

2006/2007 SECRETARY'S REPORT to the AGM 28 JULY 2007.

Mr. President, Management Committee, Members,

It is my pleasure to report the work carried out by the Management Committee and Sub-Committees during the year 2006/07 and for our forthcoming 2007/08 year.

The Management Committee of seven persons have fulfilled its obligations of holding face to face and e-mail discussions/meetings during the year as required under the Rules. The majority of administrative decisions have been made via e.mail voting etc. which naturally results in speedier settlement of arising matters.

Continued and constant "On-line" distribution to all divisions, clubs and individuals of correspondence, general publications, notices etc. has resulted in quick turn around when seeking opinions, conclusions, voting on proposals etc. which has eliminated the need for more formal face to face meetings.

This method has, of course, meant that substantial financial savings has occurred as well as the intrusion into Members' precious leisure time being eroded by attendance at meetings etc. has been limited. No requests from Divisions were forthcoming in respect to the holding of a Mid Term member meeting.

The Management Committee as well as the appropriate Competition Sub-Committee made themselves available to carry out the substantial work-load to provide the working teams for all competitions. We co-opted individual experienced members who willingly stepped forward to assist on weigh-in tables throughout the year. Their contribution to the running of these championships is very much appreciated and such assistance has, in a way, contributed to the sound financial position that the NSWFCA finds itself in at this date. When I have been in attendance at Interdivisional events I again organised raffles to be conducted to help defray the expenses of the accommodation and travel for our President and Impute Computer Officer.

To all those persons who have been part of the competition "Working teams" during the year the Management Committee expresses its heartfelt thanks. Thanks also to those persons who volunteered to carry out any other specific job during the year.

AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION:

The President and I attended the AAA held at Phillip Island during March 2007 and also attended the AAA AGM with our State Captain whilst at the championships. NSWFCA fielded one of its smallest teams ever i.e. 25 members – 18 only being in attendance for the whole of the Convention. The organisation by the host state was on occasions found to be lacking especially in respect to daily prizes, competition results, fulfilling of orders etc. This caused unrest and disenchantment amongst some competitors spread over all states which resulted in unfortunate comments at Presentation night. This has been a wake up call to all States when hosting an AAA to ensure that thorough and precise arrangements are in place to successfully conduct these championships.

Our New South Wales dinner held at the conclusion of last event was as usual a huge success.

This traditional dinner is by way of "thank you" to all team members and competitors.

The 2009 AAA will be hosted by South Australia of TWO weeks duration and headquarters will be at Wallaroo, approximately 160 kms. from Adelaide.

CLUB PUBLIC LIABILITY/PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE COVER.

Again during 2006/07 negotiations have taken place between our Insurance Brokers, IC Frith & Associates in regard to the 2007/2008 Public Liability/Professional Indemnity insurance cover which NSWFCA has made available to affiliated clubs within our association to access at a very reasonable rate. Divisions and the State Body to be again issued with cover without actual payment of the premium cost. 2006/2007 saw over 130 affiliated clubs take up the offer to insure under our policy.

2007/2008 negotiations resulted in the following being brokered -

1. Individual Club premium \$367.98
2. NSWFCA and 14 Divisions supplied with Certificates of Currency without payment of the premium.
3. \$1,500.00 per annum sponsorship by IC Frith & Associates towards the outfitting of future NSWFCA teams to the AAA with uniforms.
4. The payment to the NSWFCA of an administration fee of \$25.00 per club by IC Frith & Associates in appreciation of the work and information provided by the state body. This will occur after the successful writing up of Club Certificates of Currency with the first payment taking place during February 2008 with final payment June 2008.

The Management Committee sought to renew through IC Frith & Associates its Directors and Officials cover as protection of the NSWFCA against any claim for mismanagement over a wide spectrum of events. This policy is made available only to the State body of the NSWFCA as it requires certain guarantee as to the personal financial history etc. of the Executive members.

