

THE GAME FISHING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA.

Minutes of the Third Annual Conference held  
at Scott's Hotel, Melbourne, on Monday,  
24th July, 1939 at 3.00 p.m.

PRESENT.

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| Mr. Clive W. Firth.     | (President) (Representing New South<br>Wales.) |
| Mr. J.C. Folkard.       | -do-   |
| Mr. J.W. Taylor.        | (Representing Victoria)                        |
| Mr. T.A. Bell.          | -do-   |
| Mr. E.E. Bullen.        | (Representing W. Australia)                    |
| Mr. H. Fairfax Johnson. | (Representing S. Australia)                    |
| Mr. J. Arthur.          | -do-   |
| Mr. A.B. Carrodus.      | (Representing Queensland.)                     |
| Mr. C.H. Holmes.        | (Honorary Publicity Officer)                   |
| Dr. Bruce Hittmann.     | (Honorary Secretary.)                          |

APOLOGY.

An apology for absence was received from -  
Mr. T.C. Roughley.

WELCOME TO  
DELEGATES.

The President, Mr. Clive W. Firth, in welcoming Delegates to the Third Annual Conference of the Australian Association said he very greatly appreciated the spirit of sportsmanship which had induced them to come from all parts of Australia with the one aim and object of advancing the development of game fishing in Australian waters. He added that it also gave him a great feeling of pleasure in greeting Mr. Charles H. Holmes, Director of The Australian National Travel Association who had given the sport his whole-hearted interest and support in the matter of publicity both here in Australia as well as Overseas. Mr. Firth said that Mr. Holmes had been a tower of strength to this Association in helping to attract interest in Australian Game fishing by overseas anglers.

Mr. Firth also paid tribute to Mr. T.C. Roughley, Honorary Technical Adviser, for his continued great interest in and support of this Association. Unfortunately, Mr. Roughley was prevented from attending the Conference by pressure of business but he, nevertheless, wished to assure Delegates of his continued interest in their affairs.

The President then said that many important matters would come up for discussion at this Conference, some of which might be contentious, but he felt sure that no insoluble problems could arise if all matters were considered in a tolerant spirit.

DELEGATES'  
CREDENTIALS.

The credentials of Delegates were investigated and found to be correct.

MINUTES OF SECOND  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Minutes of the second Annual Conference held in Sydney on 20th July, 1938, were read, confirmed and signed.

BALANCE SHEET.

The Balance Sheet, showing a credit Balance with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia of £20:11:10, was presented by the Honorary Secretary and adopted.

PRESIDENTIAL  
ADDRESS.

Mr. Firth said that he wished to pay a special tribute to the Honorary Secretary, Dr. Bruce Hittmann, for the splendid manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past year. It was largely due to his great efforts that the Australian Association enjoyed such a strong position as it held to-day. Since Dr. Hittmann had taken over this Office, there had been a great deal of correspondence and other work to deal with but at all times he had acted with the utmost consideration and thoughtfulness for all interests concerned. Mr. Firth assured Delegates that while we could induce Dr. Hittmann to retain this office, the executive management of the Association could never be questioned.

It was also particularly pleasing to find that such a happy relationship now existed between all States as well as all Clubs. At every fishing centre visited by the President he had been told of the helpful and friendly correspondence which had always come from Dr. Hittmann, and while this spirit prevailed no fear need be held regarding the future of the Australian Game Fishing Association.

The President said that in the matter of development by the various State Branches, Queensland now had a most enthusiastic body, headed by Mr. Carrodus; splendid work had been carried out by this State where not only had Marlin of good size been caught but also a remarkable range of smaller game fishes including the Wahoo. He said that we will probably hear of some wonderful results from these waters in the near future.

In New South Wales there was a very happy relationship between all bodies. There was no disharmony, but all Clubs were working splendidly together with one object and one outlook - the development of Australian Big Game Angling. This State had had a most successful season for Marlin and Sharks.

