

**SUMMARY OF NSWFCA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT HAT HEAD ON FRIDAY, 6 JUNE 2008.**

President opened meeting at 9.40 am.

Present: Robert Smith, Alan Cannon, Mark Aston, Merv. McFie & Margaret Riddel.

Apologies: Brett Turner, Rob Burston.

Visitor: Robyn Smith.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

As at 31 May 2008.	Working account	\$ 40,750.46
	AAA Hosting Fund	\$ 30,005.02
	Gross including AAA funds	\$ 70,755.48.

1. Funds in Interest bearing "On call" at 7.3%
2. General discussion re \$11,000.00 Grant Money – impute mainly by Treasurer, President and IT Chairman, Mark Aston - basically the above grant monies has funded the Card Printing Machine at a cost of approximately \$5,200 The ongoing costs attached to this will be ribbons, further down the line more blank cards etc. The Gus Veness sponsorship monies of \$1,100.00 to hand. The newly designed cards show the sponsors details on the reverse side of card also that the member is insured under the NSW Sports Injury Insurance Scheme. The cards in stock should last approximately 3 years.

The Casting court equipment has been manufactured and delivered – total cost \$1,560.00, an extra (and surplus to requirements) court has been sold to the Manning Casting Club in the sum of \$530.00 which means that a total cost of \$1,000.00 has been expended.

3. During 2007/08 NSWFCA again carried out clerical administration on behalf of our Insurance Brokers, IC Frith & Associations and in respect to this a cheque for \$3,125.00 has been paid by the Broker to NSWFCA.
4. The Treasurer reported that actually the NSWFCA has run at only a small profit for the financial year 2007/2008. Falling membership has a great deal to do with this loss. An all out drive to improve membership should be undertaken by all Divisions and Clubs.
5. The NSWFCA is obligated and bound to fund the New South Wales hosting of the Australian Anglers Association Championships and Convention every eight (8)-ten (10) years depending on the participation of Western Australia and with this in mind the Treasurer reported that the "AAA Hosting Fund" Interest Bearing Deposit has principal invested of \$30,005 on which interest will be paid in December 2008. As NSWFCA will be required to host the 2011 AAA it is essential we work diligently towards building funds in this account post haste
6. The Treasurer reported that \$20,000.00 from the Working funds has also been invested in an IBD for this year. This amount mostly includes the monies "forward paid" via the 5 year membership cards i.e.current year plus 4 years in advance . The amount of this investment naturally varies from year to year as on the 1 July membership fees for the particular current year must be allocated back to the "General Working" account

7. General discussion re the finances of the NSWFCA and the need to work towards establishing “Futures/Development” Funds that will become ongoing IBDs to eventually fund, via interest earned thereon, the running of the AAA each turn and in whole or part of the NSWFCA .

It was recalled that a clause in the previous Constitution stated that from the yearly Individual membership fee a certain sum was to be deducted and allocated to the AAA Hosting Fund, this compulsory method of funding the AAA appears to have been abandoned/lost since the new Rules were introduced.

8. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE AGM and if approved added to the appropriate section of the Rules/Bylaws -

“10% (ten percent) of Individual Membership fees received by the NSWFCA each financial year be deducted therefrom and invested into the “AAA Hosting Fund”

Moved by Alan Cannon 2nd Merv. McFie. Recommended same be effective immediately..

9. MEETING TRAVEL ALLOWANCE:

Discussion re increase in travel allowance payable to each Division in respect to attendance at meetings from the present sum of 15c. to 20c. per km.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION:

“An increase from 15c. to 20c. per km be paid to each Division present at a meeting. Implement immediately”

Moved by Treasurer, M.McFie, 2nd R. Smith. Recommended same be effective immediately.

10. COMPETITIONS – COMPETITION COMMITTEE:

Chairman Alan Cannon spoke on the difficulties in regard to obtaining clubs and divisions willing to host a State Championship or a NSWFCA Convention.

In regard to the 2009 Rock & Beach which Clarence will host he is presently awaiting date for the Grafton Racing Carnival in July before he can settle on a date. This date also impacts on the date which the Off-shore Championship will be held at Port Macquarie. (host PM Panthers Angling Club)

As soon as the full calendar has been set by Alan, same to be circulated to Divisions and clubs.

Competition Committee member M. Riddel advised that all Broadsheets for the remainder of the 2008 year have already been circulated to Divisions, Clubs and interested members who have supplied e.mail addresses.

She is presently requesting all Divisions and Clubs to update their Executive information urgently for use by IT Records Officer Robyn Smith, IC Frith & Associates, Editor of the Year Book and Secretary’s records.

Alan also requested Divisions and Clubs to show interest in hosting the 2010 NSWFCA Convention.

