

SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

of

THE GAME FISHING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA.

Held in the Hotel Australia, Sydney on Wednesday,
20th July, 1938.

PRESENT.

Mr. Clive W. Firth (President.)
Mr. L.S. Brookes.)
Mr. A.E. Church.) (Joint Hon. Secretaries)
Mr. T.C. Roughley. (Technical Adviser.)

Mr. J.L. McHenry and Mr. J.W. Taylor,
representing Victoria.

Mr. A.G. Carrodus and Dr. A.L. Caselberg,
representing Queensland.

Mr. J.L. Arthur, representing South Australia.

Mr. E.E. Bullen and Dr. Bruce Hittmann,
representing Western Australia.

Mr. Clive W. Firth and Mr. J.C. Folkard,
representing New South Wales.

APOLOGY.

In accepting the apology of Mr. C.H. Holmes,
Honorary Publicity Officer, for his unavoidable absence,
a vote of appreciation for the work he has done on
behalf of game fishing during the year was unanimously
recorded.

The members of the Conference foregathered in
the vestibule of the Hotel Australia and were
entertained at dinner in a private dining room by
Mr. Clive W. Firth on behalf of the New South Wales
Game Fishing Association.

At the conclusion of dinner, by general assent
it was decided that the Conference should be held
in that same room as the meeting would have more
privacy and there would be no stipulated time when
the Room would have to be vacated as was the case at
Bull's Chambers.

Delegates were suitably welcomed by the President,
and the Conference commenced with an investigation of
delegates' credentials which were found to be
correct. Mr. A.E. Church read the Minutes of the
Conference held in 1937 which were subsequently confirmed.

MINUTES.

As South Australia was represented by one delegate
only a discussion took place regarding his voting powers
and on a motion MOVED by Mr. Folkard and seconded by
Mr. Carrodus it was unanimously decided that the South
Australia delegate should be allowed two votes.

The election of officers for the ensuing twelve months was then proceeded with and Mr. Clive W. Firth was proposed as President by Mr. Carrodus and seconded by Dr. Caselberg. There being no further nominations Mr. Firth was declared elected.

Mr. Firth in thanking the delegates for his re-election stated, before accepting office, that he would like to see this transferred to some other State.

Mr. Carrodus stated that he would like the Annual Conference to be held in Victoria, Queensland and New South Wales in turn. Mr. Taylor of Victoria, in agreeing to this suggestion, expressed his opinion that the Headquarters of the Association should, however, be permanently in New South Wales. Mr. Arthur of South Australia concurred in the matter and stated that South Australia could not expect the Conference to be held in his State.

Mr. Firth then formally accepted his re-appointment as President.

Mr. Firth then told Delegates of his private approach to other game fishing countries of the world, seeking a world's agreement to standardised tackle specifications and other major fishing rules. This movement was unanimously supported by all Delegates and it was decided that every effort be made to consummate some such agreement, the furthering of which was left in the President's hands until the time was considered opportune for official action to be taken.

It was suggested by Mr. Brookes that the Conference might give consideration to the election of a Vice-President in each State. This, however, did not meet with the approval of delegates and was not proceeded with.

Nominations were then called for the position of Honorary Secretary of the Association. Mr. E.E. Bullen proposed Dr. Bruce Hittmann and this nomination was seconded by Dr. A.L. Caselberg. Messrs. A.E. Church and L.S. Brookes both stated that they did not propose to offer themselves for re-election. There being no further nominations Dr. Bruce Hittmann was accordingly declared elected.

Mr. E.E. Bullen expressed the opinion that the Secretary of the Association should be a delegate and a full member of a Club in the State he represents and he MOVED accordingly. This motion was seconded by Mr. Folkard.

Dr. Caselberg in speaking against the motion stated that he was of the opinion that the Secretary of the Association should not be a delegate representing a State and as an amendment MOVED to the effect that the Secretary may be an ex officio member of the Association. This amendment was defeated by five votes to four. The original motion was then put and carried.

At this stage Mr. A.E. Church asked permission to

leave the Conference. The President in granting this permission on behalf of the Conference thanked Mr. Church for the services he had rendered. Mr. L.S. Brookes also asked permission to retire but at the special request of delegates present he agreed to remain until after the Meeting.

Financial arrangements for the Association were then discussed and it was MOVED by Mr. Folkard that an affiliation fee of £5:5:- per annum be paid by each State to the Game Fishin Association of Australia and that after the present Conference any State that had not paid its affiliation fee would not be permitted to vote on any matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carrodus. After a discussion Mr. Folkard, with the permission of his seconder, agreed to the motion being altered to read that the affiliation fees to the Association be as follows:-

New South Wales...	...	£10:10:-	
Queensland and Victoria.		£ 7: 7:-	each
South Australia and			
Western Australia.	...	£ 2: 2:-	each.

