

MONARO ACCLIMATISATION SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:
HELD AT BIDGEE LODGE: 4 FEBRUARY 2023

1.0 Meeting opened at 1.03 pm

2.0 Attendance S Samuels, R Whiteway, D Collier, J Bray, J Killip, K Pfeiffer, P Smith, F Smith, P Batho, B Batho, D Flinn, M Sawa, F Dunford, N Buckland, G Wood .

3.0 Apologies. J Miller, B Blair, G Barlin, G Verney, M Ogilvie.

4.0 Previous Minutes.

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

5.0 Reports

5.1 Treasurer's Report

The closing balance at 31 January 2023 was \$14,350.12 up \$4,578.84 from the previous year. Numerous donations helped swell our income and we thank the Jindabyne fishing raffle(\$155), The Buckendara holiday Park easter raffle(\$488), Rodney Tonkin(\$50),Bob Carney(\$50) and the Buckendara Trout challenge 2021 and 22(\$4450). The Treasurer reported that arrears in affiliation fees needed to be addressed not only to secure income but to know the number of members that we have. He has already started contacting Branches. Pfeiffer/Bray

The Treasurer suggested that there was no need to continue auditing the accounts as there was no requirement to do so and that they were essentially foolproof. It was moved Samuels/Collier that we dispense with the requirement to have the books independently audited and adopt the process outlined in the model constitution in the Incorporations Act. Passed

5.2 Presidents Report

Copy attached via separate email. Samuels/Whiteway

6.0 Election of Office Bearers

President Steve Samuels

Vice Presidents Kerry Pfeiffer

Secretary Rod Whiteway

Assistant Secretary Peter Batho

Treasurer Kerry Pfeiffer

Salmonid Adviser John Killip

MAS representative on the Gaden Hatchery Management Committee
—Steve Samuels

Delegates NSWCFCA. Any member can attend CFA meetings and details of meetings can be found on the NSWCFCA website which is a very informative newsletter of current issues. **However, the meeting recognised the work of Bill Blair (our permanent representative) in attending CFA meetings and reporting on activities.**

Publicity Committee Rod Whiteway, Peter Batho, Steve Samuels, Kerry Pfeiffer, Bill Blair, John Killop.

Allocation Committee Executive

Hon Solicitor To be confirmed Mark Flint.

7.0 Affiliation Fees Remain at \$3 per head.

Meeting closed at 1.42pm

MONARO ACCLIMATIZATION SOCIETY MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD AT BIDGEE LODGE, 4 FEBRURY 2023

1.0 Meeting opened at 1.42

2.0 Attendance

S Samuels, R Whiteway, D Collier, J Bray, J Killip, K Pfeiffer, P Smith, F Smith, P Batho, B Batho, D Flinn, M Sawa, F Dunford, N Buckland, G Wood.

3.0 Apologies.

J Miller, B Blair, G Verney, G Barlin, M Ogilvie,

4.0 Previous Minutes.

That the minutes as circulated be adopted, Bray/Flinn.

5.0 Business Arising from Minutes.

5.1 Initial meeting with Wedge Group Consultants who are undertaking the options investigation for the grow-out facility was held on Nov 29. It was decided that using river water with a re-circulating system for use in low flows, and with a built in cooling system would be more efficient and cheaper than pumping water from Lake Jindabyne, for the grow out facility and the rest of the hatcherys needs. This would include a bio-filter for when water was re-circulated. This may not require all of the \$5million available the remainder of which may be available for offsetting other hatchery costs.

5.2 Further issues have arisen in regard to the Anglers Reach boat ramp. Council have indicated that they may require a cultural and Aboriginal heritage surveys which could cost a lot and may have to be paid out of the ramp grant money. Meeting indicated that the MAS was willing to help resolve issues if possible.

5.3 Grant applications for upgrading access roads to Eucumbene, Jindabyne and Paddy's Corner have been approved. Some work has been done by the contractor, but awaiting paperwork to go through. Suggest next meeting consider writing to the Director of Fisheries to ask for an independent review of the project delivery process.

6.0 Correspondence out

7.0 Correspondence in

8.0 Reports

Treasurers Report

The closing balance at 31 January 2023 was \$14,350.12 up \$2,969.00 from November 2022. Numerous donations helped swell our income and we thank the Jindabyne fishing raffle(\$155), The Buckendara holiday Park easter raffle(\$488), Rodney Tonkin(\$50),Bob Carney(\$50) and the Buckendara Trout challenge 2021 and 22(\$4450).

9.0 General Business

9.1 The Confederation of Freshwater Anglers has written to the NSW Government asking how they intend addressing exploding carp numbers in view of the lack of a national Carp Plan.

9.2 On Lake Wallace we still need to have discussions with the Council/Mayor to seek their agreement that the Lake should become a regulated fishery. The council is turning a blind eye to the situation regarding it as an unregulated fishery which could leave it open to uncontrolled stocking endangering the Maclaughlin river.

9.3 New Fishing Rules have been announced. Lake Crackenback will be a fly and lure only location with a 2 fish per day bag limit and a possession limit of 4, in

line with the Thredbo River. Also the limit on the number of rigged rods in possession has been lifted to allow lure/fly anglers to have more than 2 rods rigged and ready(but obviously not in use).

9.4 Bill Blair has suggested setting up an MAS facebook page. Suggested we discuss this at the next meeting when Bill is there.

9.5 It was noted that the Sydney Morning Herald had published a very informative article on the damage horses were doing in Kosciuszko National Park utilising input from Kerry Pfeiffer. With the possible involvement of the Federal Government and a State election coming up it is hoped that a groundswell of opposition to the horses will see some action to reduce their numbers.

Closed 2.35 pm

Next Meeting, Bidgee Lodge Cooma, 1pm Saturday, May 6, 2023.