



RecFishSA 2020 AGM
Wednesday 18 NOVEMBER 2020
Lady Daly Hotel, Hindmarsh

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting (Appendix 1)
4. Accounts and reports of the Board (Appendix 2)
5. Election of Board members (Appendix 3)
6. Other business



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RecFish SA AGM 2019

Lady Daly Hotel, 4 December 2019

MINUTES

1. Apologies

Danny Simpson, David Ciaravolo, Ian Fitzgerald

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Previous minutes reviewed and accepted as a correct record. 2018 meeting minutes signed.

Moved: Levi Nash

Seconded: Josh Block

Motion passed unanimously

3. Conflicts of interest on agenda items

No Conflict of Interest declared

4. Board Report

| | Action |
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| Board Report Presented by Mick Wilson Financial Report presented by Levi Nash Motion: Reports be accepted Moved: Alex Williams Seconded: Judy Goode | Motion passed unanimously |

5. Election of Directors

| Discussion | Action |
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| Nominations to Board were received from Lee Van Soest – Organisational, Adelaide Game Fishing Club Neil Hutchins – Organisational Youngusband Fishing Club Joshua Davey - Individual Laura Schroder – Individual | All nominees appointed without ballot (see attachment 1) |

| 6. Other Business | |
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| 6a. Cancellation of RecFish SA reservoirs permit system (Attachment 2) | Action |
| <p><i>Motion: "RecFish SA supports the introduction of an all waters Recreational Fishing Licence, in South Australia that incorporates Reservoir Permits, provided that all revenue raised is managed independently from the Government, solely by the Recreational fishing sector for the sole benefit of the Recreational fishing sector, through collaborative and inclusive consultation"</i></p> <p>Proposed: Michael Wilson Seconded: Alex Williams</p> | Motion passed unanimously |
| 6b. RecFish SA is here to stay (Attachment 3) | Action |
| <p><i>Motion: "RecFish SA deplores the unexplained exclusion of our organisation from all government committees and advisory groups, as directed by the South Australian government, and seeks immediate reinstatement".</i></p> <p>Proposed: Judy Goode Seconded: Michael Wilson</p> | Motion passed unanimously |

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| 7. Meeting closed 7.15 pm |
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Signed:

Dated:

Attachment 1

Board nominations

I, Ian Fitzgerald being the nominated Returning Officer, confirming that the following nominations to the Board were received by COB 30th November 2019 and that all nominations are compliant with Section 9.3 Nomination and Election Procedure of the constitution.

The Following nominations to the Board of RecFish SA were received

| 2019 Board Nominations | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Name | Category | Organisation | Date Received |
| Neil Hutchins | Organisational | YHFC | 14/11/2019 |
| Laura Schrouder | Individual | | 13/11/2019 |
| Josh Davey | Individual | | 12/11/2019 |
| Lee Vansoest | Organisational | AGFC | 30/11/2019 |

Note that

- **The number of Organisational nomination received complies with Section 9.3 (f) (i) of the constitution**
- **The number of Individual nominations received complies with Section 9.3 (f) (ii) of the Constitution**

Section 9.3 (f) If the number of Candidates:

- (i) Is the same as the number of vacancies on the Board as advised under rule 9.3(b), the candidates are deemed to be elected with effect from the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting*
- (ii) Is less than the number of vacancies on the Board:*
 - a. The candidates are deemed to be elected with effect from the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting; and*
 - b. The Board may fill vacancies under rule 9.5;*
- (iii) Is greater than the number of vacancies on the Council, than an election by ballot must be held under rule 9.4*

Under these rules, all candidates are deemed to be elected to the board without a ballot being undertaken, effective from the conclusion of the 2019 AGM

Ian Fitzgerald Returning Officer

Attachment 2

The following Motion is proposed for discussion and resolution

“RecFish SA supports the introduction of an all waters Recreational Fishing Licence, in South Australia that incorporates Reservoir Permits, provided that all revenue raised is managed independently from the Government, solely by the Recreational fishing sector for the sole benefit of the Recreational fishing sector, through collaborative and inclusive consultation”

Proposed: Michael Wilson

Seconded: Alex Williams

Discussion

RecFish SA has managed and run the Reservoir permits system for the past 8 years with great success and without a single complaint or management issue. RecFish SA was informed of the cancelation of the licence on the 17th September 2019 by letter stating that the Government decided to take this back due to the roll out across all Reservoirs which we’re already undertaking in conjunction with SA Water.

The new permit system will be run and managed by SA Water through DEW and the funds received from permits will go into the Governments hands with no suggestion that 100% of the money will be spent restocking and better the facilities within the reservoirs for Recreational anglers, remembering that anglers are the only ones to pay an annual permit fee.

At last year’s AGM we supported the motion of introducing a Recreational Angling Licence, this year we again support this motion and wish to include the Reservoir permit system within that said licence as long as all permit/licence is managed independently and not by the Government.

Attachment 3

The following Motion is proposed for discussion and resolution

“RecFish SA deplores the unexplained exclusion of our organisation from all government committees and advisory groups, as directed by the South Australian government, and seeks immediate reinstatement”.

