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NSW COUNCIL OF FRESHWATER ANGLERS INCORPORATED ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF 20 FEBRUARY 2016 ST GEORGE ROWING CLUB, 1 LEVEY STREET, WOLLI CREEK NSW 2205 DRAFT MINUTES

1 OPENING

Don Barton welcomed participants and opened the meeting at 9.40 am.

Present

Don Barton (President), Charles Atkin (BC), Radge Diakiw (SFRC), Stefan Fuchs (CAA), David Graham (OTAS), Laurie Muldoon (NETAS), John Robb (CCFC), Steve Samuels (MAS) and Rodney Tonkin (OTAS).

At this meeting the following affiliates were represented: Barrington Club (1) Canberra Anglers Club (1), Central Acclimatisation Society (1), Central Coast Fly Rodders (1), Monaro Acclimatisation Society (1), New England Trout Acclimatisation Society (1), Orange Trout Acclimatisation Society (2), and Sydney Fly Rodders' Club (1).

Apologies

Jeff Baldock (GFC), John Fornasier (SWFC), Colin Gordon (CAS), Dawn Hopkins (HFFC), Alistair McBurnie (DPI), Jason Reynolds (PFIGA), Don Salter (LS), Les Simshauser (HNF), Robert Steege (LS), Ray Tang (CAS), Craig Watson (DPI), Cameron Westaway (DPI) and Steve Williamson (PFIGA).

Organisations that sent apologies were: Bass Sydney, DPI Fisheries, Greenwells Fly Fishing Club, Hastings Fly Fishing Club, Lakeside Fly Fishing Club, NSW Rodfishers' Society and Professional Fishing Instructors and Guides Association.

The Meeting accepted the apologies
(Diakiw/Samuels)

2 MINUTES

21 November 2015 Ordinary General Meeting Minutes - Endorsement

The Meeting endorsed the minutes of the 21 November 2015 Ordinary General Meeting subject to the following changes:

- **Agenda Item 2, Apologies.** Substitute **Diakiw** for **Tonkin** at the end of the first paragraph.
- **Agenda Item 5.4, Regional Reports.** Under the heading **CAS**, substitute **are being** for **have been** in the 3rd dot point

(Diakiw/Graham)

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM 21 NOVEMBER 2015 MEETING

3.1 Angler Access Website

See DPI-Fisheries (Craig Watson) Report at Agenda Item 4.7.

3.2 Nomination of Delegates from Clubs/Associations

The meeting acknowledged that many members of affiliated groups were not fully aware of the activities of the NSWCFCA. There was a need to generate more interest and so encourage affiliated groups to be more actively involved in NSWCFCA activities through their delegates etc. The Meeting resolved that, in the first instance, ways of achieving greater involvement be considered by the Executive.

(Tonkin/Diakiw)

3.3 Revised Constitution

The Meeting noted that the revised Constitution had not yet been circulated but would be done so in the next three-month period.

3.4 Smith Road Angler Access

Further to the report in the Background Papers

(<https://www.dropbox.com/s/678qbkv9r2y41/BackgroundPapersOGM20Feb2016.pdf?dl=0>) the Meeting noted that Radge Diakiw will continue consultations with relevant groups with the aim of securing access to the Nepean River in the vicinity of Smith Road, Castlereagh NSW.

3.5 Ministerial Fisheries Advisory Council and Ministerial Recreational Fishing Advisory Council

The Meeting noted that appointments to these 2 bodies had not yet been announced but that an announcement was expected soon.

3.6 Pest Species Submission

John Robb advised that the NSWCFCA submission to this Discussion Paper was available under Correspondence in the Background Papers

(<https://www.dropbox.com/s/678qbkv9r2y41/BackgroundPapersOGM20Feb2016.pdf?dl=0>).

3.7 Treasurer's Change of Address - Notification to St George Bank.

The Meeting resolved that a signed copy of the finalized minutes of the 21 November 2015 OGM (See Agenda Item 2 of this meeting) be presented to the St George Bank to satisfy the St George Bank's requirements for changing the address of the NSWCFCA Treasurer to:

PO BOX 537

Paddington

(Diakiw/Robb)

4 REPORTS

4.1 Presidents Report

The Meeting accepted Don Barton's President's Report. See link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/diez618ptvmo60/President%27s%20report%20to%20the%20%20CFA%20Meeting%20of%20%20%20February%202016.pdf?dl=0>

(Barton/Robb)

4.2 NSWCFCA Executive

The Meeting noted that the Executive had not met since the last OGM.

