

MONARO ACCLIMATIZATION SOCIETY MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD AT BIDGEE LODGE, 5 AUGUST 2023

1.0 Meeting opened at 1.09

2.0 Attendance

S Samuels, R Whiteway, D Collier, J Bray, J Killip, K Pfeiffer, G Verney, D Harkins, M Sawa, P Smith, F Smith, J Miller, G Wood, N Buckland, B Batho, P Batho, And a Queanbeyan member whose name I could not decipher.

3.0 Apologies.

D Flinn.

4.0 Previous Minutes.

That the minutes as circulated be adopted, Whiteway/Samuels.

5.0 Business Arising from Minutes.

5.1 Further issues have arisen in regard to the Anglers Reach boat ramp which has stalled. We have the money from the Recreational Fishing fund but the Eucumbene Dam precinct has been designated a Heritage site so that we need to commission a heritage study (\$5000) and an Aboriginal heritage study (\$2800). The NSW Recreational Fishing fund will cover the extra cost.

5.2 Access to the upper Maclaughlin River is still blocked.

6.0 Correspondence out

7.0 Correspondence in

8.0 Treasurers Report As of the date 31/7/2023 the following are the bank balances of the different bank accounts we administer.

MAS, balance \$14744.12.

Adaminaby Fishing Club "Anglers Reach Boat Ramp" balance \$30,812.80

MAS & Snowy Hydro "Keeping Trout Anglers on the Right Track". Balance \$22493.08.

9.0 General Business

9.1 At the last Allocation meeting Fisheries consultants presented a draft new Trout Strategy. To President and Secretary it appeared to be on the right track and goal oriented. If it works for trout Fisheries will probably use it as a model for other fish such as cod, which shows the influence that trout anglers have had in contributing to fisheries management.

9.2 On the poor behaviour reported by some in the spawning run fishing, the president spoke to Jim Harnwell and suggested that consideration be given to having police officers working with fishing inspectors in the coming season to expand the number of teams.

9.3 On the new New Zealand licensing arrangements it was suggested that the MAS could work with the CFA and the VFFA to put a case opposing them.

9.4 Peter Batho said that Cooma Branch would hold a Working Bee at Bidgee Lodge to coincide with the next MAS meeting. If anyone wants to help the Cooma Branch will be providing materials and some accommodation would be available at the lodge. Mainly cleaning up, painting etc but could be working on a bathroom upgrade. Trying to keep cost below \$10,000. It was suggested that if it goes over that the MAS may be able to help with top up funding.

9.5 Kerry reported that some 700-1000 horses have been quietly culled in the Park.

Closed 2.30 pm

Next Meeting, Bidgee Lodge Cooma, 1pm Saturday, November 4, 2023.