



Recreational Fishing Alliance Of NSW Inc

Meeting Minutes 8th August 2009

Held at South Sydney AFA Clubrooms

1. OPENING

The Chairman, Malcolm Poole welcomed those present and opened the meeting at 10 am.

2. ATTENDANCE

Those in attendance where:

Malcolm Poole, Stan Konstantaras, Paul Cooper, Joe Garufi, Peter Gibson, Radge Diakiw, Max Castle

Visitors

Nil

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from:

Mel Brown

John Humphries

Michael Hirst

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes presented and moved that they be accepted by Stan K, seconded Joe G.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

6. TREASURERS REPORT

See attached Finance Summaries.

-Paul Cooper gave an overview of the RFA finances that have been independently audited by John Burgess from ANSA.

-RFA has adopted a new method of executing financial aspects relating to projects that auditor has agreed to.

-Paul Cooper and John Burgess agree that MYOB is working well within this new framework.

-PC presented how he is running RFA finances. Committee was happy with way Paul is operating RFA finances.

-Auditor suggested that the RFA Project Management Fee taken out from project costs and shifted to operational cost, Paul Cooper to start implementing.

-Paul Cooper gave an overview on how much it costs to run RFA per annum and that we need to start seeking additional funds.

-A standard RFA project management fee to be set according to project value was discussed. Moved Peter Gibson that nominal fee is set by Treasurer, seconded by Max Castle.

-RFA annual report to include where your money goes and what the RFA does.

-Paul Cooper is still awaiting final Future Leaders Project payment that includes a \$7000 management fee for the RFA. Final report completed by Mal Poole which will be sent to DII and DAFF and payment should be received in 6-8 weeks.

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- Discussion occurred on having an operational budget for the RFA. Suggested that Paul Cooper to come up with operational budget for the RFA. Moved Peter Gibson, seconded Joe Garufi.
 - Paul Cooper suggested that Stan Konstantaras to send thank you letter to Auditor.
 - Paul Cooper and Stan Konstantaras to resolve internet banking access for Paul.
 - Paul Cooper also spoke on constitution upgrades; Paul Cooper attended Sport and Rec meeting about changes to model rules. These may be discussed at a special general meeting before RFA AGM if needed. Paul Cooper to investigate

(DII – Department of Industry and Investment – formally DPI)
(DAFF- Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries)

BUSINESS ARISING from Treasurers Report

Nil

7. DELEGATES REPORTS

The delegates present were asked to provide an update/overview on their group's activities as a way of updating the other delegates and as a way to further gather support for issues if needed.

ANSA NSW-

- ANSA NSW is running a support campaign for the upgrades to Currarong Boat ramp.
- Port Expansion and Desalination issues are still on going. ANSA NSW is mainly concerned with environmental impacts on Botany Bay. ANSA NSW will ask RFA for support on Desal issues.
- There are also issues around Botany Bay Cable project- exclusion zones will be an issue in summer months. ANSA NSW is lobbying NSW Maritime to limit impacts – Joe Garufi to send out information via RFA contacts.
- Biodegradable lines- see attached press release. ANSA NSW is supporting this initiative.
- Catch and release records are starting to appear in fishing magazines, getting the message out that you don't need to kill and weigh a fish to participate in ANSA events.
- Angel rings are going great; many more installations are on track.
- Peter Gibson is working on website for ANSA NSW, which is updated on a regular basis.
- ANSA NSW is in the process of organising Carp fishing events at Sydney Olympic Park
- ANSA NSW is also pleased to see length only and catch and release ethos starting to gain some mileage in fishing media

NSWCFA

- NSWCFA general meeting to be held next week at Panthers, Penrith.
- The NSW have submitted a letter with regards to Conservation Mangers and asked RFA to reiterate their position.
- NSWCFA completed on response to Duncan Gay (NSW Opposition Fisheries Minister) for Fisheries Management Amendment Bill 2009
- NSWCFA received a \$5K grant from the State and Regional Development Corporation r to redevelop www.nswcfa.com.au website.

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- NSWCFCA looking at trustee of lands access for freshwater anglers, working on model for all anglers to use
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NSWFCA

- NSWFCA AGM will be held at Port Macquarie on the 22nd August.
- Mal Poole and Paul Cooper will be attending.

USFA

- The USFA is holding its re-union dinner to celebrate 60 years. Date is 19th September.

8. AGENDA ITEMS

8a) Project Updates

1. Fishing Safety – Freshwater Safety DVD being finalised, with Stan Konstantaras showing the DVD trailer to the committee. Boating Safety is next on the agenda.
2. An application has been made to the Trust to run some more Rockfishing Safety Workshops. Project value is \$33K, which includes a \$3K RFA management fee. 5 workshops planned.
3. Stan Konstantaras spoke on the desalination desktop study project that South Sydney AFA is proposing.
4. Mal Poole is finalising the Future Leaders final report for DAFF.
5. Final Audit and Statutory Declaration sent to DAFF for the Shimano DVD Project. \$4800 final payment has been received.

