



# Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW Inc

## Meeting Minutes 9<sup>th</sup> May 2009

Held at South Sydney AFA Clubrooms

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**1. OPENING**

The Chairman, Malcolm Poole welcomed those present and opened the meeting at 9.37am.

**2. ATTENDANCE**

Those in attendance where:

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

**Visitors**

Fraser Perry (Future Leaders Program participant)

**3. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for non-attendance were received from:

Mel Brown  
John Humphries

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Most items moved to general business and a brief discussion occurred on the following topics;

- RFA application for funding was not successful from the BP Volunteer Grants Project

**6. TREASURERS REPORT**

Treasurers Report- See attached report.  
Bank Balance is \$60,161.89

**BUSINESS ARISING from Treasurers Report**

nil

**7. DELEGATES REPORTS**

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

**ANSA NSW-**

- Clean up Australia Day clean up could have been more successful, but ANSA NSW had quite a few clubs participate on the day.

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- Port Expansion and Desalination still on agenda with regards to Botany Bay. Issues with monitoring sediments and dredging are still of concern. Working with local MPs to try to resolve.
  - ANSA NSW working with Maritime on some new ramps in the Bay, and they were very keen to work with ANSA on other state based ramp issues. ANSA NSW suggested that the RFA rep on the Recreational Vessels Advisory Committee, Max Castle was our best liaison. They were familiar with Max and will seek additional input from him. ANSA NSW still holding Ports Minister to his promise of \$2M for 2 new ramps in Botany Bay and looking at expanding ramps around NSW.
  - ANSA NSW trying to limit the reduction in boat ramp spaces at Penrhyn Ramp due to the Port Expansion. Only a temporary measure until new ramp is built, but it is having an impact.
  - Habitat compensation is still on the ANSA agenda re: exclusion zones and habitat degradation around the Bay. Looking at partnering with local researchers to produce a recovery / compensation package.
  - Surf Life Saving has allocated \$150K nationally over 3 years to tackle rock fishing safety and will also help ANSA NSW with some of its projects like angel rings. \$15K has been allocated to buying life jackets to give away which ANSA NSW will source.
  - 2 major conventions since last meeting, with Sydney Sportfishing Convention attracting 200+ participants
  - ANSA NSW won't be attending Ecofishers meeting, decision made to work with RFA of NSW on state based issues.
  - ANSA NSW website has been handed over to Viridia for management and ANSA NSW is very pleased with the work Peter Gibson was doing.

#### **NSWCFA**

- Gaden Hatchery update - First management implementation meeting to be held next Friday 15th May. Peter Gibson, Steve Samuels, John Humphries, Bruce Schumacher, Tom Williams, Cameron Westaway and Peter Turnell will be attending.
- CFA have declined an invite to the Ecofishers meeting. CFA position is that RFA represents their interests.
- Next CFA meeting will be held in Jindabyne on the weekend of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May.
- CFA is also concerned with the loss of NSW DPI conservation managers.
- Access to Merroo is a major issue as well; the access road needs to stay open.
- CFA gave Tillegra Dam meeting update. CFA met with Hunter Water and Water Resources Minister Costa. Meeting focused on access for anglers and the CFA were very happy with the progress of the meeting. Whilst no Fishway will be built on the dam wall, as a tradeoff improvements will be made around the area eg, fishway on Dora Creek, ( \$150K) , plus no de-snagging in the area and greater vehicle access. The dam will also be stocked.
- CFA want the Access forum date to be selected, suggested August 2009.

#### **NSWFCA**

- NSWFCA State meeting to be held over June long weekend.
- NSWFCA supporting Ecofishers meeting.
- AAA competition at Wallaroo (SA) was a success.

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## USFA

- USFA unity meeting presentation was held on 7<sup>th</sup> May and well attended. Great night and just what we needed to get the ball rolling. It was a well run, inclusive and informative evening. A great first step that did not disintegrate into a government bagging out session, but gave us some insight into what we have all been doing. Quite a few passionate drivers were present on the night, and there is enough experience present on the night to keep us all heading in the right direction.

## 8. AGENDA ITEMS

### 8a) Project Updates

Future Leaders is nearing completion (Federal component) and we are waiting for the final wrap up. The RFA is owed approx \$7K admin fee for hosting and coordinating the event. Participants are starting to become involved in issues and some of the work the associations are doing. Fraser Perry from FL attended RFA and NSW CFA meetings, Gavin Beveridge presented an access presentation focusing on land based anglers at the recent USFA meeting, and there is an offer for a FL to present in NZ. RFA will now manage FL project and participants over the next 12 months with a NSW Trust grant.