PERSONAL PERMANENT INJURY & DEATH COVER INSURANCE:

Individual NSWFCA registered cardholders reap the benefit of being automatically covered 24 hours/7 days whilst participating in fishing activities by the NSW Sporting Injuries Insurance Scheme which is available to every individual member who holds current NSWFCA registration. The NSWFCA is registered with the NSW Sporting Injuries Scheme as the administering body and as such is required, at the beginning of each financial year, to prepay insurance for an estimated number of our registered cardholders. When the member pays NSWFCA fees of \$10.00 adults/\$1.00 juniors to his particular club the cover is effected. From the membership cost of \$10.00 per adult and \$1.00 per junior charged for this card, the NSWFCA prepays the sum of \$1.98 adult and 39c. junior cover.

One claim was made under this scheme on behalf of a member during October 2006 when unfortunately a winch accident occurred whilst launching a boat on a non scheduled competition day. The gentleman had to have one joint of his little finger amputated which resulted in a payment of \$5,645.00 for permanent disability. It is therefore essential that members maintain and club executive make non-cardholders aware that registered membership has this cover in-built with the card.

MEMBERSHIP OF NSWFCA:

Membership appears to be static at the present time – it is essential that Clubs and Divisions ensure that club members are aware of the many benefits available to them by becoming NSWFCA cardholders especially the automatic cover under the above insurance scheme.

RISK MANAGEMENT/OHS/DUTY OF CARE:

Divisions and Clubs should make themselves aware of their obligations in respect to the above and take all precautions to avoid situations where litigation could become an issue.

YEAR BOOK

The Year Book has now been finally printed and distribution will take place shortly.

As always there appears to be a few errors and lots of the information is out of date but it is pleasing to see our Patron, Bruce Alvey and one of our youngest sub-juniors, Brooke Candy, gracing the cover.

MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS:

It is essential that Clubs and Divisions advise our Impute Officer, Robyn Smith and the Secretary of all changes in club information. We cannot keep you up to date if information is being forwarded to obsolete addresses, be it postal, e.mail or telephone.

VALE:

During May 2007 we were advised of the death of Mr. Ted Acland, a long standing hard working member of his Divisions and the NSWFCA. Ted held the position of NSWFCA Weighmaster for many many years. NSWFCA was represented by several members at Ted's funeral which took place in Port Macquarie.

THANKS TO SPONSORS, CLUBS, DIVISIONS AND INDIVIDUALS:

Many thanks our major sponsors and donors – Bruce Alvey of Alvey Reels for contribution to NSWFCA championship prizes; Ben Greer, partner in Gus Veness Sporting and Fishing Pty. Ltd. sponsorship of our membership cards to the value of \$1,100.00; Michael Faulker of IC Frith & Associates \$1,500.00 towards the cost of the 2007 AAA team uniforms. Chad. Rodgers of Dumphy Sports & Fishing Imports Pty. Ltd. - sponsors of the Champion of Champions Shimano Shield – this sponsorship commenced at our first NSWFCA convention week held at Yamba in 1982.

The Divisions and clubs who hosted and provided prizes for NSWFCA championship events during 2006/07 –

Hat Head Bowling Club Fishing Club – 2006 Convention;
Clarence Division – 2006 Freshwater Championship at Lake Keepit;
Berry Fishing Club – 2007 Rock & Beach on the South Coast;
NDAA Division – 2007 Off-shore at Stockton.

To Robyn Smith, our Records Impute Officer a big thank you for all the work you do on behalf of the NSWFCA – and she doesn't even fish – what dedication to her husband and the NSWFCA!

Ian Garling, our webmaster, a man unseen by most of us but does a sterling job with our website. Ian Pereira, Records Registrar who took over mid term when Warren Wright's health precluded Warren from continuing with the job. Thank you Warren. Michael Hirst in his capacity as Chair of the AAA Selectors Committee, Roe Martin and Lyn Lugg who were always willing to do any job requested of them.

In conclusion thank you all for the faith you have shown the Management Committee during the past year. We appreciate your trust.

Margaret Riddel,
2006/07 Secretary/Public Officer,
19 July 2007.