

AAT GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2008, CAMPBELL TOWN

Present

M Stevens (Chair), T Byard, R Dax (RD), R Butler, M Caminada, S Bax, N Cribbin, D Edwards, A Hope, P Murphy, Todd Lambert, Greg Davis, H Stewart, (J Diggle, N Morrow)

Apologies

J Broomby, Fly Fishers Club of Tas

Meeting opened at 11.05am

Minutes of last meeting

Motion: "To accept the Minutes of the meeting held July 2008, with an amendment under the heading **Longford Anglers representation**, the 4th paragraph to read as follows:

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 Todd Lambert Longford President was in favour of setting up the Northern Forum and was in full support of the process."

Moved: R Butler Seconded: M Caminada Carried

Matters arising

Four Springs management. RD still to contact Gunns. P Rasmussen is no longer Chair of Fly Fishers of Tasmania. Suggest we contact new Chair T Horan to discuss 'adopting' Four Springs.

- RD to contact Gunns and T Horan

Club database – a reminder to advise any Club contact detail changes

T Byard advised a positive outcome on the cattle issue at Bronte. He is leading a project of fencing the specified area. The fencing will be carried out over summer with assistance from local Club volunteers.

Correspondence in/out:

In addition to correspondence circulated by email, RD distributed further correspondence for viewing.

Neil Morrow & John Diggle IFS arrived 11.15am

Financial Report

R Butler distributed written report.

Executive Officer's Report

RD distributed written activity report.

Insurance

Covernote insurance has been organised for a number of Clubs to bring them in line with the 31 October policy renewal date. A member number update will be required prior to 31 October to ensure cover is correct for annual policy.

North West independent representative

Scott Jackson has resigned his position as NW independent representative. The position will be advertised in relevant fishing publications, through the IFS and various websites.

- Position to be advertised

Recreational Fishing Development Plan

Neil Morrow IFS presented an update on the Access/Signage component of the Plan.

IFS Report

John Diggle distributed an update on IFS activities.

J Diggle and N Cribbin provided details of the Didymo Symposium held in Hobart in August.

Ongoing work with IFS

There are some additional monies in the RFDP some of which may be used to help IFS redesign their database. Any review of the database should include examination of the systems for license sales and marketing.

Clyde River, Lakes Sorell and Crescent

Another letter and photos of the current state of the Lakes sent to Minister Garrett.

Silver Plains

T Byard fears if little interest is shown in Silver Plains the landowner will remove public access, and therefore encourages all Clubs, AAT and Recreational Lakes Committee to write to the Government expressing interest in the retention of public access.

- Clubs, AAT and Recreational Lakes Committee to write to Government

Four Springs

Queries from NWFA answered through Adrian Hope.

Adoption of waters

Clubs are encouraged to confirm 'adoption' of a local water. Interest from Clubs as follows (but not all confirmed):

Corralinn *Brumbys*, Quamby *Huntsman Lake*, Bridgewater *Cluny*, Tas Fly Fishers *Four Springs*, Longford/Westbury/Devonport *Brushy Lagoon*, Central Highland Shack Owners *Bronte-Bradys*

Media releases

Suggestion to prepare a media release to tell the positive story of AAT's activities including for example "Adopt-a-water".

- Prepare 'good news' media release

Brushy Lagoon

Longford Fishing Club is organising a competition to be held in October. For info contact Todd Lambert jt Lambert@bigpond.com

Drought-proofing Tasmania

- Invite Peter Davies to address a future AAT meeting
- Contact Sue Neales, Charles Woolley etc to seek advice on how best to approach media to ensure our views are aired sufficiently

Habitat Fund

Still no response from the Board regards the status of the Habitat Fund. Suggestion to contact Nigel Forteath (Board member) to seek his views on the proposal. M Stevens has supported the proposal.

- Contact Board member N Forteath

A Hope left meeting

Recreational Lakes Committee

July meeting Minutes distributed

RECFish Annual Conference

Conference being held in Canberra 17-18 October, RD attending.

TARfish AGM

RD attending

Fishing Tournaments

Document distributed

Tourism Tasmania negotiations

Documents distributed. Awaiting sign-off by CEO.

Fishing Tasmania website

Under construction and will take the form of an online magazine. www.fishingtasmania.net/live

Formation of sub-committees and Executive Committee

Future make-up of AAT Management Committee

- Prepare an options paper – seeking expressions of interest from Clubs as to their preferred involvement in AAT meetings. Draft paper to go to Executive meeting, to Committee and then to Clubs.

Format of meetings

Covered previously, nothing further to discuss

Other business:

TGALT will be attending a consumer show in Melbourne with the aim to lift the profile of the fishery and license sales. Will be distributing Tasmania's Angling Guide and if anyone has anything else relevant for distribution in Melbourne please contact Roger Butler.

Cressy Trout Expo –a meeting on 7 October will discuss the future of the Expo. Feedback and suggestions welcomed.

What is the protocol for requesting the stocking of waters? Individuals anglers or Clubs can write direct to the Director IFS with the request or if preferred can request the support of AAT by raising at an AAT meeting.

Shannon Lagoon – Has anything progressed with the idea of raising Shannon Lagoon? No. It is being monitored. Hydro apparently will not be spending additional monies on the dam.

Next meeting Sunday 30 November 2008
The Grange, Campbell Town