

NSWCFA Executive Meeting (SKYPE) 23 June 2009

Draft Minutes

Participants: Steve Samuels (Chair), Chris Beale, Radge Diakiw, Peter Gibson, Alan Izzard and Rodney Tonkin

Apologies: Darryl Girling, Don Salter, Karl Schaerf, Bill Spiers, Allan Wilcox, Tom Williams

NB I did not contact Nick Taransky or Josh Burn

Commencement: Steve Samuels started the meeting at 7.00 pm

General Business

- 1. Approval for NETAS annual fees to be limited to \$50.00 based of their President's request & possibly permitted under Item 6.2 of the NSWCFA Rules & Objectives.**

R Tonkin advised the Executive that NETAS had offered to affiliate with the NSWCFA on the basis that their annual fee be \$50 because of their financial situation. The Executive agreed to an Affiliation Fee of \$50 for the 2009/2010 financial year, with affiliation fees for subsequent years being determined by the Executive after consultations with NETAS.

- 2. That new Club's affiliation fees received after mid May 2009 be considered payment for the 2009-2010 financial year. This would include Central Coast Fly Rodders, NETAS, NSW Coarse Angling Research Club, & the Big River Fly Fishing Club totalling \$183.50.**

The Executive agreed that as a general principle, affiliation fees from new organisations received by the NSWCFA in May of a particular year be considered as payment for the following financial year. The Executive also agreed that the Treasurer decide how to treat fees received close to the cutoff date.

- 3. That the following Clubs be admitted to membership of Council: Big River Fly Fishing Club, NSW Coarse Angling Research Club, NETAS, Central Coast Fly Rodders, Singleton Flyfishing Club, Scone Amateur Fishing Club, & the PFIGA.**

The Executive agreed to admit the above organisations to membership of the Council.

- 4. That recovery of the following 2008-2009 unpaid affiliation fees now not be pursued: Noted that the Red Rod Club has withdrawn membership, & that Wingham Anglers is reported to be no longer active in freshwater angling.**

The Executive agreed not to pursue the 2008-2009 affiliation fees from the above Clubs. The Executive further agreed that Alan Izzard and Radge Diakiw confirm the status if Wingham Anglers. The Executive noted that should circumstances be appropriate, lapsed organisations would be invited to affiliate again.

5. Status of the NSWCFCA GPO Box.

R Tonkin advised the Executive that the cost of maintaining a medium sized post box at the GPO and redirecting the mail from that post box was expensive being about:

- \$300 per annum for the post box and
- \$460 per annum to redirect the mail to Radge Diakiw's address

The Executive acknowledged the expense but were unable to agree on what action, if any to take. Options involving changes included closing the GPO Post Box and:

- getting a smaller post box near Radge Diakiw (the current Secretary)
- have the mail directed to Radge Diakiw's address.
- have the mail directed to Peter Gibson or Alan Izzard who both currently have Post Office Boxes
- getting our corresponders to send their mail to the appropriate action officers

Issues canvassed included:

- inconvenience to our corresponders of the NSWCFCA changing its postal address as officeholders change
- the effort involved in alerting our corresponders of mail box changes
- disruption of our postal communications

The Executive agreed that Radge Diakiw consult with Executive members prior to the August General Meeting in an effort to put an agreed approach to the Council.

6. Lack of minutes secretary and how to resolve

The Executive agreed that all efforts be made to fill the position of Minutes Secretary at the upcoming AGM. Radge Diakiw advised the Executive that interim solution of one of the delegates at the meeting (in the first instance Peter Gibson) providing a first draft was a great help but the ideal outcome would be to have a Minutes Secretary preparing the minutes.

7. Website redevelopment

The Executive endorsed a proposal that Peter Gibson, in conjunction with Steve Samuels apply for a \$5,000 grant from the Office of Rural Affairs to redevelop the NSWCFCA website. As part of the proposal, Peter Gibson has nominated to build the new site. The grant monies will be used by him for this purpose and to purchase more appropriate web software.

The Executive noted that this was a one off grant for redevelopment of the website rather than ongoing maintenance of the website and that should the application be successful the Office of Rural Affairs would require that the website provide information on recreational angling opportunities in Regional New South Wales.

8. Yabby traps

The Executive agreed that Peter Gibson after consultation with Karl Schaerf write to the appropriate authorities expressing NSWCFAs concerns about unmodified yabby traps.

9. Guidelines for clubs wanting to follow MAS's lead on reserves/trusts

The Executive agreed that Steve Samuels and Peter Gibson prepare a short guide on how to become trustees of reserves. The aim of this guide would be to help other groups become trustees.

10. CAS request for CFA to fight Government Policy on lands.

The Executive agreed that Radge Diakiw ask Karl Schaerf to summarise CAS concern on the NSW Governments policy on lands and present that summary together with actions the NSWCFAs could take for Council consideration at the August Council meeting.

11. Ecofishers re-request on Unity

Steve Samuels advised the Executive that Ken Thurlow of Ecofishers had invited the NSWCFAs to participate in a Strategic Working Group which arose out of the recent Unity Summit conducted by Ecofishers. The Executive agreed to decline Ken Thurlow's invitation politely.

12. 50th Anniversary of NSWCFAs

The Executive agreed that Alan Izzard with help from Rodney Tonkin investigate organising a function to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the NSWCFAs in 2009.

13. Draft Redfin Policy.

Steve Samuels advised the Executive of the concerns expressed by Terry Maloney (SWAA) about the draft redfin policy, prepared by Rodney Tonkin, which was distributed to all delegates in the background papers before the May Council Meeting. Steve Samuels emphasised that the paper was a preliminary draft and that all delegates were being given the opportunity to comment on and refine an agreed draft that would be finalised for NSWCFAs endorsement. The Executive looked forward to SWAA and other interested groups contributing to the development of this draft.

14. Changes to the Associations Incorporation Act.

The Executive noted that changes to the Associations Incorporation Act will come into force at the end of 2009. The Executive agreed that implication of the changes to the Act on the current NSWCFAs Rules (constitution) be reviewed to see what, if any, changes to the NSWCFAs Rules need to be made.

15. Assessment of SKYPE Conferencing

The Executive acknowledged that there were some difficulties in hearing everything said during the meeting. However the Executive agreed that SKYPE conferencing offered the potential of a much more effective way of conducting Executive Meetings particularly if efforts were made to overcome the difficulties encountered in this first meeting.

Close Steve Samuels closed the meeting at 8.40 pm.

Radge Diakiw 29 June 2009