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**PRECISE` DISCUSSION AT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT HAT HEAD FRIDAY 5 JUNE 2009.**

**All members of the Management Committee were present, namely,  
Robert Smith, Alan Cannon, Merv. McFie, Margaret Riddel, Mark Aston,  
Ross Garven, Grant Lugg, Paul Cooper and Brett Turner.**

President declared the meeting open at 9.46 am.

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting 6 June 2008 taken as read copy of which was distributed on 1 August 2008.

Matters arising from those Minutes:

**ITEM 21. ECOFISHERS:**

3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph – Mark Aston reported on the meeting with Robert Brown, local Clarence Shooters'

Party rep. – meeting outcome.

Explanation as to the position he held in Upper House of Parliament as opposed to Greens who do deals with parties be it Liberal/Labour etc. This gentleman has very good political knowledge – any issues that require information he may be contacted. Shooters Party have divided loyalties when questioned re this especially why they voted for Coffs Harbour Marine Park – they considered it best choice of two evils also this applied to Grey Nurse issue. Most Shooters Party members are interest in other outdoor pursuits such as fishing, 4WD, horse riding, camping etc. which are all National Park issues. There is some talk of changing name of the Party but there are several problems to overcome if this is to eventuate. Result – matter ongoing.

**ITEM 16. COMPETITION FUNDING – PRIZES:**

Robert Smith reported that originally Gabe's Tackle had agreed to supply all prizes for this Freshwater event. Gabe's later withdrew from this offer. Contact made with Western Division but

that Division declined to host this event. Competition prizes supplied by NSWFCA at a cost of \$1805.00.

At this point the matter developed into a general discussion on competitions/prizes etc. – moved to

Competitions for further discussions.

**2010 NSWFCA CONVENTION:**

Robert Smith advised that the Forster venue as suggested at the 2008 AGM had been followed up.

NDAAs was not interested in co-hosting any event out of the NDAA Division boundaries.

In regard to the suggestion that MNC AFCA may show interest, Robert reported that Lakes & Ocean

Club initially showed interest but same lapsed – when contacted later by Robert Smith the 2010 hosting was officially deferred but there were indications that that club may be interested in 2012.

In regard to the announcement by Robert Smith that the 2010 NSWFCA Convention would be held

at South West Rocks – Robert explained that following discussion at the NSW State team Celebration dinner when all the NSW State Team members were present 2010 was mentioned and Robert advised as above – discussion was had to the practices of both Queensland and South Australia who hold their prior State championships at the venue of the next year's AAA. This developed into the suggestion that same be held at South West Rocks. It would bring two lots of financial gain into South West Rocks, give NSW competitors an opportunity to become familiar with the fishing areas etc. Two members indicated they had doubts as to the success if held at South West Rocks but in general 99.9% of all members present were in favour of the venue being South West Rocks.

The following morning, at the AAA Federal meeting held the following morning, i.e. Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, in Wallaroo, Robert Smith announced that the 2010 would be held at South West Rocks and invited all interstate competitors to joint NSWFCA as our guests in this week long championships. This announcement met with very good response from interstate members.

Alan Cannon was concerned that a decision was made without contact with fellow Management Committee members prior to announcement.

**DECISION:** That all Divisions (and through divisions Clubs) be circulated with information to the effect that if that Division etc. was interested in hosting the 2010 NSWFCA Championship that a written submission be made to the AGM for consideration of their venue or to go ahead with South West Rocks.

#### PRIZES AT COMPETITIONS:

At the 30 August 2008 AGM meeting Western Division foreshadowed Notice of Motion to next AGM to dispense with adult prizes at NSWFCA competitions. Brett Turner of South Coast Division opened this matter for discussion, he pointed out that declining entrants was a problem with our competitions and therefore a drain on NSWFCA finances if no sponsorship was forthcoming from Divisions and Clubs.

Meeting decision that forthcoming AGM deal with any Notice of Motions submitted.

