

**NSWCFA Executive Meeting using SKYPE
Monday 7 September 2015 at 6.30pm**

Participants

Don Barton, Jeff Baldock, Radge Diakiw, Peter Gibson John Robb, Steve Samuels and Rodney Tonkin

Apologies

Don Salter

Opening

Don Barton opened the meeting at 6.24 pm

Agenda Item 1 – 28 June 2015 Executive Meeting Minutes Endorsement

The Executive endorsed the minutes of the 28 June 2015 meeting
(Diakiw/Robb)

Agenda Item 2 – Strategic Review Activities

The Executive deferred consideration of this item.

Agenda Item 3 – Fund Raising and Future of the Fly-fishing Meet

The Executive noted the paper prepared by Peter Gibson and resolved that Peter Gibson develop a proposal by the end of the year for the NSWCFA to conduct a raffle as a major fund raising activity for 2016. The Executive noted that Rodney Tonkin had conducted a successful raffle recently and his experiences could help in conducting an NSWCFA raffle.

(Gibson/Tonkin)

ACTION: Peter Gibson

The Executive resolved to discontinue the annual Fly-fishing Meet at Wallerawang as a fund raising event, particularly as income and participation had dropped off markedly in recent years. The Executive did however believe there was merit in the NSWCFA organizing an event which would bring anglers together in a social setting. So the Executive resolved that John Robb develop a proposal to conduct an event in 2016 which would encourage angler interaction. Ideally such an event would be financially neutral.

(Robb/Gibson)

ACTION: John Robb

Agenda Item 4 – Redfin

Don Barton expressed concern that the DPI efforts to control the continuing spread of redfin were fragmentary and ineffective. The Executive believed that a more strategic and sustained effort to stop the spread of redfin was needed. To this end the Executive resolved to:

- ask the DPI Minister to establish a properly funded research program aimed at identifying ways of controlling the damage caused by redfin;
- ask DPI to amend its legislation to require that redfin be killed rather than returned/released into NSW waterways; and
- ask (a) redfin expert(s), eg Dr Dean Gilligan of DPI or Professor Richard Whittington of Sydney University, to brief the NSWCFA on relevant redfin issues.

(Samuels/Tonkin)

ACTION: Don Barton

Agenda Item 5 – Angler Access

5.1 Crown Road Closure Process

Noting the Executive's continued frustration at the inaction of Lands to fix failings such as:

- providing timely information to those object to road closures on the status of those objections; and
 - the poor quality of the Lands web information relating to road closures;
- the Executive resolved to:
- seek a meeting with the DPI Minister to alert him to angler concerns;
 - write to Lands asking for access details of all successful objections to road closure applications which could be of relevance to recreational anglers; and
 - where available, disseminate access details of all successful objections to road closure applications to anglers through outlets such as the Freshwater Fisher, the NSWCFCA website and/or Facebook.

ACTION: Peter Gibson, Don Barton

5.2 Angler Access Project

Peter Gibson advised that the RFA NSW was slowly reviving components of the stalled Angler Access Project. As well as other initiatives:

- \$10,000 has been allocated for fencing and other works at Narara Creek; and
- funds have been allocated to pay for the installation of a culvert and other works at Mushroom Flats

5.3 DPI Angler Access Website

The Executive still awaits the opening of the DPI Angler Access website

Agenda Item 6 – NSWCFCA Constitution

Noting the advice from John Robb and Peter Gibson that almost all the provisions in the revised Constitution were ready for consideration by the Council, the Executive resolved that Peter Gibson seek the advice of the Honorary Solicitor, Stuart Beal, on whether the revised constitution is in a form that can be considered for endorsement by the Council at its November 2015 meeting. The Executive noted that the outstanding unresolved matters could be resolved by amending the constitution at a later date

Gibson/Tonkin

ACTION: Peter Gibson

Agenda Item 7 – General Meetings

Due to difficulties encountered recently in attracting members to regional meetings in particular, the Executive resolved:

- to trial holding general meetings of the NSWCFCA for the next 18 months in the Sydney region;
- that meetings continue to be held quarterly on the third Saturday of the month namely November 2015, February 2016, May 2016, August 2016, November 2016 and February 2017; and

- that Peter Gibson identify suitable venues for the general meetings.

Agenda Item 8 – Other Business

8.1 Electronic Banking

Radge Diakiw and Peter Gibson confirmed the advice to the Executive from Don Salter the NSWCFAs electronic banking facility is operating well. The 3 signatories to the accounts are Don Salter, Peter Gibson and Radge Diakiw and that the bank requires 2 signatory approvals before it will release any funds.

8.2 Thank you Letters - 2015 Fly-fishing Meet

The Executive noted that Don Barton would thank donors to the 2015 Fly-fishing Meet.

Close

Don Barton thanked participants and closed the meeting at 7.49 pm