

## ORMOND ANGLING CLUB INC

**462-464 North Road Ormond 3204** 

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Date: 3 September 2014 Meeting No: 3154

# **Minutes of the Ormond Angling Club General Meeting**

Meeting opened at 8pm with Don Ellis in the chair.

Members present: 9 Visitors: Nil

Apologies: Walt Firestone, Ian Morris, Gaynor Morris, Martin Wrangle

## **Administrative Matters:**

Nominations: Nil

Elections: Nil (Eldar Guseynov was not present, so his election was held over)

President's Report: Urgent Matters

- Next Roundtable Forum Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2014.
- Bass Yabby pumping at Warneet. Following up this matter with VR Fish
- Williamson's Surf Beach access is listed for discussion at next roundtable forum

Illnesses: Walt Firestone is now home but is wheelchair bound

- Would appreciate and welcome visitors

### **Exec. Committee Actions:**

Last meeting Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August-minutes to be distributed

# Secretary's Report:

Correspondence in:

NAB advising relocation of branch
City of Glen Eira Notice of planning application
City of Glen Eira Newsletter
NAB Bank statement

Correspondence out:

OAC members Various notices

## **Angling Matters:**

Members' Angling Reports:

1. John Healy, Ean Moser, Tom Nadebaum and another fisher went on a Westernport charter on Unreel skippered by James Rogers, and caught 42 "winter" King George whiting to 45cm, plus by-catch including large grass whiting, leatherjackets and wrasse. Boat departed Stony Point before 7am and returned after 6pm, so we got our money's worth!

## **Competition Estuary E1 results**

- Date 9<sup>th</sup> August 2014
- Venue: Melbourne Rivers rivers fished Patterson, Yarra and Werribee
- Number of members: 9 Visitors: -
- Total Bag Weight: 10.505 kg Total Number of Fish caught: 24
- Species caught: 14 Bream & 10 Mullet
- Winner of the comp. was Trevor Thommers with 4 Bream and 3 Mullet weighing 3.575 kg
- Other good bags George Green 3.545 kg Judy Green 3.385 kg
- Winner of the Trophy was also Trevor Thommers
- Heaviest fish was a Bream weighing 0.495 kg and this was caught by Trevor Thommers

Numbers of members who caught fish was 5 Average fish weight 435 gms

Ernie Hunt Shield 1st leg
Total Bag Weight 4.165 kg Species 19 Bream
Winner Judy Green with 9 Bream
Runner up George Green with 6 Bream
Next best bag Trevor Thommers with 4 Bream

#### **Competition Surf 1 results**

## Trip Captain's Report—Trevor Thommers

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August Surf (S1) trip to Gunnamatta saw lovely weather, but it was too good, and members had to contend with many surfers providing a significant hindrance to surfers and flattening water (at least one member hooked a surfer!).

Fishing action was very quiet after the initial early morning bite, so it was decided to shorten the competition to finish at 11am.

#### **Angling Secretary's Report**

- Date 23 August 2014
- Venue: Gunnamatta Surf beach
- Number of members: 6 Visitors: Nil
- Total Bag Weight: 4.285 kg Total Number of Fish caught: 5
- Species caught: all Salmon
- Winner of the comp. was George Green with 3 Salmon weighing 2.445 kg

- Winner of the Trophy was also George Green
- Heaviest fish was a Salmon weighing 0.990 kg and this was caught by Judy Green

Numbers of members who caught fish was 2 Average fish weight 850 gms

## **Next Competitions:**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September - Freshwater 1 (F1):

\*\*\*\*\*Note Date change \*\*\*\*\* (originally Saturday 6th September)

Venue: Goulburn River

Lines Down: 6:30am Lines up: 12:30pm

Weigh-in: Alexandra Bridge, ASAP after lines-up

Trip Captain: Don Ellis

Saturday/Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September - Freshwater 2 (F2):

Proposed Venue: Camperdown - Bullen Merri/Purrumbete

## **Social Matters:**

## Social functions:

1. Sinker making day -\*\*\*\* now brought forward to Saturday  $6^{th}$  September, from 10am, at Clubrooms

BBQ lunch after sinker making

The club's new safety equipment will be in use.

2. Steak Bank restaurant – 7:30pm Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September – located on the north side of North Road over the railway crossing towards Jasper Road – contact Lou Gerardi

At this stage, numbers are low – need a minimum of 5 OAC persons to make it a goer. Please contact Lou if you can attend.