Some suggestions were:

a. Eliminate prizes at competitions with the exception of Juniors, Sub-Juniors, Junior/Sub-junior teams.

Rationale: Most entrants now come from the local area in which the competition is being held.

b. Suggestion that the 14 Divisions put in a yearly contribution to fund prizes i.e. \$750 x 14 = \$10,500.00.

c. It was suggested that maybe Bruce Alvey may give favourable consideration to supplying all the Junior and Sub-Junior, Individual and Team prizes in lieu of the usual donation of prizes

from this Alvey sponsor.

Further suggestion that if NOM carried re no Adult prizes – those clubs/divisions who hosted the event could have the option that the provision of adult prizes would be optional.

#### NSWFCA FINANCES:

Provision of Debit Card to cover NSWFCA Secretary Out of Pocket Expenses.

The Secretary/Public Officer advised the following information had been sourced from Department of Fair Trading, St. George Bank and from a Chartered Accountant -

A Debit Card cannot be issued on a "Society/Community/Charity" styled account nor under the present NSWFCA Rules.

If in fact the St. George Bank had allowed such an account to operate the Bank would have been in Breach of the regulations governing "Society" type accounts and NSWFCA instructions to that St. George Bank i.e. "two signatures required to operate"

The account operated by Robyn Smith is not in fact a "Society" account but a Business Account from their range of accounts i.e. "GST Provision Account" and breaches the NSWFCA Rules as NSWFCA account with St. George is a "Society" account.

General discussion ensued.

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

That in accordance with the registered Rules of the NSWFC a Special Resolution be placed before the Members (14 Divisions) to alter/amend/add to Rule 40 – Funds - to allow Debit Cards to operate styled on each i.e. “NSWFC Secretary Out of Pocket Expenses”/Robyn Smith Membership Registrar” (or however styled) with one signature i.e. to nullify the requirement that Two signatures are required to operate our accounts with the proviso that on these accounts one signature only may operate the account. The “float” monies deposited into these Debit Cards account are to be via cheque requiring the usual two signatures.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Balance details @ 5/6/09

General account \$26,550 approx.

\$7,000.00 of which is being held as “forward” payments of 5 year membership cards.

Three fixed Interest Accounts:

\$10,547.00

\$32,631.00 NSWFCA’s Australian Anglers Assoc. Hosting commitments.

\$21,000.00 NSWFCA’S Australian Anglers Assoc. Hosting.

These “AAA Hosting accounts” date back to NSWFCA’s last hosting in 2003 and are the general build-up of funds over the past 6 years in order to be in position to host the 2011 AAA

at South West Rocks.

Approximate profit in the running of NSWFCA for 2008-2009 will be approximately

\$11,000.00 –

Discussion ensued re this being a small profit considering the \$10,000 Grant monies, the Brokerage

Fee from IC Frith of \$3,125 and the yearly sponsorship of registration cards \$1,100. Grants have

now become a very dependent factor in respect to the profit running of our association.

**“HAWKE” CARD SPONSORSHIP:**

Secretary advised this sponsorship is usually requested at this time of the year. It is understood

that the new owners of Gus Veness undertook to make this yearly donation of \$1,000 for three years when the Hawke advertisement was placed on the back of our new registration cards 2008-09. This 2009-2010 will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of such agreement. Paul Cooper advised that Gus Veness Sports had

advised his Division that because of financial downturn the firm would be unable to support SMD

**REGISTERED RULES:**

Secretary spoke in respect to the information she had sourced whilst in contact with Department of

Fair Trading. Our Rules were registered on 24 August 2004 and refers in many places to “Bodies”

The 2004 AGM decreed that “Bodies” be deleted from our Association and no longer exists.

It is therefore necessary for all clubs seeking affiliation with the NSWFCA to affiliate with any Division of their choice. This is therefore a necessary parameter to seeking to access the NSWFCA’s Public Liability and Professional Indemnity Insurance policy.

