

MINUTES OF THE 11TH BI-ENNIAL CONFERENCE OF G.F.A.A.  
HELD AT THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOTEL, ADELAIDE ON THE  
17TH OCTOBER, 1963.

PRESENT

Mr. E.W. Palmer, President of G.F.A.A. and Chairman,  
 The Acting Hon. Secretary, Mr. C.P. Whitrow.  
 N.S.W. Messrs. R. Rowe, J. Thorburn and F. Toll.  
 S.A. Messrs. T.E. Cooper and E.H.V. Riggs.  
 Vic. Messrs. T.O. Mitchell and W. Faulkner.  
 W.A. Mr. R. Whittaker  
 Q. Mr. J.W. Taylor (Proxy Delegate)  
 Tas. Messrs. R. Vincent and J.M. Jacobs.

APOLOGIES

The Hon. Secretary of G.F.A.A. Mr. W.B. Coombs,  
 Mr. T.A. Bell (Life Member)

MINUTES OF  
10TH BIENNIAL  
CONFERENCE

Minutes of the 10th Biennial Conference were confirmed.

PRESIDENT'S  
ADDRESS

The President made a report on the activities of  
 G.F.A.A. since the last Conference (copy attached)

FINANCIAL  
STATEMENT

A Financial Statement signed by the Hon. Secretary  
 was presented by the President (copy attached)  
Resolved to adopt the accounts as presented.

AMENDMENTS TO  
CONSTITUTION

Copies of the Constitution were distributed to each  
 Delegate.

Clause 3 (a) Resolved to delete the name "Tasmanian  
 Game Fishing Association" and to substitute in lieu  
 thereof "Game Fishing Council of Tasmania".

Moved by Mr. Rowe and Seconded by Mr. Mitchell:--

That a letter be sent to The Game Fishing Council  
 of Tasmania requesting that the affiliated Club  
 "The Tasmanian Game Fishing Association" be  
 strongly urged to change its name by deleting the  
 word 'Association'.

This request is to avoid confusion and would be  
 in the interests of Game Fishing in Australia.

The Resolution was carried. The Tasmanian Delegates  
 and Mr. J.W. Taylor abstained from voting.

Clause 15 (b) After discussion it was resolved to  
 make no alteration to this Clause.

ALTERATIONS TO  
FISHING RULES

Rule 1. The President outlined difficulties which had  
 arisen in the classification of Spanish Mackerel and  
 produced extracts from official publications on the  
 Family SCOMBEROMORIDAE.

It was also pointed out that anomalies had arisen  
 in the Australian Record Chart as well as in the World  
 Record Charts issued by G.F.A.A. in which KING MACKEREL-  
 Scomberomorus cavalla and NARROW-BARRED SPANISH  
 MACKEREL-Cybium commersoni were grouped together.

Mr. Whittaker presented a prepared family tree of the Mackerel Species and concurred that confusion could arise particularly in World Record Claims.

Resolved That the words "Narrow-barred Spanish Mackerel *Scomberomorus commerson*" be deleted and the words "Spanish Mackerel - All Species - *Scomberomoridae*" be substituted.

Further Resolved That G.F.A.A. be requested to pursue its request to I.G.F.A. to separately classify Spanish Mackerel and King Mackerel in the World Chart.

Further Resolved That Monroe's Handbook of Fisheries be added to the list of references for Game Fish in Australia.

Rule 2 Resolved That the Porbeagle Shark - *Lamna whitleyi* be added to the list of Sharks in Rule 2.

It was reported that these Sharks occurred in Tasmania, Western Australia and New South Wales waters. The Shark is also called the Mackerel Shark.

Rule 11. Resolved That a comma be inserted after the word trace in line 4, and that the word eighteen be substituted for the word twenty in line 5.

After discussion it was resolved to record that this rule does not preclude a brace containing two hooks from being made from an unbroken piece of trace material.

Rule 33 (b) Moved by Mr. Mitchell and Seconded by Mr. Jacobs that the question of G.F.A.A. Button Awards be reviewed by G.F.A.A. and all State Branches and that a reclassification of Rule 33 (b) should be considered.

Rule 33 (g) Resolved that Rule 33 (g) be amended by adding the following :--

"It shall be symbolic of the fish for which the Award is made and shall be similar to the Gold Button in all respects, except for the addition of a Ruby Eye. The Button will be issued by G.F.A.A. at the expense of the Angler, following approval of an application bearing the recommendation of a State Branch."