4.3 Treasurer's Report

The Meeting accepted the Treasurers Report which was prepared by Don Salter and tabled by John Robb. See link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/7pycquekuoy3qc7/NSWCFA%20Fin%20Report%2031%20Jan%202016.xlsx?dl=0>
(Tonkin/Diakiw)

4.4 Interclub Fly Fishing Meet 2016

The Meet is planned for to be held 15-17 April 2016 at Wallerawang. An outline of the Meet program is at the link: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/0qbueiolxm0g4p4/Report-2016Interclub20Feb2016.pdf?dl=0>. John Robb emphasized that the aim of the Meet was not to raise funds but to bring anglers together at a social level. He advised that participation costs would be much lower than in previous years and encouraged affiliated Clubs/Associations to participate.

4.5 RFFTEC and ACORF

The Meeting noted that ACORF met in January. Presumably the soon to be announced Ministerial Recreational Fishing Advisory Council which will replace ACORF agree on a schedule of meetings.

4.6 Regional Reports

Region 2 - Sydney

See Agenda Item 3.4 for report on activities in this region.

Region 4 – MAS and Canberra Anglers Club

Further to his report, see link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/n8wgquet60i3sxe/Reg4Rept20Feb2016.pdf?dl=0>, Steve Samuels advised that MAS has not been able to get DPI-Fisheries to persuade NSW State Water to recommence environmental flows from Tantangara Dam into the Murrumbidgee River (See November 2015 Minutes).

Stefan Fuchs (CAC) advised that Murray cod were being stocked in the Queenbeyan River between Googong Dam and the weir.

Region 5 - CAS

Don Barton advised that:

- CAS continued to be concerned about the adverse effects of Centennial Coal activities on the Coxs River.
- 8 to 10 megalitres a day of treated sewerage effluent in the Bathurst area is not being returned to the Macquarie River but diverted for gold mining activities. The loss of this water in an area of the river where the mean summer flow is 22 to 23 megalitres a day is very significant.
- Sofala Branch CAS, Bundy Fishing Club and Dudley Hotel Fishing Clubs released Murray cod and golden perch into the Turon and Macquarie Rivers.

Region 5 - OTAS

David Graham advised that OTAS was able to release allocated rainbow trout fingerlings at 5 of the 7 release locations in November 2015. Brown trout fingerlings were released in January 2016.

OTAS now has access to a stocked dam at Glen Eagles to attract membership. In Lake Canobolas golden perch continue to be stocked in an effort to control redfin numbers, as well brown trout are also being stocked. Wentworth Golf Club dam is being stocked.

Region 8 – NETAS

Included among the issues identified by Laurie Muldoon were:

- NETAS views that remedial action is required to remediate damage caused to the aquatic environment by the installation of a box culvert to replace the weir at Baldersleigh Crossing on Laura Creek near Guyra
- NETAS views that Fisheries should have replaced DPI-Fisheries staff member, Ben Doolan, as soon as possible to avoid, for example, the delays in issuing Fish Stocking Forms to Acclimatisation bodies.
- NETAS views that Dungowan Dam (part of Tamworth water supply) should not be stocked if Tamworth Council do not allow angler access to the Dam.
- NETAS views that DPI-Fisheries is seeking unnecessary private information about landholders where fish are stocked.
- Fisheries Officers identified illegal netting on Glenbawn Dam
- Not all clubs will receive their full fingerling allocations from Dutton Hatchery because of a fish kill in parts of the hatchery over the 2015 Christmas period.
- The Dutton Hatchery has obtained troughs from CSIRO which are now being used to accommodate 300 brood fish.
- An invitation has been extended to participate in a carp muster at Lake Keepit on 26/27 March 2016 (Easter Sunday and Monday).
- NETAS members, whilst willing to volunteer for fishing clinics run by DPI-Fisheries, are disappointed that some clinics are scheduled for weekdays when many members have work commitments and cannot be available for the clinics.

4.7 DPI-Fisheries Report

The Meeting noted the report tabled by John Robb on behalf of DPI-Fisheries (Craig Watson) . See link: https://www.dropbox.com/s/6iny35v7fuguz1z/DPI_CWatson-OGM%20Feb%202016.pdf?dl=0
(Samuels/Muldoon)

5 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Meeting accepted the correspondence listed in the Background Papers. See link: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/6955o50zgt99ur/BackgroundPapersOGM20Feb2016.pdf?dl=0> (Samuels/Muldoon)

6 **GENERAL BUSINESS**

6.1 MDBA 2014-15 Snapshot Pamphlet: “Improved outcomes for native fish, birds, frogs and habitat from environmental watering”.

