

MONARO ACCLIMATISATION SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:
HELD AT BIDGEE LODGE: 4 FEBRUARY 2024

1.0 Meeting opened at 1.00 pm

2.0 Attendance: R Whiteway, D Collier, J Bray, J Killip, K Pfeiffer, P Smith, P Batho, B Batho, D Flinn, M Sawa, F Dunford, N Buckland, J Miller, G Verney, R Allen, A Allen, R Edwards, P Kennedy, I Taylor, A Cathor.

3.0 Apologies: B Blair, M Ogilvie, Fran Smith, A Bentley, M Hutten.

4.0 Previous Minutes.

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

5.0 Reports

5.1 Treasurer's Report

The closing balance at 31 January 2024 was \$20,738.95 up \$6,388.83 from the previous year. Once again donations contributed strongly with the Buckendara trout comp contributing \$5245 and the winding up of the Diplomatic Fishing Tournament in Canberra donating remaining funds of \$4007.75. Subscriptions continued to rise to \$999.

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The Keeping Anglers on the right track account was emptied and the project finished but MAS contributed \$2596.92 to finish it. We will be seeking reimbursement from Fisheries.

5.2 Presidents Report

Copy attached via separate email. Whiteway/Edwards

6.0 Election of Office Bearers

President Kerry Pfeiffer

Vice Presidents Rob Edwards, Ash Allen

Secretary Rod Whiteway

Assistant Secretary Peter Batho

Treasurer Kerry Pfeiffer

Salmonid Adviser John Killip

MAS representative on the Gaden Hatchery Management Committee
—Kerry Pfeiffer

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 and Guy Verney who is Honorary Secretary of the CFA.**

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

Allocation Committee Executive

Hon Solicitor Adrian Moroya.

7.0 Affiliation Fees Remain at \$3 per head.

Meeting closed at 1.38pm

MONARO ACCLIMATIZATION SOCIETY MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD AT BIDGEE LODGE, 4 FEBRUARY 2024

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4.0 Previous Minutes.

That the minutes as circulated be adopted, P Batho/Collier.

5.0 Business Arising from Minutes.

5. 1 Access to the upper Maclaughlin River is still blocked. Correction from last minutes. Funding is being sought to survey the reserve that fronts the river upstream from the Snowy Mountains Highway bridge. Very rough going and it would be hard to make a track but is walkable so need to retain it.

6.0 Correspondence out

7.0 Correspondence in

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9.0 General Business

9.1 There were reports of a fish kill in the Nungar arm of Tantangara. Being investigated by Snowy Hydro Fisheries and Department of Environment. We await a report.

9.2 There have been reports of a fish Kill in the Kybeyan. Rod Whiteway to seek information from local farmers and anglers and speak to Mitch at the Hatchery about possible stocking if needed.

9.3 There was an animated and at times passionate discussion about the Stocking bans that have been imposed on certain waters within the MAS region. Speakers were particularly upset at the lack of consultation in the process leading to the bans, particularly the secrecy within NSW Fisheries that effectively excluded anglers from involvement in the process, in particular the withholding of the science underpinning the bans. Members noted the lack of a press release from Fisheries outlining the bans and the reason for them. Members were particularly concerned whether the science behind the bans was sufficient given that trout and

the Galaxia had coexisted for 130 or so years and that the Galaxia numbers appeared stable or increasing. Members were concerned that the bans took no account of the social and economic implications.

Members requested/supported the executive in pursuing a campaign to publicise the bans and their implications and to take action to oppose the bans, ensure our strong involvement in input to any environmental actions threatening trout, reducing the impact of bans on trout fishing and questioning the science behind the bans.

Closed 3.00 pm

Next Meeting, Bidgee Lodge Cooma, 1pm Saturday, May 4 2024.