In Victoria, The Swordfish and Tunny Club of Australia had been carrying on under some disabilities insofar as that game fish had not as yet been caught in its waters but with further exploration Victoria still hoped to find satisfactory fishing grounds.

In South Australia the sport had advanced to a considerable extent and already the State had won much fame by the efforts of Mr. G.R. Cowell who had

gained two world's records for White Sharks. It seemed likely that Port Lincoln would become one of the world's best grounds for this class of fishing.

Mr. Firth then told Delegates of the recent visit of Mr. Michael Lerner of America to Australia together with members of The American Museum of Natural History amongst whom was Dr. W.K. Gregory, one of the World's foremost Ichthyologists. This party had visited Bermagui, also the Barrier Reef in Queensland and at both centres much scientific investigation had been carried out in connection with Australian Game Fishes, which would subsequently prove of incalculable value in the development of Australian angling. Mr. Lerner had stated to Mr. Firth after fishing at Bermagui that no where else in the world had he found Black Marlin so plentiful and it was his definite opinion that our Australian waters ranked as the best fishing ground throughout the entire world for this species.

Mr. Firth also informed Delegates that a further outcome of this visit was an invitation which he had just received from The American Museum of Natural History for Australia to join a proposed International game fishing Association sponsored by that body. This matter would come under consideration at a later stage of the Conference.

After suitably thanking them for their continued loyal support the President then invited Delegates to receive the Honorary Secretary's Report and then give their attention to those matters which were listed on the Agenda for their consideration and decision.

REPORT BY HONORARY

SECRET Dr. Hittmann in presenting his report said that he was pleased to record that the Association is now very firmly established and the co-operation amongst the States has been in complete harmony throughout the year.

Since the last meeting it was found necessary to submit to the State Associations for their approval or otherwise the definition of an Amateur fisherman; voting on this definition was equal for and against and it was decided that this question should be submitted for consideration this evening.

During the year a letter was received from the British Tunny Club with proposals for the formation of a World's Game Fishing Council, together with a suggested World Constitution and World's uniform fishing rules and tackle specifications. A copy of this letter was forwarded to each of the State Associations constituting this Association, for their opinion. The majority opinion was that the proposals submitted were unsuitable for Australian conditions, and a letter to this effect was sent to the British Tunny Club by this Association, and a copy of this reply forwarded to the various States.

It was found that the Distress Signal - letter "L" (Visual Signal) adopted by this Association, was unsuitable, it meaning only "Stop, I have something important to communicate", and it was decided to adopt the letters "N.C." meaning "I am in distress and require immediate assistance," as its distress signal.

It is pleasing to report that during the year five World's Records were applied for by this Association for fish caught in Australian Waters. At this meeting applications for nine Australian Records will be considered. During the year two Gold Buttons of the Association were awarded, in each case for the capture of a fish which was a World's Record; No. 1. Gold Button being awarded to Mr. G.R. Cowell for his World's Record White Shark of 1,291 lb.

I wish to express my appreciation to our President, Mr. Firth, whose help and advice have always been available to me throughout the year. I also wish to express my appreciation of the assistance given by our Assistant Honorary Secretary, Miss Ethel Gamble, to whose efforts the prompt attention to correspondence and the accurate filing of correspondence and indexing of records is entirely due.

NOTICE OF MOTION. The President stated that both he and Dr. Hittmann felt that in the interests of the Association the matter of their offices as President and Honorary Secretary respectively should come under revision. If both offices could be filled without any State attachment they would be pleased to offer themselves to carry on the work they had been doing during the past year, but they both felt that their work should be carried on free of any State influence or Club interest.

Dr. Hittmann said that as regards the President, he did not think that the Chairman should come to any Conference like this with instructions as to how to vote. He should be strictly impartial. He should be there simply as a Chairman, and view proceedings from a broadminded point of view. He himself, was there to represent no State whatever. He was in favour of the motion, and if it were the delegates' pleasure, would submit himself for re-appointment as Honorary Secretary.