It is now time for revision of the NSWFCA Rules to take place to enable necessary deletions and additions to be noted therein and subsequent notations to be registered.

**2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

Secretary advised that venue booked at Port Macquarie Panthers, upstairs room, hiring fee \$110.00

Tea/Coffee only could be provided for \$2.50 per cup.

Decision: No tea/coffee to be ordered.

**YEAR BOOK – TY-BOWL:**

Secretary has fielded many requests for information about this firm re Year Book but had managed to

contact the firm of late re progress of sourcing advertisements for the production of Year Book.

Paul Cooper advised that there had been problems within the company.

Direction: Paul Cooper undertook to attend upon the company to ascertain the present position re Year Book (2 years behind)

Paul to obtain the PDF Disk from Robyn Smith and liaise with Ty-Bowl to get production underway.

Year Book information to be placed on our Website if enough room is available – otherwise additional space can be purchased.

**COMPETITIONS:**

**HARRY PONTEY:**

The request from the Hat Head Bowling Club to the NSWFCA had been applied to this 2009 competition – an amended Broadsheet attached to an e.mail had been distributed to all Divisions

setting out the required amendments.

Mark Aston – raised several additional aspects of our competition being held at Hat Head i.e.

the state damage and untidiness in which some properties are being left, unruly behaviour problems being forced on local residents, the unavailability of some accommodation due to the property owners placing an embargo on renting to fishing groups including some Harry Pontey teams – this style of behaviour is ERODING THE INTREGRITY of the NSWFCA .

Mark then broached subject of moving Harry Pontey away from Hat Head and back to Point Plommer – initially advising that this Interdivisional event was originally established to train future NSWFCA teams in the art of beach fishing for AAA participation whilst competing in the southern and western states where beach fishing is prominent. Since transferring the event from Point Plommer to Hat Head a lot of the comradary has disappeared within the event, there have been problems with publicity in regard to the competition being a “fish killing” exercise etc.

Discussion: Suggestions of a change of date away from June Long week-end to maybe July – less general public around, lower rentals, better fishing month.

Delegates opinions divided in respect to the above suggestions.

Some suggestions were have all Interdivisional Championships held on a rotation basis Ross Garven spoke against rotation and recalled the ludicrous situation when the Harry Pontey was

held at Hat Head during the long week-end in October.

Recommended : Alan Cannon will announce the important aspects of the above discussions at the

Briefing on Saturday and suggest that if change is thought to be warranted for Divisions to submit a Notice of Motion to the 2009 AGM.

#### NSWFCA ANNUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Brett Turner – Raised suggestion that these titles be held bi-ennially only and then be in the form of week long Convention style event – falling entrant numbers made up mostly of the local competitors.

Competitors who compete in all four events it is much more economical in respect to home to venue travelling, accommodation costs, less time away fishing – week long as against four week-ends.

Drawbacks – Speakers against – Not everyone is willing to spend 2 weeks of their annual leave on

fishing competitions taking into account family commitments. Some competitors only compete in their favourite event i.e. Estuary, casting etc. which could be scheduled on a week-day of a convention.

Not all employees/small business operators can be away for extended periods but they are able to take

odd days off during the year to compete in the four events etc. or their jobs or businesses demand

of Monday to Friday commitment.

Decision: For further discussion or as Notice of Motions to AGM.

#### OFF-SHORE – HOST FOR 2011:

Robert Smith advised that Harrington Deep Sea Club has offered to host the 2011 Off-shore Championships out of Crowdy Head – possible date July.

#### CHARTER BOAT COMPETITION:

Brett Turner drew attention to this event as becoming too expensive for the results that are being

achieved – it is basically restricted to the metropolitan area because of the costings of the hire charter boat and travel when weighed against the short duration of the time actually spent fishing and the

small number of fish usually caught - it is a uneconomical proposition and it is not a NSWFCFA Championship event and should be withdrawn from the Overall Interdivisional Championship.