## **Last meeting's minutes:**

Matters arising from last meeting's minutes: none

Confirmation of last meeting's minutes

Moved by Lou Gerardi

Seconded by Trevor Thommers

The motion was carried

## **Delegates Reports:**

Hall hire & Property Report—Walt Firestone

Don relayed Walt's report: the lessee is happy and has not raised any matters for action Has deferred demolition of wood-fired BBQ to make way for sandpit installation

MAA/VR Fish. Representative—Don Ellis Details in attached Annex - Items of interest include:

- 1. Minutes of last Round Table (June) forum
- Fisheries regionalisation
- Survey reports
- Access to Goulburn River at Brookes Cutting
- Willow tree removal no clear felling; progressive removals only
- Goughs Bay boat ramp upgrade
- Bemm River access
- Recreation Fishing licence review still uncertain
- Bullen Merri access has been put in the "too hard" basket
- Proposed changes to Murray Cod slot limits
- Angler access in NSW (to distribute at a future meeting)
- Recreation Fishing initiations for the upcoming 4 year period 2014 2018: 67% of requests have come from MAA, which implies that MAA is a good vehicle for getting action on requests
- 2. Recent article in The Age Good Weekend magazine on the end of the Rainbow Trout?

## **General Business:**

- 1. General discussion on river access members wishing to get issues addressed by Fisheries are asked to raise them via Don Ellis, who will use the MAA forum to present to the Department
- 2. Boat Ramps at North Road and Black Rock were damaged in recent storms and have now been closed off, pending total redevelopment, for which funds are allocated and contractors funded. Members expressed concern that if works are not implemented promptly, there will be excessive pressure on use of the other boat ramps in the upcoming snapper season.

Don Ellis will inquire on the expected timing of the redevelopments.

3. Syllabi to be sent to Walt Firestone & Lochie Barker

Winner of the Lucky Number draw for members was <u>Judy Green</u> who was <u>not</u> at the meeting. The prize will now jackpot to \$30 at the next meeting.

## **Meeting Summary:**

- 1. Sinker making day is now Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September, from 10am
- 2. F1 comp and Peter Elliot trophy is now on the Goulburn is now Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Lines down 6:30am / lines up 12:30pm; Weigh-in at Alex Bridge ASAP after

3. Social Dinner at the Steak Bank Restaurant on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September

### Meeting concluded at 9:35 pm

| Passed as a true and accurate record of the meeting: |      |  |
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| Signed   |      |  |
| Date   |      |  |
| Next Member's Night                                  | Time | Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 8.00 pm OAC clubrooms |

Guest Speaker Eric Pang owner of Superoo Tackle and Bait shop New shop at 360 Centre Road Bentleigh Eric has been requested to outline his business plan and expand on the range of tackle available

Next Executive Meeting When Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November
Time 8.00 pm
Where OAC clubrooms

#### Annex

VR Fish/MAA Delegate Report

### Annex

Don Ellis reported on the following:

### Fisheries Roundtable Forum

### Items discussed at the June forum

- Fisheries Victoria regionalization
- Surveying Trout streams
- Goulburn River access at Brookes Cutting
- Willow Tree removals
- Gough's Bay boat ramp upgrades
- Bemm River Access
- RFL review –current status
- Southern Bluefin Tuna
- Lake Bullen Merri access
- Murray Cod slot limits
- Box Creek-Kow Swamp
- Angler Access in NSW
- Recreational Fishing Initiative update

## Age newspaper article on trout in Victoria

Attempts by environmental lobby to ban Rainbow Trout in Victorian Rivers and replace them with Trout Cod

Note: Fisheries Victoria are currently spending \$900,000 to improve Trout fishing in Victorian rivers and streams

#### **Murray Cod**

Fisheries Victoria have outlined a proposal to change Murray Cod

Bag and slot limits

Current limits Bag 2 Slot Minimum 60 cms

Maximum 100 cms

Proposed limits Rivers and Streams Bag 1

Lakes Bag 2 Slot Minimum 50 cms Maximum 70 cms

Note: There is a push by angling clubs in Northern Victoria to retain a maximum slot limit of 100 cms in northern lakes

The reason for a reduced maximum slot limit is to allow the bigger breeding fish to improve Murray Cod stock population (particularly in the rivers and stream north of the divide.