Access forum has been moved to August 2009 and a working group is being set up.

Final report submitted for RFCGP Shimano Project and the final \$4800 was paid into account. Project is currently being audited. The \$4800 will be used to reproduce more DVD's.

Stan discussed the SLS rock fishing safety strategy. See attached document. The RFA will benefit by value adding to its current projects, \$12K per year will be added to the ethnic media buy and \$12K will be added per year the RFA resource folder project.



Rock Fishing Safety  
Strategy

The ethnic media project will begin soon, with ANSA contributing \$2K to the project and SLS contributing \$12K for an ethnic media buy targeting rock fishing anglers from non-english speaking backgrounds.

The NSW Trust is assessing the RFA resource material application

The NSW Trust is assessing the RFA newsletter Depending on what happens the RFA will continue NSW Recfisher newsletter either as a funded project or self funded by the RFA.

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## **8b) Recfish, ACoRF and Trust Fund updates**

The Recfish Board met yesterday and we are waiting an update and it has also applied to the NSW Trust for \$40K a year to keep it operational. It also met with BIA and AFTA.

Currently Recfish is operational until September / October 2009.

Recfish is looking at restructuring and a paper is out but does not go far enough in addressing some of the core business of Recfish. Peter Gibson spoke about lack of communication with its grass roots anglers within this restructuring paper.

ACORF meeting is on 18<sup>th</sup> May. Issues RFA want addressed are Gaden, Conservation Officers and that the NSW Government needs to take over core funding issues within NSW. Recreational anglers need dedicated conservation managers located in the states regions and enough consolidated revenue should be provided to Fisheries to run statewide comprehensive conservation offices. The RFA feel that the government is walking away from its responsibilities, eg Gaden etc.

The RFA also feels that it is even possible to redirect Fisheries Trust funded projects to employing conservation managers.

There is also some available money left in Trust Fund.

Quite a few recent projects had a Maritime flavor which were passed over.

Quality of project was interesting and Mal Poole went through some of the projects that had been submitted.

## **8c) Marine Parks Authority (MPA)**

MPA is currently going through a process investigating acquiring conservation managers. The MPA is currently bound by legislation and currently their control only goes to the high water mark, but they feel it needs to go higher up so they can control storm water runoff, developments, land clearing etc and manage lands that surround a MP. There are impacts and the MPA want to respond to impacts that these developments have on the surrounding waterways.

The legislative process is being looked at and DECC want to manage the process.

The RFA is concerned that the MPA controlling conservation managers will see less focus on fish stocks. The RFA will keep a close eye on this.

## **8d) Access**

RFA needs to complete its ongoing submission on NSW access issues facing recreational anglers. Submission is based on land based game, spearfishing, freshwater and saltwater issues. It will be one complete document and then passed onto the commercial sector for comment and input of commercial issues in NSW.

Submission will be presented via the Shooters Party up to the relevant ministers.

Needs to be completed by August and presented. The RFA will also seek outside assistance in assembling the document and a few groups and individuals have offered to assist the RFA in presenting the final document.

RFA looking at having a few figureheads as spoke models for recreational fishing issues.

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## 8e) RFA Profile

Joe Garufi is waiting to complete major mailout of safety DVD and Join RFA brochure; he has labels and envelopes ready and is working on spreadsheet of mailing addresses. Peter Gibson to complete with compliments slip for Joe to add.

Stan Konstantaras and Max Castle working on getting RFA profile into some of the major tackle chains.

Peter Gibson spoke on smaller decals for the tackle shops windows, Stan Konstantaras will chase up.

The RFA was invited to a stakeholder's dinner with Minister Macdonald and discussed the issues facing recreational anglers in NSW and a way forward to promote recreational angling within NSW. The Ministers advisers are looking a formulating a working group to discuss these and other matters. Duncan Gay, opposition Fisheries Minister has been chasing a meeting with the RFA, Mal Poole to chase up.

## 8f) Prospect

A letter from an equally qualified professor is being sought as to the impacts of recreational angling in water storages. Stan Konstantaras is working on this with Max Castle. RFA to draft letter to Minister Costa asking why can't we have access to Prospect, cite examples and tackle the scientific issues on the table. A meeting has also been organised for June 2<sup>nd</sup> with Minister Costa, Max Castle to attend..