It was Moved by Mr. H. Fairfax Johnson, seconded by Mr. J.W. Taylor and supported by Mr. E.E. Bullen, and RESOLVED:-

"That the President and Honorary Secretary be appointed ex officio officers of the Association whether they be delegates of a State or not, and that all previous motions in this respect be rescinded."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. President. It was proposed by Mr. A.B. Carrodus, seconded by Mr. T.A. Bell:-

"That Mr. Clive W. Firth be re-elected President."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Honorary Secretary.

It was proposed by Mr. J.C. Folkard, seconded by Mr. A.B. Carrodus:-

"That Dr. Bruce Hittmann be re-elected Honorary Secretary."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Honorary Publicity Officer.

It was proposed by Mr. J.C. Folkard, seconded by Dr. Bruce Hittmann:-

"That Mr. C.H. Holmes be requested again to offer his services as Honorary Publicity Officer."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Honorary Technical Adviser.

It was proposed by Mr. A.B. Carrodus, seconded by Mr. E.E. Bullen:-

"That Mr. T.C. Roughley be asked to act as Honorary Technical Adviser."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Assistant Honorary Secretary.

It was proposed by Mr. J.C. Folkard, seconded by Dr. Bruce Hittmann:-

"That a letter be sent to Miss Ethel L. Gamble conveying the Association's great appreciation of her help in carrying out the duties of Assistant Honorary Secretary, and that an honorarium of £10:10:- be awarded her for her work during the year, and that Miss Gamble be asked again to carry on the work as Assistant Honorary Secretary for the coming year."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Honorary Auditor.

The President said that this Association certainly owed to Mr. G. Gordon Allard, Honorary Auditor, a letter of appreciation for compiling the Balance Sheet, presented at this Meeting and for verifying this Association's accounts, and it was RESOLVED:-

"That a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent Mr. Gordon Allard and that he be invited to be good enough to continue as Honorary Auditor for the ensuing year."

IRRESPONDENCE.

British Tunny Club, and The American Museum of Natural History.

A reply forwarded by the Honorary Secretary

of The Game Fishing Association of Australia to the British Tunny Club, dated the 19th May, 1939, embodying their proposals for the formation of a World Game Fishing Council was discussed, and the action of the Secretary in forwarding such letter was unanimously endorsed.

Mr. Firth then gave a review of the correspondence leading up to the reception of the letter from The British Tunny Club, and spoke at length on the essential differences between their proposed tackle specifications and those in operation in Australia.

He then read a letter from The American Museum of Natural History addressed to him personally and containing proposals for an International Game Fishing Association to be sponsored by that body, with uniform rules to govern game fishing throughout the World.

A letter from Capt. C.H.Frisby of The British Tunny Club also addressed to the President personally in answer to the previously mentioned letter forwarded to the British Tunny Club by this Association was read by Mr. Firth.

Matters mentioned in the President's address in reference to the letter from The British Tunny Club and The American Museum of Natural History were discussed at length and it was proposed by Mr. J.C. Folkard and seconded by Mr. T.A. Bell:-

"That the former decision to reject the proposals of The British Tunny Club be affirmed and that we now give consideration to the proposals of The American Museum of Natural History."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

It was further proposed by Mr. T.A. Bell, seconded by Mr. A.B. Carrodus:-

"That authority be given to Mr. Clive W.Firth to communicate with The American Museum of Natural History accepting their proposals on behalf of The Game Fishing Association of Australia and that Mr. Firth be nominated as the Australian representative."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### Maritime Services Board.

A letter was read from The Game Fishing Association of Australia to the Maritime Services Board and received.

#### Mr. C.H.Holmes.

A letter was read from Mr. C.H.Holmes asking for information as regards Game Fishing grounds and fishing facilities, which information was required for publicity in India, and was received.

PUBLICITY.