8b) Recfish, ACoRF and Trust Fund updates

A discussion occurred around the future role of RECFISH, which seems to be in limbo at present; with funds to keep it running until September 09, after that it is not known in what capacity it will run.

The RECFISH AGM will be held in mid September.

A *Join RECFISH* brochure has been produced and being circulated, they also had a stand at Sydney Boat Show.

Recfish has invoiced RFA for affiliate membership, however it is still unknown if ACoRF will rejoin to represent NSW anglers at national level. Stan Konstantaras moved a motion to pay affiliate fee to Recfish for 09/10, Seconded by Mal Poole, carried. Joe Garufi abstained from voting.

ACoRF has asked Minister Macdonald to partly fund RECFISH Australia.

Mal Poole spoke on the Trust Fund and updated the meeting as to what had been happening. Mal said that fishers are now challenging a Trust Fund decisions which is interesting to see. Issues involving maritime maintenance items are become regular submissions.

ACoRF – Peter Gibson asked if the FMA Bill was ever discussed at the ACoRF level, Max Castle responded no.

ACoRF positions fall vacant in November / December.

Max Castle asked to attend combined ACoRF / SIAC meeting to discuss NSW marine parks. 17th Sept is a possible announcement day for Jervis Bay and Solitary Islands Management Plans. Official response on Torn Blue Fringe from Tebutt's office is being investigated – Max Castle to chase up where this is up to at ACoRF as well.

(FMA - Fisheries Management Amendment Bill 2009)
(SIAC- NSW Seafood Industry Advisory Council)

8c) Access

Mal Poole has almost finished the access documents, will he send it around to the committee to add to the document, this is due for completion by the end of August.

Access Forum venue selected and invites are being sent out.

Access Forum date is 26th 27th September, and a press release is due next few days from Mal Poole. It will be at the Marquee Hotel in City. The focus will be to *highlight problems and offer solutions*.

8d) RFA Profile (Websites and Promotions)

Joe Garufi completed an individual membership drive for members to join the RFA, Joe sent out 1200 join RFA brochures and will now draft letter to major associations to join RFA- there is potential to send out an RFA Annual report. Stan Konstantaras has offered to work on this with Joe.

Peter Gibson has cleaned up the RFA email mailboxes and will keep track of the situation every few months to ensure we do not get a backlog of emails jamming our server.

Peter Gibson is also working on making some modifications to the www.safefishing.com.au website.

8e) Conservation Managers

Discussions occurred around the current stance by the Fisheries Minister to cease funding conservation managers. Stan Konstantaras to draft letter to Fisheries Minister: conservation managers supporting NSWCFCA stance.

The letter will outline our position on we would like to see what will happen.

Stan Konstantaras will ask Peter Gibson for copy of NSWCFCA letter and work with Mal Poole on an official RFA position on a state-wide response to conservation managers – funding streams etc.

8f) General Business

1. **Gaden Update-** Peter Gibson provided the following update on the meeting that was scheduled to occur a few days after the RFA meeting. The Committee present were happy to wait for an updated report to be included in the current minutes.

The Gaden Trout Hatchery Management Committee met for the second time on Monday 10 August 2009 at the NSW Fisheries Research Centre, Cronulla, NSW. The meeting conducted the following business.

- a. A short session was conducted to establish the Mission and Vision Statements for the Committee. While the exact wording was not resolved an acceptable draft was developed. Completion of the statements will be conducted out of session. The Committee considers it most important to identify its core functions and to be able to explain them to the fishers of NSW.
- b. The committee discussed the options for running tours at the hatchery as a money making venture. We noted that visitor numbers had dropped over the years. The Committee agreed to endeavour to find a way to employ a guide and raise the profile of the Hatchery. Some funding options will be put to ACoRF.
- c. The current promotional video used at the hatchery is now out of date and not compatible with modern media technology. Peter Turnell from Fisheries offered a member of Fisheries staff with video expertise to shoot new footage that can be compiled into a new promotional video. It is expected that this will be at no cost. The video will be available for distribution and use in promotional activities.
- d. Fisheries staffs are still working on distilling the Gaden budget figures from the more general DPI figures. This is taking longer than anticipated, but a final set of figures is expected to be available to the Committee soon.
- e. Application will be made to the Minister to have the Committee officially recognised through the Fisheries Act Regulations.
- f. The legal status of the title of the hatchery was discussed. Legal advice indicates the hatchery is Crown Land. At this time it seems that it would be extremely difficult for the Minister to dispose of the hatchery. However should the Minister transfer the hatchery to the Lands Department then that Minister could dispose of it quite easily. Fisheries Officers will seek legal advice on how we may insert a caveat on the title preventing this from happening.
- g. The Committee resolved that it will be titled The Gaden Trout Hatchery Management Committee (GTHMC).
- h. The Committee discussed the need for a dedicated website for the hatchery that is not linked to the Government system. Options will be discussed out of session.
- i. The next meeting of the Committee will be in April 2010 immediately prior to the Trout Allocation Committee meeting. It was agreed that much out-of-session work would be done between meetings.