## General Business

- Recreational Marine Vessel Advisory Committee meeting: Max Castle attended and will circulate minutes to committee. Spoke on new boating regulations and how Ministers Tripodi has made some recommendations and is pushing EPIRBS and navigation light issues. Joe Garufi raised concerns about new log books and non English speaking participation issues with regard to interpretation and NESB anglers getting access to Licences. Max Castel will chase up how Maritime will handle this. Max Castle also raised concerns about cost of yoke style PFD1 compliance testing. They need annual test which cost \$40 on an \$80 jacket. , Maritime said demand will force price down in the future.
- Max Castle sought advice on what was happening with the Future Leaders project next year. Mal Poole replied that he has applied for \$50K for next year from DAFF.
- Max Castle spoke on the fact that Maritime is looking at making PFD 1 mandatory on alpine lakes
- Discussed Al Maglashin's kids' day, RFA is happy to help with his kid's day in terms in promotions.
- Stan Konstantaras has asked John Diplock to speak at next RFA meeting, 8<sup>th</sup> august. Agreed, Stan will send him dates and agenda. Peter Gibson suggested we ask our members to come down and any of their members who are interested in coming down and listening to John talk. John Diplock will present after lunch.
- Joe Garufi spoke about the email protocol and that it needs to be constantly looked at, updating email addresses and check who you send emails to and responding to.

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- Paul Cooper was very keen to see FL project wrapping up and many lessons were learned. It was rewarding, but taxing event that was very successful. Suggested new locations or even overseas

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, 8 August 2009

RFA meeting

Saturday, 14 November  
2009

RFA meeting - AGM

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**Balance Sheet**

**As of 8/05/2009**

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Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash On Hand			
Cheque Acct - 06 2017 10117466	\$60,161.89		
Total Cash On Hand		\$60,161.89	
Total Current Assets		\$60,161.89	
Total Assets			\$60,161.89
Liabilities			
Net Assets			\$60,161.89
Equity			
Retained Earnings		\$71,619.74	
Current Year Earnings		-\$13,429.71	
Historical Balancing		\$1,971.86	
Total Equity			\$60,161.89

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**Profit & Loss [With Year to Date]**

**July 2008 through May 2009**

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	Selected Period	% of Sales	Year to Date	% of YTD Sales
<b>Income</b>				
<b>Sales</b>				
Membership fees	\$3,720.00	9.2%	\$3,720.00	9.2%
NSW Government Grants	\$5,487.50	13.6%	\$5,487.50	13.6%
Miscellaneous Income	\$750.00	1.9%	\$750.00	1.9%
NSW Gov. Grant Future Leaders	\$23,978.36	59.4%	\$23,978.36	59.4%
Safety - Asian Angler Awareness	\$6,428.40	15.9%	\$6,428.40	15.9%
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>\$40,364.26</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$40,364.26</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>				
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<u>\$40,364.26</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$40,364.26</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Rec Fisher Production costs	\$477.14	1.2%	\$477.14	1.2%
Dues & Subscriptions	\$110.00	0.3%	\$110.00	0.3%
Meeting expenses	\$230.30	0.6%	\$230.30	0.6%
Computing costs	\$720.00	1.8%	\$720.00	1.8%
Office Supplies	\$105.01	0.3%	\$105.01	0.3%
Meeting Expenses				
Delegate Amenities	\$165.00	0.4%	\$165.00	0.4%
<b>Total Meeting Expenses</b>	<u>\$165.00</u>	<u>0.4%</u>	<u>\$165.00</u>	<u>0.4%</u>
Office of Fair Trading	\$45.00	0.1%	\$45.00	0.1%
Projects				
Fishing Safety	\$27,893.16	69.1%	\$27,893.16	69.1%
Future Leaders	\$23,978.36	59.4%	\$23,978.36	59.4%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$53,723.97</u>	<u>133.1%</u>	<u>\$53,723.97</u>	<u>133.1%</u>
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<u>-\$13,359.71</u>	<u>(33.1%)</u>	<u>-\$13,359.71</u>	<u>(33.1%)</u>
<b>Other Income</b>				
<b>Other Expenses</b>				
Bank fees	\$70.00	0.2%	\$70.00	0.2%
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<u>\$70.00</u>	<u>0.2%</u>	<u>\$70.00</u>	<u>0.2%</u>
<b>Net Profit / (Loss)</b>	<u>-\$13,429.71</u>	<u>(33.3%)</u>	<u>-\$13,429.71</u>	<u>(33.3%)</u>