

THE GAME FISHING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

MINUTES OF THE TENTH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE
HELD ON 16th and 17th NOVEMBER 1961.
R.A.C.A. Macquarie St., SYDNEY.

PRESENT:

The Chairman - Mr. William L. Southam - President of G.F.A.A.
The Hon. Secretary - Mr. Claude H. Kellion.
NEW SOUTH WALES - Messrs R. Rowe, F. Lipanovich and H. Danvers.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA - Col. R.B. Hone and Mr. E.W. Palmer.
VICTORIA - Mr. W. Faulkner.
WEST AUSTRALIA - Proxy Delegate, Mr. J.W. Taylor.
NORTHERN TERRITORY - Proxy Delegate, Mr. M.J. Lawson.
QUEENSLAND - Mr. J. Pickles.
TASMANIA - No Delegates present.

APOLOGIES:

Apology received from Dr. Colin Clarke on behalf of Tasmania, and from Mr. T.A. Bell (Life Member)

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:

I am greatly privileged and honoured to have you with me at this, the tenth Bi-ennial Conference of the G.F.A.A.

I appreciate the interest and enthusiasm that brings you here as representatives of our sport from all over Australia.

It is only by such conferences that a comprehensive and understanding view of the many problems that crop up may be determined.

We have considerable business and restricted time and so that all matters can be expeditionly dealt with, I intend to follow this procedure:-

Discussion on submissions by the various States will be opened up by delegates from the submitting State - all delegates from that State will be permitted to speak first.

Discussion then will be entered into - each other State delegate will be given his turn - not in rotation because this forces speech before sufficient consideration - when a delegate wishes to speak he will be given the opportunity.

Wait until you are ready then say all you have to say.

General discussion will only be permitted in special circumstances.

Before the question is put the State submitting the problem shall have the right of reply.

CONSTITUTION:

The constitution we are now working under was determined at the 9th convention in Melbourne.

This is the first opportunity we have had - as a body - to consider its application.

In the main I would say it is very good and works smoothly.

Briefly it leaves the determination of the basic things such as alterations to the constitution and Fishing By Laws to the Bi-ennial Conference of Delegates.

The administration of routine matters is left with the President but any contentious matters are determined by an Executive Committee.

This is excellent and takes autocratic action away from the President.

The construction of this Executive Council is such that its members are not necessarily delegates - this creates a problem.

The President must not be a delegate - the other Executives need not be delegates, therefore the administration of the G.F.A.A. can be under the control of non delegates and as such they have no actual rights to attend conferences - excepting the President and Hon. Secretary.

I bring this matter forward because I feel that the Hon. Secretary particularly has been of such value to the G.F.A.A. during his term of office, and has such an intimate understanding of the workings and problems of the G.F.A.A. that he should whether as a delegate or not, be permitted a voice in discussions.

I think his comments will be of great value to the Conference and I propose to give him the privilege of entering the debate - but not the right to vote.

This action can be taken as a precedent - where the Hon. Secretary for the time being is not a delegate he be granted a voice but no vote.

Thank you, Gentlemen - we will now proceed to business as set out on the Agenda.

MINUTES OF THE 9TH CONFERENCE 1959.

The Hon. Secretary stated that these had been duly circulated. The President called for any comment or objection to him signing these as a true record. No objection being raised, the President signed the Minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

All correspondence between the 9th and 10th Conference was tabled.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Upon request by the President, the Hon. Secretary read out in detail the Financial Statement. All Delegates were furnished with a copy and a copy is attached hereto.

The Hon. Secretary moved adoption of the Financial Statement.

Seconded by Mr. J.W. Taylor and carried by acclamation.

DESIRABILITY OR OTHERWISE OF STRIKING LEVY AND OR AFFILIATION FEES FOR FORTHCOMING TERM OF TWO YEARS.

6. Defer until end, because of possibility of new Rule Books and Buttons.

ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION:

7. (a) Addition to Article 15A. By N.S.W.

Where any State with four or more clubs affiliated and having four hundred or more members, they be entitled to four delegates providing each club is represented by one delegate only.

Motion lost.

(b) I.G.F.A. REPRESENTATIVE IN AUSTRALIA. By VICTORIA.