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2. **Annual Report**- Joe Garufi and Stan Konstantaras to start drafting RFA annual report to present to AGM in November 2009
 3. **Support Letters**- letters were sent for Kurnell boat ramp and Currarong boat ramp.
 4. **Centennial Park Trust** is seeking a letter of support via Paul Cooper
 5. **Boat show update** – Stan Konstantaras gave an overview of the highly successful foray the RFA had at the Sydney International Boatshow and thanked all those who participated
 6. **Stan Konstantaras** to draft letter to DII asking for update of bag limit review, and Peter Gibson to establish survey attitudinal for bag and size limits in NSW- Survey Monkey options and Paul Cooper to assist with analysis.
 7. **Prospect reservoir** to be looked at in POM and RFA need to get response to them ASAP. We should be looking at cost to start Prospect operating, time to get it up and running, microbiological impacts looked at. Paul Cooper and Stan Konstantaras to look at this
 8. **Max Castle** has submitted letter to Nelson Lagoon POM and is chasing up status of Meroo POM.
 9. **RECFISHER** – Peter Gibson is doing a great job and RFA to continue sending out newsletter.

With no more general meeting the Chairman closed the meeting at 1.54 pm.
Stan Konstantaras
RFA of NSW Secretary

Meeting dates 2008 / 2009

Saturday, 14 November
2009

RFA meeting - AGM

Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW Inc

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Balance Sheet

As of June 2009

Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash On Hand	
Cheque Acct - 06 2017 10117466	\$52,953.11
Total Cash On Hand	\$52,953.11
Total Current Assets	\$52,953.11
Total Assets	\$52,953.11
Liabilities	
Net Assets	
	\$52,953.11
Equity	
Retained Earnings	\$73,591.60
Current Year Earnings	(\$20,638.49)
Total Equity	\$52,953.11



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MEDIA RELEASE

6th August 2009 – for immediate publication

Biodegradable Fishing Line – Fish for the Future

Australia's longest established sportfishing body, The Australian National Sportfishing Association, has begun testing the new range of biodegradable fishing lines that are starting to appear on the market. Given the life span of traditional materials such as nylon, ANSA has embraced the concept of biodegradable fishing lines as a way of limiting the impacts on the environment. ANSA has recently tested the stated breaking strain of the "Bioline" brand and has been provided with samples for its anglers to use. Future testing is also planned.

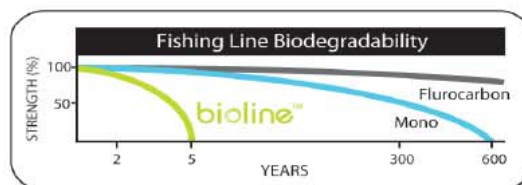
Bioline – ANSA Line Testing Results

"The Bioline testing results were surprisingly consistent with the stated breaking strain, much more so than your average run of the mill monofilament".

Shane Jasprizza, Australian National Sportfishing Association



Test Date	Line	Diameter (mm)	Breaking strain (lb/kg)	Initial Tests Results (kg)
2/8/09	1X	0.38	12 / 5.6	Average = 5.34 kg
2/8/09	2X	0.33	10 / 4.5	Average = 4.39 kg
2/8/09	4X	0.25	6 / 2.7	Average = 2.79 kg
2/8/09	5X	0.20	4.5 / 2.0	Average = 2.00 kg



While ANSA fully supports nylon monofilament recycling programs, ANSA feels the 99% reduction in life span that Bioline provides over traditional monofilaments offers a better outcome for our aquatic environment.

Fish for the Future

In a world first, ANSA has introduced an entirely new National Record chart and Master Angler Award based on length of fish, rather than weight. They provide a great opportunity for both seasoned and novice anglers to be rewarded for great captures, while at the same time allowing release of the fish. Anglers can view the new rules and National Record charts at www.ansa.com.au, or contact their ANSA State Branch or local ANSA fishing club for more details. These new length-based awards and our commitment to the ongoing trials of biodegradable lines are just two examples of ANSA's conservation ethic in action.