ELECTION OF  
PRESIDENT  
1964-1966

Mr. Jacobs (Tas.) nominated and Mr. Toll (N.S.W.) seconded Mr. R. Rowe of New South Wales, who was elected unanimously as President of G.F.A.A. from 1st January, 1964.

VICE-  
PRESIDENT

Mr. Rowe nominated as Vice-President Mr. J. Taylor who was elected unanimously.

HON.  
SECRETARY

Mr. Rowe nominated as Secretary Mr. J. Thorburn who was elected unanimously.

EXECUTIVE  
MEMBER

Mr. Rowe nominated as Executive Member Mr. E.W. Palmer who was elected unanimously.

VOTE OF  
THANKS

A vote of thanks to Mr. Palmer, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Coombs and Mr. Hone for their work during the last two years was carried.

PAID  
SECRETARIAT

Mr. Mitchell discussed the possibilities of a paid Secretariat for G.F.A.A. including the necessary increase in subscriptions or levies from the Clubs.

It was resolved that the position of a paid Secretariat be reviewed by the Executive of G.F.A.A. and brought up at a later date.

FISHING FOR  
SAIL FISH IN  
W.A.

Mr. Whittaker discussed the potentialities of fishing for Sailfish, Marlin and other game fish in W.A. - particularly in the North West.

PROPOSED  
CANBERRA CLUB

Mr. Rowe moved and Mr. Taylor seconded that Canberra be invited to affiliate with New South Wales, and Papua & New Guinea affiliate with Queensland until they have sufficient strength to form their own State Branches.

Carried.

The Chairman thanked Members for their attendance.

The Conference closed at 4.10 p.m.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The past two years has marked continued growth by the Game Fishing Association of Australia and it has been a most rewarding experience to serve Game Fishing in the capacity of President.

The following matters are worthy of record:-

TASMANIA. I am glad to report that the two Clubs in Tasmania have now mutually agreed to the formation of the Game Fishing Council of Tasmania which it is recommended will be the State Body for Tasmania in G.F.A.A. This State has now the second largest Membership in G.F.A.A. and I feel confident that it will play a major part in Game Fishing activities in this country in the years to come.

PAPUA, NEW GUINEA. Approaches have already been made to G.F.A.A. for details of G.F.A.A. activities and it appears likely that a branch may be formed in the Territories in due course.

A.C.T. Preliminary enquiries have been made by a group in Canberra for affiliation. These trends indicate the Australian wide interest in Game Fishing.

### GAME FISHING CONTESTS.

NEW ZEALAND. G.F.A.A. accredited three Australian Teams in the 1962 World Game Fishing Contest in New Zealand. The Contest was won by a New Zealand Team but the Australians acquitted themselves well and upheld the prestige of Australian Teams created in previous Contests. There will be a further Contest in New Zealand next year and it is likely that Australia will again be well represented.

FIRST ALL-AUSTRALIA GAME FISHING CONTEST. This Contest which was held as part of the 175th Anniversary of Australia Celebrations was held in Sydney in January, 1963. Forty-three teams from five States competed and it was universally agreed to be an outstanding success. I hope that this Contest will be followed by another in say 1965. The outstanding aspect of the contest was the friendships and goodwill created between different teams of the different States - there was a free interchange of

information and all Game Fishermen who participated must have benefited by the experience.

NEWCASTLE - PORT STEPHENS CONTEST. This Contest between New South Wales Clubs was again a great success and the large numbers of Marlin taken demonstrates the versatility of Australian waters.

TASMANIAN CONTESTS. Many large Tuna were caught in Club Contests in Tasmania this year and from my own experience I feel sure that Australian Records for large Tuna will be increased in these waters in the near future.

VISITS TO STATE BRANCHES. During my term of Office I have visited all State Branches except Northern Territory and Western Australia - (in some cases on several occasions) and I consider that the interchange of information on these occasions has been of mutual benefit to G.F.A.A. and the States concerned.

AUSTRALIAN RECORD CLAIMS. During the two years, 85 applications for Australian Records have been received, a few claims were rejected on the basis of lines testing over the classification. G.F.A.A. Australian Record Charts have been prepared each year and printed in Australia-wide Sporting Magazines. Copies will be distributed to State Branches after the Conference.

BUTTON AWARDS. After obtaining the views of all Branches, considerable correspondence and much deliberation, the Executive Committee decided upon the form of Special Merit Award being a Gold Replica of the Fish in question with a ruby eye. Many Awards have been made and are detailed in the Treasurer's Report.