Proposed: Judy Goode

Seconded: Michael Wilson

Discussion

To inform all current financial members, RecFish SA has been removed from all Government committee’s and advisory groups as part of a directive from the South Australia Government. RecFish SA continues to campaign against this motion through meetings with current South Australian Government representatives, members of the opposition and other politicians. We will continue to fight this and seek to endeavour to be reinstated to all committee’s and groups in the near future.



RecFish SA Chairpersons Report 2020

2020 will be a year that we will remember for a very long time, a global pandemic caused major issues for our industry Australia wide, with fishing even being banned in Victoria.

Early in the year we saw the rise of the Ministers Recreational Fishing Advisory Council (MRFAC) who, driven by Minister Whetstone, wasted no time in having Recfish SA removed as the Peak Body for Recreational Fishing in SA. This resulted in significant change as we were also removed from every council, task force and MAC we sat on and management of the Reservoir Permit Scheme – originally established by RecFish SA, was also taken away from us by government.



Despite these setbacks, RecFish SA continued to grow its brand and most importantly has never stopped representing the angling community of South Australia. We exist so that recreational anglers are represented to government and are given the respect they so deserve when matters of policy are determined. And while we can't claim to win everything we want, we can proudly claim that unlike some others, we have and will always put the best interests of the recreational fishing community first. We can do this with integrity because as we know we have the genuine support of the recreational fishing community and our members that have stuck by us through thick and thin. Thank you to all our wonderful members who shown their unwavering support during these difficult times.

Last year's AGM saw the retirement of long-term board members Michael Sierp, Danny Simpson and Ian Fitzgerald after nearly three decades of amazing service. Ian's efforts to improve recreational fishing in SA were recognised by the Australian Recreational Fishing Foundation (ARFF) at their conference in Hobart where he narrowly missed receiving the Mal Ramsey award for lifetime achievement.

The ARFF Hobart Conference also saw formal recognition of one on RecFish SA's best achievements when it received the award for best recreational fishing project in Australia for the Reservoir Fishery Development project. It is so gratifying to see thousands of anglers and their families enjoying a day out at these terrific fisheries, knowing that RecFish SA started this project well before any efforts by the government. A special mention must go to project manager, Danny Simpson and his magnificent team of David Ciaravolo, Michael Sierp and Ian Fitzgerald in delivering such great outcomes for recreational fishers.

The 2019 AGM also saw the evolution of the Board with the appointment of Josh Davey, Laura Schroder, Lee Van Soest and Neil Hutchins as Directors. It is a testament to the character of these new members to join during such difficult times, yet all have made some very important contributions to our cause and I am glad to say that all are very keen to continue their role in the coming year.



Our young enthusiastic group of directors stepped up to the plate when we needed them and we were able to make a submission to the select committee for what we have nick named the "Kakadu of the South", a fishing trail that would extend from Murray Bridge right down to the border and which aims to stock and restore native species in waterways which were once a thriving section of our wonderful state. We also proposed many other projects which were all shut down by either the Minister or had to be run through the MRFAC. We had huge plans to run a tagging competition similar to the Million dollar Barra comp in NT which was not supported but rest assured we won't roll this up and throw it away as this is a project that has received huge support from many local businesses and most of all, the fishing community.

But oh, how things change...

Late in the financial year we saw the almost total collapse of the MRFAC with 6 of its original 9 members including the Chair, resigning from the committee, citing lack of support from government. RecFish SA have always maintained that while the MRFAC can play an important role in the management and development of recreational fishing, it can never replace RecFish SA as a correctly constituted, community based, independent Peak body, working for the benefit of recreational fishing. The MRFAC's and governments failure to understand that no government committee can ever replace a community-based organisation was clearly a significant factor in its demise.

The government has not totally abandoned the MRFAC and has attempted to reform it, this time with a clear agenda and the Independent Chair that was desperately needed. We are happy to say that RecFish SA has been invited to rejoin the MRFAC and help the Minister create a Recreational Fishing Strategy. This once again shows that RecFish SA exist for the right reasons and that we are 100% here to stay as the best organisation to represent the recreational angling community in South Australia.

I, as Chair of RecFish SA, will sit as a MRFAC member and bring our members concerns and thoughts to the Minister and ensure the Recreational Angling community is represented in the best way by the best people and I strongly believe this to be Recfish SA. We have a long way to go and with the depth of people we have that support our organisation we have got what it takes to get us there.

2020 saw new people come together and old issues thrown out the window which have coincided to build a bigger stronger and louder voice for the recs than we have ever seen before. This is the way we move forward by uniting and fighting a fight as one, not for personal glory but for the rights of every single recreational angler in South Australian. RecFish SA will continue in this role for as long as the recreational fishers of the state continue to support us.

Thanks

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name "Mick", written in a cursive style.

Mick



Annual Financial Report

SA Recreational Fishing Advisory Council SA Inc.