The Meeting noted the title document which is available at the link: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/g9wtld00j426b0h/MDB2014-15OutcomesSnapshot.pdf?dl=0>

6.2 Performance of Recfish Australia re Dwarf Gourami iridovirus

Don Barton advised the Meeting that Recfish Australia had omitted NSWCFR from its contact list to provide feedback on the decision to delay implementation of screening for the Dwarf Gourami iridovirus

The Meeting resolved that John Robb write to RFA NSW requesting advice of any feedback from Minister Joyce re “2014 Import Risk Analysis (IRA) titled: Importation of freshwater ornamental fish: review of biosecurity risks associated with gourami iridovirus and related viruses”

6.3 Spatial Information Exchange (Six) Maps Website Overview

Don Barton demonstrated the utility of the Department of Lands and Property Information Spatial Information Exchange (Six) Maps website <https://maps.six.nsw.gov.au/>. The SIX Maps website provides access to cadastral and topographic information, satellite data and aerial photography for New South Wales and can be used to, among other things, determine the merits of putting in objections to road closure applications. The Meeting noted that consideration would be given to conducting workshops to help those wishing to object to road closure applications.

7 **PRESENTATION Charles Atkin – Fish Habitat Improvements – Hunter Springs, Barrington Tops**

In his overview of the Barrington Tops National Park and adjoining areas, Charles Atkin advised the altitude in the Barrington Tops is around 1,000 metres and visitors should be prepared to encounter severe alpine weather from time to time.

The sources of the Hunter and Manning rivers are in this area as are the Williams, Gloucester, Patterson and Allen Rivers. There are also many small streams throughout the area which provide fishing opportunities. There are numerous campgrounds in the National Park, including Polblue Swamp and Gummi Falls, for those wishing to sightsee, bushwalk and fish. However 4WD vehicles are recommended when wet conditions are expected.

As well as public access to streams, the Barrington Club has gained access to private waters on Hunter Springs. This property adjoins state forest thence the national park and has about 6 hectares of fishable water which includes 2 big dams of about 2-3 hectares each and some smaller dams. In some of the dams trout thrive, growing from 25 mm to 150 mm from spring to summer. The Club is investigating ways of improving the water quality and habitat of these dams.

Angling, sightseeing and bushwalking opportunities are compromised by significant Broom infestations in the park, adjoining TSRs and parts of the State forest near the source of the Manning River. The Club is considering seeking Local Land Services support to remove some of these Broom infestations, particularly along selected sections of streams.

Note: the noxious shrub Broom (Cytisus scoparius) has been declared a 'weed of national significance'.

The Meeting thanked Charles for an excellent and enlightening presentation. Undoubtedly the presentation generated some interest in visiting the area.

Next Meeting

The Council agreed to hold the next meeting on 21 May 2016 at a St George Rowing Club, 1 Levey Street Wollie Creek NSW 2205

Close

Don Barton thanked participants and particularly John Robb for organising the meeting, then closed the meeting at 2.00 pm

Abbreviations

AAG	Anglers Action Group (North Sydney)
ACoRF	Advisory Council on Recreational Fishing
ACTFF	ACT Fly Fishers
BC	Barrington Club
BK	Bass Kempsey
BRBFFC	Big River Bass Fly Fishing Club
BS	Bass Sydney
CAA	Canberra Anglers Association
CAS	Central Acclimatisation Society
CCFR	Central Coast Fly Rodders
CFC	Canberra Fishermans Club
CSDAC	Council of Southern Districts Angling Clubs
DEH	Department of Environment and Heritage (Commonwealth)
DPI	New South Wales Department of Primary Industries
DWLC	Department of Land & Water Conservation
FFB	Fly Fish Bathurst
GFFC	Greenwells Fly Fishing Club
HFFC	Hastings Fly Fishing Club
HNF	Hunter Native Fish
IFF	Illawarra Fly Fishers
LS	Lakeside Fly Fishing Club
MAS	Monaro Acclimatisation Society
MDBA	Murray Darling Basin Authority
NCC	Nature Conservation Council
NETAS	New England Trout Acclimatisation Society
NSWCARC	NSW Coarse Anglers Research Club
NSWCFA	NSW Council of Freshwater Anglers
NSWRFS	NSW Rod Fishers' Society
OTAS	Orange Trout Acclimatisation Society
PFIGA	Professional Fishing Instructors and Guides Association
RFA-NSW	Recreational Fishing Alliance
RFTEC	Recreational Fishing Freshwater Trust Expenditure Committee
SAC	Scone Amateur Fishing Club
SB	Southern Bass Fishing Club
SCAC	Sydney Coarse Angling Club
SFRC	Sydney Fly Rodders' Club
SFFC	Singleton Fly Fishing Club
SH	Snowy Hydro
SWAA	South West Anglers Association
SWFC	Springwood Fishing Club
TLFC	The Lakes Fishing Club