The Swordfish and Tunny Club of Australia consider that I.G.F.A. should conduct all ordinary business and contact with Game Fishing Clubs in Australia through the President for the time being of G.F.A.A.
If I.G.F.A. care to appoint a second representative in Australia as an adviser to them or a reference on their behalf that is within their prerogative.

This was resolved by a motion that a very strong letter be written to I.G.F.A. that all contact with all G.F.A.A. affiliated clubs and associations be channelled through G.F.A.A. It was also resolved that the G.F.A.A. President be sole Australian representative of I.G.F.A.

Moved Mr. Faulkner. Seconded Mr. Palmer. Carried.

8. ALTERATIONS TO FISHING RULES. By N.S.W.

(a) Rule 27 (i) be worded in such manner that it gives the Executive Committee powers of discretion providing that no reconsideration of the Executive cancels a record granted subsequent to record claims.

Moved Mr. Palmer. Seconded Col. Hone. Carried.

8. (B) Rule 27 (d) be deleted. By N.S.W.

Moved by Mr. Rowe. Seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

Period:- 1st January 1960 to 31st October 1961.

Receipts		Expenditure	
<u>Levy</u>		Marlin, Tuna & Shark Badges	£166.12. 0
Queensland	£22. 0. 6		
N.S.W.	86.15. 0	Stationery (Smith & Darling)	
Victoria	10.15. 0	Letterheads, envelopes	
Sth. Aust.	25. 0. 0	Record Charts	59. 6.11
West. Aust.	25. 0. 0		
Tasmania	6. 0. 0.	Engraving sealed discs and	
N. Territory	<u>2. 5. 0</u>	Press and Gold Seals	
	177.15. 6	(John Sands)	21. 0. 0
		Miscellaneous stationery	8.12. 5
<u>Badges</u>			
N.S.W.	96.11. 8	Postage	19.14. 0
Victoria	1. 3. 0		
Sth. Aust.	<u>2. 6. 0</u>	Bank Fees, exchange, cheque	
N.S.W. Out-		and deposit books,	
standing		interest etc.	3. 3. 3
Q'ld O/std.	72.11.10		
	1.10. 8	Sundry	12. 0
		Debtors: N.S.W. for Badges	72.11.10
<u>Rule and</u>		Debtors: Q'ld for Badges	1.10. 8
<u>Capture Books</u>		Debtors: Tasmania for Rule Books	5. 0. 0
N.S.W.	15. 0. 0	Cash at Bank at 31/10/61	19. 6. 4
N. Territory	4.17. 6	Cash not yet banked	10. 0. 0
Tasmania	<u>8.15. 0</u>	Petty Cash on hand	1. 1. 7
Tasmania			
Outstanding			
	28.12. 6		
	5. 0. 0		
<u>Cash at Bank</u>			
as at 26/1/60	2.19.10		
	2.19.10		
	<u>£ 388.11. 0</u>		<u>£ 388.11. 0</u>

(C) Rule 27 (D) that the G.F.A.A. interpret this rule as conveyed in a letter from the I.G.F.A. By N.S.W.

Withdrawn.

(D) Rule 27 (C) be amended by the deletion of the words "the new or unused and", and that Rule 6 be amended for the line classification to be based on the wet strength of the line submitted. By N.S.W.

Moved Mr. Lipanovich. Seconded Mr. Rowe. Motion lost.

Rule 27 C stays as is.

(E) That the G.F.A.A. be asked to strike a platinum pin, similar in design to the gold pin to be awarded for game fishing and sharks where the weight of capture is two times greater than the weight required for the present gold pin. For instance, a marlin on 50 lb test would have to be 250 lb weight or more. By N.S.W.

Approved in principle.

Executive to submit designs to States for approval.

(F) I.G.F.A. Rule 12 (1) with a view to incorporate this in G.F.A.A. Rules. By S.A.

I.G.F.A. Rule 12 (1) reads:- "Beaching or driving into shallow water any fish hooked from a boat, in order to deprive said fish of its normal ability to swim is prohibited."

Moved by Col. Hone. Seconded by Mr. Danvers. Carried.

This is a new rule to be written into G.F.A.A. Rule Book.

(G) LIST OF GAME FISH By VICTORIA.