Trading As

RecFishSA

30 June 2020

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SARFAC - Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet RecFishSA As at 30 June 2020

| Assets | 30 Jun 2020 | 30 Jun 2019 |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Bank | | |
| ANZ Operations Account | 28,896 | 16,143 |
| ANZ Projects Account | 18,698 | 16,840 |
| ANZ Permit Fees | 62,084 | 65,056 |
| PayPal Reservoir Permit Fees | 7,162 | 2,602 |
| PayPal Membership Fees | 1,018 | 2,598 |
| Total Bank | 117,857 | 103,238 |
| Current Assets | | |
| Accounts Receivable | 250 | 0 |
| Provision for GST | 1,817 | 3,912 |
| Petty Cash | 104 | 105 |
| Pre-paid Visa card | 0 | 1 |
| Total Current Assets | 2,171 | 4,017 |
| Total Assets | 120,028 | 107,255 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Accounts Payable | 0 | 4,588 |
| ANZ Credit Card | 1,162 | 1,137 |
| PAYG Withholding Payable | 3,979 | 924 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 5,141 | 6,649 |
| Total Liabilities | 5,141 | 6,649 |
| Net Assets | 114,888 | 100,606 |
| Equity | | |
| Current Year Earnings | 14,282 | -(58,913) |
| Retained Earnings | 100,606 | 159,519 |
| Total Equity | 114,888 | 100,606 |

SARFAC - Profit & Loss

Profit & Loss Statement RecFishSA 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

| | 30 Jun 20 | 30 Jun 19 |
|--|----------------|------------------|
| Income | | |
| Membership Fees | 2,552 | 2,502 |
| Permits | 25,116 | 37,433 |
| PIRSA Grant Income | 0 | 125,338 |
| Project & Professional Services | 0 | 9,900 |
| Interest Received | 19 | 129 |
| Re-Funding Entitlements | 11,265 | 745 |
| Total | 38,951 | 176,048 |
| Less: | | |
| Cost of Sales | | |
| Fish for Stockings | (4,545) | (45,150) |
| Direct Project Grants & Wages Costs | (393) | (0) |
| Total Costs | (4,938) | (45,150) |
| Total Income | 34,013 | 130,898 |
| Gross Profit | 34,013 | 130,898 |
| Less Operating Expenses | | |
| Accounting | 585 | 6,540 |
| Administration Expenses inc. Reservoir Permits | 10,010 | 11,859 |
| Advertising and Marketing | 1,729 | 3,055 |
| Consultants | 0 | 103,710 |
| Insurance | 1,701 | 1,811 |
| Interest Charged | 98 | 22 |
| Legal Expenses | 1,988 | 6,720 |
| Rent & Outgoings | 0 | 14,376 |
| Subscriptions | 3,620 | 4,229 |
| Travel & Accommodation | 0 | 7,686 |
| Wages & Employer On Costs | 0 | 29,802 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 19,731 | 189,811 |
| Net Profit | 14,282 | -(58,913) |

SARFAC – Board’s Statement

Board's Statement

Your Treasurer, Levi Nash, submits the Financial Report of the SA Recreational Fishing Advisory Council Inc. (RecFish SA) for the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were: -

- Representing the interests of recreational fishers in South Australia.
- Being a primary venue of consultation between recreational fishers.
- Providing support for management and research programs relevant to recreational fisheries.
- Coordinating and providing extension services to Recreational Fisheries Committees (RFCs) and conducting other forms of effective & efficient statewide engagement.
- Providing input and facilitating community involvement in fisheries' enhancement projects
- To undertake, participate and manage projects to enhance recreational fishing experiences in South Australia

Operating Result

The Profit for the year ended 30 June 2020 amounted to \$14,282.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board.



Mr. Levi Nash
Treasurer

Dated:13../ 11/ 2020



Mr. Michael Wilson
Chairperson

Dated:13/ 11 / 2020

Appendix 3:

Election of Directors

I, **Ian Fitzgerald** being the nominated Returning Officer, confirm that no new nominations to the Board were received by COB 20 October 2020.

All Directors whose term is due to expire at the 2020 AGM have confirmed their intent to stand for re-election to the Board.

Note that

- **The number of Organisational nominations received complies with Section 9.3 (f) (i) of the constitution**
- **The number of Individual nominations received complies with Section 9.3 (f) (i) of the Constitution**

Section 9.2 (e) A retiring Board Director shall be eligible to stand for re-election without nomination. No other person shall be eligible to stand for election unless a member of the Council has nominated that person at least 28 days before the Annual General Meeting by delivering the nomination of that person to the Returning Officer of the Council. The nomination shall be signed by the proposer and by the nominee.

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Ian Fitzgerald, Returning Officer

Board Members 2020

| Name | Director Appointment Category | Executive Role | Term concludes |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Alex Williams | Organisational | Director | 2020 |
| Mick Wilson | Organisational | Chair | 2020 |
| Levi Nash | Organisational | Treasurer | 2020 |
| Shane Hodgens | Organisational | Director | 2020 |
| Judy Goode | Individual | Director | 2020 |
| David Ciaravolo | Individual | Director | 2020 |
| Joshua Davey | Individual | Director | 2021 |
| Laura Schroder | Individual | Director | 2021 |
| Lee Van Soest | Organisational | Director | 2021 |
| Neil Hutchins | Organisational | Director | 2021 |