The Forster/Tuncurry area was mentioned as a possible venue. Robert Smith has undertaken to liaise with both his Division NDAA and the MNC Amateur Fishing Clubs Association with a view to the joint hosting of the event in that area. He to report back to Competition Chairman.

11. NSWFCA WEBSITE:

Robert Smith has been in contact with Ian Garling discussing the update of our Website. The NSWFCA Original website provider has closed business and the NSWFCA has had to look for a new provider. It appears that Optus can provide the necessary ISP at approximately \$64.39 per month which includes the name of NSWFCA which will be registered. It appears that five (5) mail boxes will be available for use by the Committee of Management exclusively. Discussion in respect to charging for firms wishing to advertise on our website.

It was recommended that Championship results be posted to the website as soon as possible after each event. Robert Smith to meet with Ian Garling second week in June to discuss the matter fully and arrive at conclusions.

12. GRANT MONIES EXPENDITURE: LAPTOP COMPUTER.

Treasurer, Merv. McFie requested that consideration be given to his request that he be supplied with a laptop computer. This request has come about on account that the NSWFCA laptop supplied to the Treasurer was ultimately provided to the Records Registrar, Ian Pereira, on account Merv. was using his own personal computer from the time he became Treasurer. He finds that same now needs to be updated, he will also be travelling extensively during 2008/09 and a laptop would provide the necessary link for his position.

Discussion ensued as to the most appropriate model. Moved by M.Aston 2nd, M.Riddel that Merv. liaise with Mark to source out appropriate laptop.

13. OUT OF POCKET EXPENSE PAYMENTS:

IT Records Officer, Robyn Smith, President Robert Smith and Treasurer Merv. McFie advised that they had not previously claimed some ongoing out of pocket expenses in respect to the provision of monthly Internet Services etc..

Moved by M.Aston, 2nd M. Riddel that the Out of Pocket expenses in respect to the provision of Internet Services be paid by the NSWFCA.

14. 2009 AAA CHAMPIONSHIPS – WALLAROO.

President reported briefly on Mid Term Meeting last March. General boundary rules for Off-shore, Estuary and Rock & Beach events. He has also put together a DVD of the area to be fished in the Rock & Beach. All information will be available on South Australian Website. Secretary has already forwarded some information to those on e.mail. There are vacancies in some 2nd teams, applications are encouraged. Secretary advised that she met with officials of the Wallaroo Football Club re holding of NSWFCA functions i.e. Jacket presentation, NSWFCA Night in respect to 2011; NSWFCA Dinner -spoke with 2 ladies re possible catering arrangements; Margaret has done preliminary sourcing re team outfitting with jackets and shirts, enough caps on hand to outfit team, thinks there are over 50 with NSWFCA logo - only need details re Wallaroo added.

15. NSWFCA HOSTING OF 2011 CHAMPIONSHIPS & CONVENTION.

As NSWFCA will be required to host the NSWFCA night at Wallaroo in March 2009 it is necessary for the association to decide on a definite location to hold this 2011 event so that a presentation can be given of the area chosen.

Matter discussed in depth, South Coast Division has indicated that that Division is no longer interested in holding the event on the South Coast, Newcastle District feels that taking all matters into consideration it is not feasible to hold a successful championship in the area. Clarence Division was the host in 2003 and felt that it is not advisable to use the same area in a row and manpower could be a problem.

The town of South West Rocks was then proposed as ideal to conduct all three angling events – the Macleay River for Estuary, Off-shore area immediately off the township, launching Macleay River, Back Creek and off the beach if necessary; Rock & Beach, basically most of the Harry Pontey boundary, Casting – it is

hoped by 2011 the Boyter Road Sports grounds will be up and running otherwise the Hat Head Golf Club grounds could be an option. Secretary has done preliminary enquiries of the Kempsey Shire Council, South West Rocks Country Club, SWR Fishing Club and SWR Real Estate Agents. All enquiries have met with enthusiasm and co-operation has been assured. On the outcome of this meeting the President and Secretary have tentative appointments to meet with the above for further discussion.

Basically it was decided that South West Rocks would be an ideal venue, 3 weeks in July 2011 (Secretary advised that the 2011 School Holidays have not as yet been gazetted) The NSWFCA will basically be fully responsible for the running of the event with the help of at least the Hastings District Fishing Club Association as well as endeavouring to enlist the help of other nearby Divisions.

Requirements for Wallaroo: Video of the area and attractions. Video of fishing areas. Kempsey Shire will arrange basic "showbags" to which the usual NSWFCA information, Charter Boat (at least 4 in area) local attractions, accommodation details can be added.