The Swordfish and Tunny Club of Australia consider that the list of fish recorded by I.G.F.A. could well be reviewed. However, more importantly the list of fish recorded by G.F.A.A. should also be reviewed, and it is suggested that all State Branches prepare a recommended list and that the conference decide what species shall in future be recordable under G.F.A.A. Rules. This list could then be sent to I.G.F.A. requesting the incorporation of these species in the World Records. (Action by F.A. Bell and P. Goadby)

Moved Mr. Rowe and Seconded by Mr. Palmer that Blue Shark be added to existing list and claims be back dated. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Faulkner and Seconded by Col. Hone that S.B.P. be written in on Rule Book and Record Chart after Barracuda, Turrum and Queenfish. Carried.

It was further resolved that Rule Book and Record Chart be checked and synchronised.

(H) SHARKS By VICTORIA.

It is suggested that in future G.F.A.A. merely record the maximum weight and size of varieties of Sharks (other than Mako) caught, and make no awards nor grant records in relation to such captures. State branches and their associated clubs may add whatever by-laws, local rules, etc., they prefer to the G.F.A.A. Fishing Rules in relation to local fishing for Sharks for club records or trophies.

Moved by Mr. Faulkner. Seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion lost.

(I) TRACE LENGTHS By VICTORIA.

It is suggested that length of traces permitted in various tackle classes be discussed with particular reference to the 50 lb class and its increasing use in the capture of sizeable fish when such fish may be able to cut the double with its tail.

Moved by Mr. Rowe. Seconded by Mr. Lipanovich that approaches be made to I.G.F.A. for world vote with a view to:-

- a) Lift 50 lb class into heavy tackle section.
- b) Trace length in 50 lb class be increased to 20 feet.

Carried.

(J) RULES GOVERNING THE RECORDING OF GAME FISH By VICTORIA.

The Swordfish and Tunny Club of Australia urge that as well as issuing a club or State Branch certificate to any angler all weight masters must fully fill in the approved G.F.A.A. capture and weight recording certificate designed and issued by G.F.A.A. Executive during 1958/59, and further that this completed certificate with

the statutory declaration on the back thereof, signed and suitably witnessed, be the only certificate of capture acceptable to G.F.A.A. for recording a fish for button awards and the granting of records. Further, the Swordfish and Tunny Club of Australia strongly feel that such a certificate completed anywhere in Australian waters may then be processed through G.F.A.A. by the State Branch in which the angler is a resident member, and not necessarily by the State Branch in whose local waters the fish was taken on a visit or charter there by a non-resident angler.

Moved Mr. Faulkner. Seconded Mr. Palmer that claims for records can be passed through the State Branch of which the angler is a member of an affiliated club.

Carried.

The matter of using G.F.A.A. type capture and weight recording certificates be left to Executive to urge as a request and not as a demand.

(K) WITNESSES TO CAPTURE By VICTORIA.

It appears desirable to define the minimum competence and independence of witnesses to captures and weighings.

After abortive discussion this item was withdrawn.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS:

(A) MINUTES OF G.F.A.A. BIENNIAL CONFERENCE By VICTORIA.

It is suggested that a procedure for the production and issuing of the minutes of G.F.A.A. Biennial Conference should be established.

It was urged that Minutes of all Biennial Conferences be prepared and distributed as soon after conference as possible, preferably within 60 days.

9. (B) CONSERVATION OF MARLIN By VICTORIA

It is considered that G.F.A.A. should seek the prohibition of Marlin being taken by professional fishermen for sale and/or for use as bait.

This was thought to be very thorny. It could not be policed due to the three mile limit. It could be construed by some that Game Fishermen thought they had a prior right over others, and could lead to antagonism. Withdrawn.

(C) AUSTRALIAN GAME FISHING CONTEST. By S.A.

Discussion on this to see if there is a possibility of arranging such a contest.

Unanimously approved in principle and thought highly desirable that G.F.A.A. organise an all Australian Big Game Fishing Contest.

(D) CHUMMING By S.A.

General discussion of chumming to define meaning and application of I.G.F.A. Rule 12 (H) in lieu of receiving such determination from I.G.F.A. direct.

Withdrawn.

(E) THAT MARLIN BE RECLASSIFIED AS STRIPED AND BLACK MARLIN ONLY. By N.S.W.