I.G.F.A. In accordance with G.F.A.A. policy, I was elected representative of I.G.F.A. for Australia on assuming office and it appears that I.G.F.A. will now comply with our request for continuation of this procedure. Relations between G.F.A.A. and I.G.F.A. have been harmonious. The only point upon which we do not see eye to eye at present is the Chumming Rule.

GENERAL.SECRETARY AND EXECUTIVE.

I wish to thank the Members of the Executive for their support during the past two years. I have been in frequent contact with Mr. J.W. Taylor, our Vice-President, and Mr. Hone, Mr. Coombs and myself have met frequently to despatch business in Adelaide. I wish to make special mention of the prodigious efforts of Mr. Coombs who has been an outstanding Secretary and to whom the Association owes a great deal of gratitude.

GENERAL.

I welcome Delegates to the Conference and am delighted to see personal representation from five States. I trust that our deliberations will be of benefit to the Association.

E.W. Palmer.

President.

GAME FISHING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA  
RECORD OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD 1/11/61 to 30/9/63

INCOME

From Sales of Badges: £141 5 10  
 N.S.W. 1 10 8  
 Queensland 5 15 -  
 Tasmania  
 From Sale of Weight Recording Certificate Book to Vic.  
 From Sales of Rule Books:  
 Vic. 3 15 -  
 Tas. 17 10 -  
 S.A. 6 4 6  
 N.S.W. 45 - -  
 Qld. 6 10 6  
 W.A. 7 10 -  
 N.T. 1 4 -

From Annual Subscriptions 1962 (2/6) Membership as at 30/6/62  
 Vic. 6 15 -  
 Tas. 27 7 6  
 S.A. 13 - -  
 N.S.W. 97 15 -  
 Qld. 14 10 6  
 W.A. 15 2 6  
 N.T. 2 7 6

From Levy of 5/- per member struck at 10th B. Conference-Membership as at 17/11/61  
 Vic. 12 10 -  
 Tas. 24 5 - XXX  
 S.A. 28 - -  
 N.S.W. 142 10 -  
 Qld. 21 10 9  
 W.A. 29 10 -  
 N.T. 3 5 -

XXX Iuna Club of Tas. 2/6.  
 Bank Interest  
 Cash in Bank as on 31/10/61

261 10 9  
 5 16 10  
 30 7 11  
£713 14 -

EXPENDITURE

Expenses of 10th B. Conference: 24 19 6  
 Hire of R. Auto Club 7 10 -  
 do. Tape Recorder 6 17 9  
 Cost Duplicate Notes 7 - 11  
 do. Balance Sheets  
 Expenses 1/11/61 to 31/12/61 2 19 -  
 Freight on Stationery 4 15 2  
 Postages 1 16 6  
 Sundries 1 18 6  
 Stationery  
 Cost of Merit Awards 69 3 -  
 do Gold Buttons 74 14 4

Cost of Printing 2,000 Rule Books 86 1 3  
 Less Refund Sales Tax 9 11 3

Cost of Printing:  
 Envelopes 3 6 11  
 1,500 Letterheads 27 5 6  
 200 Aust. Record Certs. 20 6 2  
 Cost of Testing Line Samples  
 University of Adelaide:  
 142 Tests @ 15/- each  
 Postages & Cheque Book

Cost of All-Australia G/F Contest Sydney - January 1963

106 10 -  
 26 15 -  
 1 19 7

Cash in Bank as on 30/9/63

249 6 2  
£713 14 -

W.B. Coombs, Hon. Secretary

ASSETS AS ON 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1963.

Stocks of 400 Rule Books @ 1/-.	£20. 0. 0.
19 Coloured Buttons @ 4/-	3. 16. 0.
20 Gold Buttons @ £2.	40. 0. 0.
10 Merit Awards @ £2/15/-.	27. 10. 0.
9 Books of W.R. Certificates @ £2/15/-.	24. 15. 0.
One Seal	-

	<u>£116. 1. 0.</u>
	<u>249. 6. 2.</u>
	<u>£365. 7. 2.</u>

Cash in the Bank:

	<u>Rule Books</u>	<u>W.R. Certs.</u>
	150	10
	<u>2000</u>	-
	2150	10
	<u>1750</u>	<u>1</u>
	400	9
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Merit Awards

On Hand 1/1/62	14	-
Purchased	<u>37</u>	<u>27</u>
	51	27
Sold/Awarded	<u>31</u>	<u>17</u>
	20	10
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Gold Buttons

Coloured Buttons

Other Buttons are on order for Merit Awards and Gold Buttons to the value of £106.

W.B. Coombs,  
Hon. Secretary.