Discussion then took place on publicity matters generally, Mr. Holmes stating that he was prepared to spend £900 on a booklet covering fish activities in Australian waters. He would be glad to have any news items, photographs, etc. He pointed out that the greatest value to be derived from publishing a booklet was by using suitable photographs. A cameraman should be taken out to get action pictures. If anyone through the organisation could let him have photographs or negatives so that prints could be made it would be of much assistance. There were 2,000 newspapers syndicated with his Travel Association and the information given through this channel would be circulated amongst leading Newspapers and Magazines of the world.

Mr. Holmes added that there was to be an exhibition in New Zealand shortly, and he would like to be able to show photographs of Merlin in Australian waters for murals, also stills and coloured films.

It was proposed by Mr. Folkard, seconded by Mr. Pullen and RESOLVED:-

"That Mr. Holmes' offer to produce a booklet be accepted with a deep feeling of appreciation, and that each State Association be requested to furnish photographs of their respective fishing grounds and activities. Further, that Mr. T.C. Roughley be asked to co-ordinate all necessary State reports and edit the booklet."

Mr. Carradus stated that Queensland would give Mr. Holmes all assistance possible in the production of the booklet, and Mr. Pullen offered his services to take out a photographer when requested.

APPLICATIONS FOR  
RECORDS.

The Honorary Secretary reported that the following World's Records had been applied for during the year and that they had been granted by The American Museum of Natural History, with the exception of the last on the list (+) to which application up to the time of this meeting, no reply had been received from that body:-

|     |                 |              |                         | <u>Three</u> |
|-----|-----------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1.  | T.A. Bell.      | Tiger Shark. | 1,151 lb. Bermagui.     |              |
|     |                 |              | 20/4/58.                | 39           |
| 2.  | Clive W. Firth. | Kingfish.    | 88 lb. Bermagui.        |              |
|     |                 |              | 14/4/58.                | 19           |
| 3.  | G.R. Cowell.    | White Shark. | 1,991 lb. Port Lincoln. |              |
|     |                 |              | 8/12/58                 | 39           |
| 4.  | Lyle Bagnard.   | Tiger Shark. | 1,388 lb. Sydney.       |              |
|     |                 |              | 22/2/59.                | 39           |
| 5+. | G.R. Cowell.    | White Shark. | 1,324 lb. Port Lincoln. |              |
|     |                 |              | 11/5/59.                | 39           |

The following applications for Australian Records were applied for and granted:-

Thread.

- |                    |  |           |               |    |
|--------------------|--|-----------|---------------|----|
| 1. J.T. Veitch.    | White Shark.   | 926 lb.   | Semaphore.    | 36 |
|                    |  |           | 12/11/38.     |    |
| 2. G.H. Cowell.    | White Shark.   | 1,291 lb. | Port Lincoln. | 39 |
|                    |  |           | 2/12/38       |    |
| 3. G.H. Cowell.    | White Shark.   | 1,324 lb. | Port Lincoln. | 39 |
|                    |  |           | 11/5/39       |    |
| 4. Lyle Bagnard.   | Tiger Shark.   | 1,382 lb. | Sydney.       | 36 |
|                    |  |           | 22/9/39       |    |
| 5. D.W. Taylor.    | Tunny.   | 135 lb.   | S. Australia  | 12 |
|                    |  |           | 2/4/39        |    |
|                    | This being a record for Game Fish caught on<br>12 Thread Line. |           |               |    |
| 6. Clive W. Firth. | Tunny.   | 27 lb.    | Bermagui.     | 6  |
|                    |  |           | 5/11/38       |    |
|                    | This being a record for Game Fish caught on<br>6 Thread Line.  |           |               |    |
| 7. T.A. Bell.      | Blue Tunny,  | 238 lb.   | Bermagui.     | 36 |
|                    |  |           | 20/5/37.      |    |
| 8. J.R. Porter.    | Black Marlin.  | 672 lb.   | Bermagui.     | 36 |
|                    |  |           | 22/1/37       |    |
| 9. K.F. Wheeler.   | Mako Shark.  | 608 lb.   | Sydney.       | 36 |
|                    |  |           | 1937.         |    |

In the case of the application of George Lambert for the capture of a Black Kingfish of 109 lb. in Queensland waters on the 15th October, 1938, it was moved by Mr. Folkard, seconded by Mr. E.E. Bullen and RESOLVED:-

"That the record only be granted subject to the requisite Statutory Declaration being furnished in accordance with Rule 15 and lodged to the satisfaction of the Honorary Secretary."