The event could still be held each year but not as an Overall event.

Paul Cooper undertook to take control of the organisation of this event (in conjunction with the

Western Division if that Division agreeable) He advised that the persons who fish this event usually charter boat fishers only.

Result of above:

Alan Cannon will announce the important aspects of the above discussions at the Harry Pontey Briefing on Saturday so that members can take same to the clubs and divisions for analysis.

#### 2011 AAA SOUTH WEST ROCKS - ORGANISATION & PLANNING REPORT

Ross Garven – Co-ordinator.

- Presentation at Wallaroo highly successful.
- Many enquiries re interstate competitor attendance, accommodation etc.
- 2010 Mid-term Meeting delegates enthusiastic to explore the area and venue.
- Steering Committee organised : Co-ordinator – R.Garven, Planning & Organisation Margaret Riddel, Robert Smith, Grant Lugg, Lyn Lugg, Roe Martin, Ken Martin from this committee sub-committees will operate. Mark Aston will be in control of IT –

scoring, results etc. Robyn Smith has offered to produce the daily publication "Yesterday, To-day and To-morrow"

- All the foundation requirements/arrangements are underway.
- The adopted 2011 AAA Logo sketch displayed.
- Metal badge quotation from Harrington's Auscraft – same company produced 1993 AAA Pt. Macquarie badge. Prices still more than competitive. Order of 400 x 4 colour to be placed.
- Printing – Meeting agreed using non-commercial methods uneconomical – professional printing cheaper all round.
- M. Riddel suggested that letterhead urgently required for sponsorship purposes.

Mid-term Delegates Meetings – two suggested venues at this stage – South West Rocks/Port Macquarie.

#### GRANTS:

Paul Cooper suggested that Grants could be available to defray costs re running of this event –

both State and Federal. DAFF (Federal); Recreational Fishing Alliance; Recreational Fishing Trust funds – suggested that NSWFCFA apply for at least \$20,000 grant – Administration of AAA and Junior Development etc.

Sport & Recreational Grants are still running but are up for review during this year.

#### IT HARDWARE –AAA REQUIREMENTS:

Mark Aston – Recommends that we purchase a Hi-Speed Lazer Printer to ensure that AAA results are

produced quickly – ordinary printers not fast enough.

Stock Computer gear – NSWFCFA has 3 laptops.

**DECISION:** Leave all investigation of availability of Grants, make the necessary applications and submissions in the hands of Paul Cooper.

#### ECOFISHERS:

Mark Aston – AGM 2008.

Raised concern re method used by ECOFISHERS to apply to NSWFCFA for further funding – as pointed out at 2008 AGM to Mr. Thurlow this is not a membership fee but in fact a donation.

Decision of Meeting:

Meeting recalled the direction of the AGM 2008 that ECOFishers provide a Statement as to what the donation was utilised and submit to NSWFCFA before payment was to be made.

Payment recorded as to have been made to ECOFishers in September 2008 without submission of the

Statement to the Management Committee.

#### DIRECTION:

NSWFCFA write a letter to CEO, Ken Thurlow, PO Box 68 Hastings Point advising that no further

Funding will be considered unless NSWFCFA has to hand, prior to closure of "Items for Agenda" date for the 2009 AGM, a statement as to past expenditure and future usage of donated funds.

#### BY-LAWS:

Alan Cannon queried why typed notation on front of current By-laws dated 30.08.2008 had the words

"additional revision 14.5.09" written thereon.

Secretary explained it was just an overlooked thing when doing the numerous and many drafts she used that wording to differentiate between the previous drafts/subsequent drafts by typing the latest date for reference purposes. The wording was used to keep tabs of last printing of By-laws on her printer. She will remove same, move to last page and save under wording "date of printing ... /.../.....etc.".

Meeting closed at 2.30 pm.