distributed

IFS Open Day
R Dax to attend with Neil Morrow and 'the trailer'

Bush Watch / Adopt-a-water
Bush Watch has requested AAT to join the State Committee and assist in the adopt-a-water program.

CRC and water report
CRC Tourism has written an application for funding to research the needs of water users other than agriculture and in particular the tourism industry and recreational fishers.

Insurance
One payment outstanding but on its way. Mark West has left OAMPS and set up his own brokerage business and may be able to offer an alternative quote for next year's policy.

AQIS
AQIS have requested that all incidents regarding quarantine when entering the country are reported in order for them to follow up and seek to tighten control of these issues. It is highly important that any such experiences are reported to AAT for forwarding to AQIS.

Webcams

There have been some negative comments made regarding the webcam being off the air for the past 4 or so months. Unfortunately the webcams can be quite temperamental in the environmental conditions they are placed in due to the 3 G network. A new network with more sites is being investigated.

Spirit of Tasmania

Spirit of Tasmania continue to support AAT

Commonwealth Fly Fishing Championships

Expecting about 90 competitors. AAT will provide film footage, promotional collateral and other information for use in international promotions.

Recreational Lakes Committee

This Committee continues its work on a caravan and camping strategy in partnership with Tourism Tasmania.

Mainland and international road shows

Mainland presentations to clubs begin in June into VIC and NSW and USA. UK will follow in October and Asia early in 2011.

Recreational Fishing in Australia 2010 and beyond

Discussion paper distributed – also available online

Structure of AAT

Paper provided by R Dax as suggestion of what could be achieved in order to stimulate discussion.

AAT has to decide what form the organisation is going to take once the current grant projects have been finalised.

The general feeling of the meeting was skeptical of major change and of the concept of a Board/Committee for IFS management to report to. Would prefer to keep marketing and other projects separate from AAT – suggesting perhaps the establishment of a separate entity to provide this role. The 'Meeting' sees AAT as solely a representative body of the anglers of Tasmania for the anglers' benefit and would predict less interest by the membership/anglers if AAT continue to promote interstate and international marketing programs.

Next meeting: General Meeting 20 June 2010
AGM September 2010 tba