In the case of the application of Mr. Norman Beaver for the capture of a Seal Fish (*Istiophorus* sp.) of 185 lb. caught off Lady Musgrave Island on the 21st December, 1938 on 36 Thread Line, it was moved by Mr. E.E. Bullen, seconded by Mr. T.A. Bell and RESOLVED:-

"That this fish be entered in the statistics of The Game Fishing Association of Australia as a capture, but that it be not eligible for recognition as a Record as it was caught on 36 Thread Line, the minimum recordable weight in this Thread Class being 150 lb."

Moved by Mr. E.E. Bullen, seconded by Mr. J.C. Folkard, and RESOLVED:-

"That State Branches be directed to furnish to the Honorary Secretary of The Game Fishing Association of Australia a return of all fish caught in their own waters from 1st July to 30th June each year, returns to be made quarterly, commencing as from 1st July in each year, covering total individual captures of the State in its own waters."

ARTIFICIATES.

Moved by Dr. Bruce Hittmann, seconded by Mr. J.C. Folkard

"That this Association produce a Certificate to be awarded for Australian and for World's Records and that the matter be left in the hands



of the President and Honorary Secretary to enquire as to cost and report on the subject to States at a subsequent date."

CARRIAGE.

AMENDMENTS TO RULES.

Mr. H. Fairfax Johnson asked that the minimum weight requirements in the various Button classes be revised and increased; the experience of South Australian anglers, specially in the light thread class, was that the minimum weights were too low and should be increased which would correspondingly increase the value of Buttons and achieve the object for which they were intended.

In the discussion which followed it was pointed out that in the business set down on the Agenda to be discussed later on was a proposal for the adoption of 9 and 15 Thread Classes and weights for these classes would have to be determined and agreed upon. It was, therefore, decided that the question of adjusting all the weights for the award of Buttons be deferred for the present, and submitted to State Branches for their consideration at a later date.

In discussing the question of Buttons, the President stated that he considered men who were entitled to Buttons should apply for them. They had had to order a sufficient quantity to be able to make them available at a reasonable cost and by ordering 100 white, 50 red and 25 blue, each for Game Fish and Shark awards, it had been possible to get them at a lower price than first quoted, the firm producing the Buttons agreeing to hold them in stock against order. Originally Buttons were to cost 4/8d each but now they were being charged at a flat rate of 4/- leaving a small profit to the Association anglers paying 5/- for same. At the time of ordering there was a great deal of interest and enthusiasm shown and it had been felt it was quite safe in ordering the above quantities.

Mr. Johnson considered that Buttons should be presented to anglers and that they should not be required to pay for them. The President pointed out, however, that there were no funds available for any such action.

MAKO SHARK. Moved by Mr. Fairfax Johnson, seconded by Mr. J.C. Folkard and RESOLVED:-

"That the Mako Shark be included in the list of Game Fish."

MACKEREL. Moved by Mr. J.C. Folkard and seconded by Mr. T.A. Bell and RESOLVED:-

"That all Mackerel be included in the list of Game Fish."

It was further RESOLVED on the proposal of

Mr. Carrodus, seconded by Mr. Folkard:-

"That the following be included in the list of Game Fish:-

Wahoo. (*Acanthocephalus volandri*)  
 Samson (*Seriola lalandi*)  
 Bonfish (*Albula vulpes*)

TRACE LENGTHS.

6 & 12 Thread Classes. Moved by Mr. T.A. Bell, seconded by Mr. J.C. Folkard:-

"That in the 6 and 12 Thread Classes the length of Trace be increased to 15 ft. in lieu of 12 ft. now operating."