President and Secretary will drive to South West Rocks later this afternoon to meet with the Assistant Manager of the SWR Country Club and if time permits the SWR Fishing Club.

16. COMPETITION – 2008 FRESHWATER BURRINJUCK DAM.

Margaret Riddel advised that she has liaised with the Manager of the Park in respect to a Weigh-in area (no charge in respect to the area chosen); species of fish available; accommodation etc. Park will require a current Certificate of Currency to be tended, Broadsheet has been distributed far and wide. Margaret also advised that no host had been forthcoming for this event. Robert Smith undertook to contact Gabes Tackle shop and ascertain if he could assist in sponsorship of the event by either Western Division or his business. .

17. PUBLIC LIABILITY AND PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY POLICY:

Secretary advised following negotiated with IC Frith & Associates for 2008/09.

- a. All clubs accessing policy must hold current 2008/09 affiliation to both Division and NSWFCA.
- b. IC Frith & Associates will not activate the Club policy until payment of affiliation fees has been verified by production of receipt/s issued by Division/NSWFCA and attached to Renewal form.
- c. Club premium to be \$386.38. Copy of affiliation fee receipts to be attached to Renewal Notice by club.
- d. NSWFCA & 14 affiliated Divisions to be supplied with Certificate of Currency standing in the name of each separate Division at no cost to NSWFCA or Division.
- e. IC Frith & Associates to sponsor the NSWFCA outfitting account in the sum of \$1,500:00..
- f. NSWFCA to be paid an administrative brokerage fee of \$25.00 per insured club by IC Frith & Associates – these fees will be paid in two payments – First payment February 2009 and final payment 30 June 2009.

18. DIRECTORS & OFFICE BEARERS INSURANCE POLICY:

Secretary advised Notice of Renewal should arrive in July.

19. 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTIFICATIONS:

Secretary advised that notification for Nominations for Executive positions, Notice of Motions etc. have already been despatched for the 30 August 2008 AGM at PM Panthers Bay Street, Port Macquarie. Closing date for nominations, notice of motions is 5.00pm 19 July, 2008 as required by the By-laws. It is essential that the above documents be signed by consenting parties, Division executive and forwarded by surface mail. Agenda will be despatched prior to the 2 August, 2008 as required by the By-laws.

20. DUE DILIGENCE COMMITTEE – ROSS GARVEN – REVISION OF BY-LAWS:

Secretary tended the By-laws submitted by Ross Garven which he attested had been revised, reworded, re-located, repeated clauses deleted and more importantly the intent of the previous By-laws had NOT been changed. Alan Cannon raised a query about the Casting odd/even 115 gram event – although the intent had NOT been changed in any way, Alan requested same be noted. Draft copy to be forwarded to all Executive next week for appraisal. Comments by Management Committee to be tended by e.mail by 16 June 2008 and voting on those comments if necessary. Ross Garven will then assess those comments and attend to changes if appropriate.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION THAT ROSS GARVEN’S VERSION BE ACCEPTED and if any alterations required same be via new Notice of Motions.

President pointed out that it is essential that the revised By-laws be put in place by the AGM 2008. Alteration to the above will take place via the usual avenues i.e. Notice of Motion to the 2008 AGM and onwards.

21. ECOFISHERS INC.

Merv. McFie as representative for Ecofishers advised that representatives will meet in Port Macquarie for a meeting. Although not officially attending in the capacity as NSWFCA many of our members will be taking part.

Rod Burston our NSWFCA media spokesperson has submitted various papers on a variety of subjects commenting on Government proposals, new regulations and anything and everything affecting our right to enter and fish within National, Marine, Nature Reserve Parks etc. He is to be applauded for his diligence as our representative.

Mark Aston spoke in regard to an invitation he had received from Robert Brown representing the local group of the Clarence shooters party. General issues were discussed in respect to this meeting, an overview of the Senate members and how the power of these members will affect various bills going through Parliament. Comments were made in respect to the Yamba Prawn Fleet.

22. COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION TO AGM:

Reference: Revised By-laws as per AGM meeting.

“21 AAA CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Renumber (h) to (i)

(g)

New clause (h) “The names of persons selected into the NSWFCA representative teams will appear in alphabetical order for the category for which that person is selected. No indication is to be made as to whether the member is in a particular team. Team selection will occur prior to the event at the AAA Championship and Convention” (i)

RATIONALE:

Members must bear in mind that when nominating for selection into a NSWFCA team the Selectors are caused with the duty of naming the most capable persons, who in the Selectors opinion, are capable of diversifying and competing at their highest potential bearing in mind the particular event and location and the ability of the angler to adapt to those requirements..

Meeting closed 2.15 pm. President Secretary. / /2008 2008 CM 6.6.08 HH