It was decided that the official offices and Meeting place of the Association be at Bull's Chambers, 28 Martin Place, Sydney.

Banking arrangements were then discussed and it was MOVED by Mr. Folkard and seconded by Dr. Caselberg, that a banking account be opened in the name of the Association and that all funds received be credited to such account and all disbursements be made by cheque signed by the President and Secretary of the Association. This motion was unanimously carried.

The next item for consideration was proxy representation and Mr. Folkard MOVED that previous Minutes in this regard be rescinded and that any delegate representing a State must be a full member of a Club whose Headquarters are in the State he represents and no one delegate shall be permitted to vote on behalf of two States but in the event of a State being represented by one delegate only, such delegate shall be allowed two votes. This motion was seconded by Mr. Bullen and unanimously carried.

At this stage it was unanimously decided that any motions moved and carried at this Conference which may in effect conflict with the Minutes of any previous Meeting, shall automatically rescind any such previous Minutes.

Mr. Folkard then proposed that at least one Conference be called each year and that all business of the Association shall be transacted at such Conference. In the event of necessity arising the Secretary may refer any business at any time to other States and a majority approval in writing shall be regarded as sufficient authority to act. This motion was seconded by Mr. Carrodus and carried.

Mr. Folkard then MOVED that correspondence of the Association shall be conducted by the Secretary in consultation with the President and matters requiring adjudication shall be referred to all States.

Mr. Bullen then MOVED that the Association's year shall end on the 30th June each year and that the Annual Confere

shall be held in July each year. This motion was seconded by Mr. Carrodus and carried.

With a view to having uniformity of rules throughout Australia it was MOVED by Mr. Folkard that the Game Fishing rules as adopted by The Game Fishing Association of Australia and which may be in force from time to time shall be those adopted by all States and their affiliated Clubs. This motion was seconded by Mr. Bullen and unanimously carried.

Attention was then drawn to the fact that the Meeting had not elected a Technical Adviser or Publicity Officer for the ensuing year.

Mr. T.C. Roughley and Mr. C.H. Holmes respectively were elected to these appointments.

Mr. Roughley asked for an opinion regarding his standing at Meetings and the Conference decided that the Association's Technical Adviser should have full powers of a member including power to move and second and to discuss motions but he shall not have power to register a vote.

Mr. Arthur of South Australia then MOVED that White Sharks be regarded as Game Fish. This motion was seconded by Mr. Folkard. Mr. Arthur pointed out that this class of Shark had been the only fighting fish so far caught in South Australian waters and it would be appreciated if it could be regarded as a Game Fish. Mr. E.E. Bullen strenuously opposed this motion and as an amendment MOVED that the Mako and White Shark be classified as "Sharks" and not as Game Fish. The amendment was seconded by Dr. A.L. Caselberg and on a vote being taken there was a majority of five votes to three. Dr. Bruce Hittmann then MOVED that the Mako Shark stay as a Game Fish, but this further amendment lapsed for want of a seconder. Mr. Bullen's amendment then became the motion and was carried.

Applications were received for recognition of the following captures:-

T.A. Bell, World's record Tiger Shark, 1,151 lb.
Clive W. Firth. 12 Thread Australian record, Kingfish, 88 lb.
G.R. Cowell. World's record White Shark, 1,023 lb.

It was unanimously decided that these captures should be accepted and recorded by the Association.

It was decided that Certificates and Buttons be issued only to members of Clubs affiliated with the Game Fishing Association of Australia.

It was then MOVED by Mr. Carrodus and seconded by Dr. Caselberg that "Angling & Gun Sport" be regarded as the official organ of the Association, it being understood, however, that any statement appearing in "Angling & Gun Sport" should be noted to the effect that such statement has been made by the President or Secretary of the Association.

Mr. Carrodus then asked for consideration regarding

State boundaries as a number of anglers north of the Clarence River belonged to the Queensland Club and it was proposed by the Queensland Association to erect weighing facilities at Evan's Head. Mr. Carrodus was informed that this was purely a State matter and was invited to approach the New South Wales Association.

Rules governing Game Fishing and for Recording the capture of fish were then discussed at length. Alterations and amendments were effected in accordance with the Certified Copy attached. These Rules were then unanimously adopted as being in force for the ensuing year.

A vote of thanks was MOVED by Mr. T.C. Roughley to the President for his efforts on behalf of game fishing in Australia. This was seconded by Mr. A.H. Carrodus and supported by Messrs. Taylor, Arthur and Bullen. The motion was unanimously carried.

The Meeting then closed at 1.15 a.m.

CONFIRMED.

Chas. A. R.

President.

24th July. 1939.

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