CARRIED.

24, 36 and 50 Thread Classes. Moved by Mr. T.A. Bell, seconded by Mr. Fairfax Johnson

"That the length of Trace be 50 ft."

After discussion Mr. Bell withdrew his motion and proposed, seconded by Mr. E.E. Bullen:-

"That the length of Trace be 30 ft."

An amendment was moved by Mr. J.C. Folkard, seconded by Mr. Fairfax Johnson:-

"That the length of Trace be 40 ft."

The amendment was put to the Meeting and defeated and the original motion was then put and CARRIED.

54 Thread Class. Moved by Mr. T.A. Bell, seconded by Mr. Fairfax Johnson:-

"That a 54 Thread Class be included in the Tackle specifications governing Game Fish and Sharks and that the line and backing shall not be doubled at the trace end for more than 30 ft. and the trace shall not exceed 30 ft. in length."

CARRIED.

Moved by Mr. T.A. Bell, seconded by Mr. Fairfax Johnson:-

"That the minimum recordable weight in respect of 54 Thread Line for Game Fish be 500 lb. and for Sharks 1,000 lb."

CARRIED.

Moved by Mr. T.A. Bell, seconded by Mr. Fairfax Johnson:-

"That the minimum recordable weights for Buttons in this class be:-

|                  |         |         |           |
|------------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Game Fish. White | 500 lb. | Sharks. | 1,250 lb. |
| Red.             | 650 lb. |         | 1,500 lb. |
| Blue.            | 900 lb. |         | 1,750 lb. |

CARRIED.

RULE 9. Moved by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Folkard:-

"That in Rule 9 the following words be inserted:-

'except on written authority from the State Branch concerned, when a fish may be weighed on approved scales and measurements taken on a boat.'

CARRIED.

RULE 2. Moved by Mr. Folkard, seconded by Mr. Bullen:-

"That after the word 'person' in the second line there be added 'who must be a member of a Club affiliated directly or indirectly with The Game Fishing Association of Australia.'

CARRIED.

DEFINITION OF AN AMATEUR.

Moved by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Folkard:-

"That for the purpose of these rules the definition of an Amateur is any person who fishes as a pastime only and who does not derive any monetary benefit from any fish so caught or from any exhibition of skill with any fishing tackle, or who is not a principal or employee directly engaged in the hiring of fishing launches as a means of livelihood and who must be a member of a Club directly or indirectly affiliated with The Game Fishing Association of Australia. In the case of a dispute arising as to the amateur status of an angler the decision of The Game Fishing Association of Australia shall be final and binding on all concerned."

CARRIED.

RULE 3. Moved by Mr. Folkard, seconded by Mr. Bell:-

"That the Trace shall be deemed to include everything between the end of the line and the eye of the bottom hook."

CARRIED.

Moved by Mr. Folkard, seconded by Mr. Bullen:-

"That two new Thread Classes be included in Tackle Specifications:-

- (a) 9 Thread Class: the provisions of paragraph (a) herein shall apply subject to the proviso that the line and backing shall not exceed standard 9 Thread and the minimum recordable weight shall be 20 lb.
- (b) 15 Thread Class: line and backing shall not exceed standard 15 Thread. Provisions of paragraph (a) herein shall apply, excepting that the minimum recordable weight shall be 40 lb."

CARRIED.

RULE 7. Moved by Mr. Bullen, seconded by Mr. Folkard:-

"That Rule 7 be altered to provide that any float used shall be spherical and shall be made of rubber and shall not exceed 24 inches in its greatest circumference when fully inflated. In the event of an angler fishing in waters shallower than the length of the trace, a second float may be used."

CARRIED.

RULE 8. Moved by Dr. Hittmann, seconded by Mr. Bell:-

"That to Rule 8 be added -

"The laying of the rod, other than supporting the butt <sup>cut</sup> in a chair bucket, on any part of the boat whilst actually playing a fish be not permissible."

CARRIED.