Moved by Mr. Lawson. Seconded by Mr. Palmer that Marlin be classified as Black, Striped and Blue, and that record chart be altered from "other Marlin" to "Blue".

Carried.

(F) RECORD CHART FOR JUNIORS. By N.S.W.

That the G.F.A.A. reconsider its attitude on the record that for juniors.

Moved by Mr. Danvers. Seconded by Mr. F. Lipanovich. Motion lost.

(G) INTERNATIONAL SURF ANGLING ASSOCIATION LETTER FROM SOUTH AFRICA FOR DISCUSSION

By EXECUTIVE

Resolved - no action.

(H) DETERMINE WHAT ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST AN AFFILIATED CLUB WHOSE CONSTITUTION AND FISHING RULES STATE THAT IT FISHES UNDER I.G.F.A. RULES.
By EXECUTIVE.

Mr. Danvers stated that he understood this referred to the N.C. & P.S.G.F.C., a club affiliated with the N.S.W.G.F.A. He gave the conference his assurance that this matter was in process of negotiation which should be satisfactory.

Moved by Mr. Rowe and Seconded by Mr. Taylor that this be left in the hands of N.S.W.G.F.A. upon the assurance that appropriate and satisfactory action will be taken forthwith.

- (I) DISCUSS AND BRING TO A HEAD THE DEPLORABLE ACTION OF ANY ANGLER OF AN AFFILIATED CLUB APPLYING DIRECT TO I.G.F.A. FOR A RECORD, AND AGGRAVATING THE MATTER STILL FURTHER BY NOT APPLYING FOR AN AUSTRALIAN RECORD By EXECUTIVE

This was discussed to some length and when considered with 7B of this Agenda the consensus of opinion was that it is most desirable to have all applications for records both G.F.A.A. and I.G.F.A. and all other correspondence channelled through G.F.A.A.

Moved by Mr. Palmer and Seconded by Mr. Faulkner that the offending State make an earnest endeavour to rectify this matter.

- (J) DISCUSSION GENERALLY ON RELATIONSHIP AS EXISTING BETWEEN G.F.A.A. AND I.G.F.A. By EXECUTIVE

Grouped with 7B

- (K) BUTTONS By EXECUTIVE

Review clause 33 of fishing rules.

Moved by Col. Hone and Seconded by Mr. Rowe that G.F.A.A. be given authority to procure and distribute button of approved design.

Moved by Mr. Taylor and Seconded by Mr. Faulkner that coloured button system be retained.

- (L) NEW RULE BOOKS REQUIRED. PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF MANY POSSIBLE CHANGES. By EXECUTIVE.

Moved by Mr. F. Lipanovich and Seconded by Mr. Palmer that 2,000 new Rule Books, incorporating alterations, additions, deletions as contained in these Minutes be printed. Carried.

ADDENDUM ALTERATIONS TO FISHING RULES By N.S.W.

That gaffing of fish be prohibited in waters shallower than the length of trace.

Withdrawn.

6. DESIRABILITY OR OTHERWISE OF STRIKING LEVY AND OR AFFILIATION FEES FOR FORTHCOMING TERM OF TWO YEARS. By EXECUTIVE

Moved by Mr. Taylor and Seconded by Mr. Faulkner. A levy of 5/- be struck for all enrolled members of all affiliated clubs as at to-day, payable forthwith

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe and Seconded by Mr. Lipanovich. Annual Subscription of 2/6d. per member per year be struck, to commence as from 1st. September 1962. Subscription shall be based on membership strength of each affiliated club as at 30th June preceeding.

Carried.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT FOR 1962-63

10.

New South Wales nominated Mr. W.L. Southam.

Queensland nominated Mr. E.W. Palmer.

Mr. E.W. Palmer was elected 7 to 6.

The president congratulated Mr. Palmer, who thanked the delegates.

11. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS.

VICE PRESIDENT

Victoria nominated Mr. Taylor who was elected unopposed.

HONORARY SECRETARY.

South Australia nominated Mr. Coombes who was elected unopposed.

EXECUTIVE MEMBER.

New South Wales nominated Col. Hone who was elected unopposed.

All elected members thanked the President and thanked the delegates.

The President then thanked the delegates for attending and closed the Conference.

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