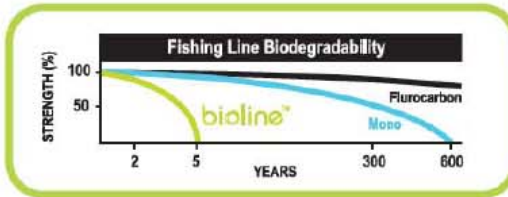


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- LOW VISIBILITY
- UV AND ABRASION RESISTANT
- EXCELLENT KNOT STRENGTH



Available Sizes					
CODE	TEST	YARDS	CODE	TEST	YARDS
BL-04	4 lb	210	BL-10	10 lb	210
BL-06	6 lb	210	BL-12	12 lb	210
BL-08	8 lb	210	BL-20	20 lb	180

The block contains a circular logo on the left with the text "PERFORMANCE CONSERVATION" around a globe. To the right is the bioline logo and contact information: "Australian and NZ distribution", "DigsFish Services Pty Ltd", "Ph/Fax (07) 34080443", "Mob 0403773592", "bioline@digsfish.com", and "www.biolinefishing.com".



RFA Project Report

Report date: August 2009

Project title: Fishing safely within NSW - Don't put your life on the line
Applicant: Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW

Funding amount: \$6,500 to run translated fishing adverts

Progress against objectives:

After revising the media buy schedule and including the additional \$12,000 that SLS contributed and the \$2000 that ANSA National contributed a national media buys was selected that will target the Asian communities over a few days twice a year. The first adds will run in October and then March 2010.

Chinese		Pub Date	Height (cm)	Column	Width (cm)	Rate	Colours	Cost	
Sing Tao	Saturday	Day 1	24	NA	18	\$ 1.05	Mono	\$ 453.60	
	Saturday	Day 2	24	NA	18	\$ 1.05	Mono	\$ 453.60	
Chinese Herald	Saturday	Day 1	24	4	18	\$ 4.30	Mono	\$ 412.80	
Australian Chin Daily	Saturday	Day 1	24	4	18	\$ 4.10	Mono	\$ 393.60	
	Saturday	Day 2	24	4	18	\$ 4.10	Mono	\$ 393.60	
								Total	\$2,107.20
Vietnamese		Pub Date	Height (cm)	Column	Width (cm)	Rate	Colours	Cost	
Chieu Duong	Friday	Day 1	18	3	15	\$ 15.00	Mono	\$ 810.00	
Dan Viet	Friday	Day 1	18	6	25	half page	Mono	\$ 650.00	
Viet Luan	Saturday	Day 1	18	4	17.1	\$ 7.00	Mono	\$ 504.00	
								Total	\$1,964.00
Korean			Height (cm)	Column	Width (cm)	Rate	Colours	Cost	
Korean Community Magazine	Friday	Day 1	18	3	11.5	half page	Mono	\$ 350.00	
	Friday	Day 2	18	3	11.5	half page	Mono	\$ 350.00	
Sydney Korean Herald	Friday	Day 1	26	10	36	full page	Mono	\$ 500.00	
								Total	\$1,200.00
								Total Excluding GST	\$5,271.20



RFA Project Report

Report date: [August 2009](#)

Project title: [Fishing safely within NSW - Don't put your life on the line](#)
Applicant: [Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW](#)

Funding amount: [\\$51,000 to reproduce rockfishing safety resource folder](#)

Progress against objectives:

[Original objective was to reproduce 5,000 RFA folders, but under the National Rockfishing Safety Strategy the RFA is working on with Surf Life Saving and ANSA, a redesign of the folder has occurred and also some additional funds have been secured to increase the order to 30,000 units. The folder is now a DVDs sized foldout that is translated and contains a booklet and DVD. The artwork is being finalised and we will go to print in the next few weeks.](#)

[Approval has been given for project and we have signed contracts with DII, just awaiting funds to start printing.](#)

[Cover artwork below.](#)



RFA Project Report

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ROCK FISHING SAFETY

Emergency numbers 112 or 000



RFA Project Report

Report date: August 2009

Project title: Fishing safely within NSW - Don't put your life on the line
Applicant: Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW

Funding amount: \$100,000 to produce 3 safety DVDs – Freshwater, Boating and Saltwater Fishing Safety.

Progress against objectives:

The filming of the Freshwater DVD is almost complete with Bushy completing his 3 days of filming. One more day is scheduled at Glenbawn Dam to shoot some bass sequences as so far the to date the focus has been on trout. Scheduled date for final filming is 18th September and then editing will begin. A trailer of the DVD was shown at the most recent RFA meeting.

The Boating Safety DVD script has been discussed with Maritime NSW and at a meeting with department heads and Director it was decided that we fasttrack the Boating safety DVD to fill a gap Maritime has identified in their education campaigns. Funding is available from Maritime for distribution and reproduction. Michael from Afterglow has already filmed some short segments for this with ET. Scripting will be happening during September.

www.safefishing.com.au is being continually updated and hosts all the RFA safe fishing information.