Moved by Mr. Folkard, seconded by Dr. Hittmann

"That to Rule 8 also be added -

"That the length of gaff rope and/or cable shall not exceed 30 ft."

CARRIED.

RULE 19. Moved by Mr. Folkard, seconded by Mr. Carrodus:

"That in Rule 19, after the words 'Honorary Secretary' in the third and fourth lines, the words 'applications must be submitted through the Secretary of the State Association to which his Club is affiliated' be added."

CARRIED.

Moved by Dr. Hittmann, seconded by Mr. Bullen:-

"That the second paragraph of Rule 19 shall read -

'The right of issuing 'Buttons' of any description as an award for the capture of Game Fish and /or Sharks in Australian waters shall be exclusively and solely held by The Game Fishing Association of Australia. In such cases where an Angler is entitled to an award of a Gold Button it shall be presented' etc. "

CARRIED.

RULE 8 b (3)

Moved by Mr. A.B. Carrodus-

"That Rule 8 b (3) be altered to allow the boatman or fishing companion to free the angler's line if same becomes fouled of the ship's gear or other similar obstruction."

"That the rules regarding applications for recording the capture of fish be amended to allow the State centre to adjudicate on instances where the inaccessibility of the locality of the catch prevents the strict adherence of the Rules..

- (a) In the absence of an Official Weight Recorder, the Angler to be allowed to choose a reliable and trustworthy citizen to act as such."

There being no seconder, these motions lapsed.

With regard to the following:-

- (b) State centres to approve only of scales which carry a Government Weights and Measures Certificate of correctness."

it was pointed out that this was already in operation.

And

- (c) Rule 12 implies knowledge of Game Angling Rules on the part of the companion which will not always be the case."

This was withdrawn by Mr. Carrodus.

RULE 14. Moved by Mr. Carrodus, seconded by Dr. Hittmann

"That in Rule 14, line 3 shall read:-

'must be lodged in writing within seven days'

CARRIED.

Some proposed amendments to the suggested World Tackle rules brought forward by Mr. Carrodus were withdrawn, such as regards the lancing of sharks, it was considered that any such proposals would be in conflict with present day accepted ethics of angling.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

Mr. Taylor and Mr. Bell for Victoria brought forward some suggestions for the control of boats engaged in game fishing.

After discussion it was moved by Mr. Folkard and seconded by Mr. Bullen and RESOLVED:-

"That these proposals be referred to State Associations for their consideration."

Mr. Bell brought up the question of a Tunny Flag and it was agreed that the Association should adopt a Tunny Flag, the selection of which was left in the hands of the President and Honorary Secretary, after ascertaining what was in use in other Countries.

MR. CLIVE W. FIRTH.

At the conclusion of the Meeting Mr. Carrodus said it gave him very great pleasure at this meeting of delegates to propose:-

"That Mr. Clive W. Firth be elected a Life Member of The Game Fishing Association of Australia, with full privileges at its meetings."

He was very honoured to propose this resolution as there was no man in Australia who had done more for Game Fishing than Mr. Firth. From the inception of the Movement to form a Game Fishing Association of Australia Mr. Firth had thrown himself heart and soul into the task and to-day the Association stood as a monument to his initiative and intense application in the interests of game fishermen and he thought it was fitting that he should be elected a Life Member of the Executive. He pointed out that the delegates present represented every game fisherman in the Commonwealth and he felt that he was expressing their wish when he moved this resolution. It was the greatest gift the Game Fishing Association of Australia could bestow upon Mr. Firth.

In seconding the motion Mr. Arthur said he felt he was voicing the opinions of game fish anglers in Australia when he said that he was heartily in accord with it. In South Australia they looked upon Mr. Firth as pre-eminently the man who led

Australia in game fishing activities.

Mr. Fairfax Johnson, Mr. Bell, Mr. Bullen and Mr. Folkard supported the motion which was

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no further business the meeting then closed.

CONFIRMED.

*G. A. Bullen*

President.

*June 27<sup>th</sup> / 1949*