

MINUTES OF THE 12TH BI-ENNIAL CONFERENCE OF G.F.A.A.
HELD AT THE ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB, MACQUARIE STREET,
SYDNEY, ON THE 30TH SEPTEMBER AND 1ST OCTOBER, 1965.

PRESENT

Mr. R. Rowe, President of G.F.A.A. and Chairman,
 Mr. J.R. Thorburn, Hon. Secretary of G.F.A.A.,
 N.S.W. Dr. J. Delohery, Dr. J.S. Quill and Mr. F.W. Fitch,
 VIC. Messrs. J.W. Taylor and W. Faulkner,
 S.A. Messrs. E.W. Palmer and J. Polson,
 TAS. Messrs. E. Wigston and R. Vincent,
 QLD. Mr. P. Goadby,
 W.A. Mr. R. Whittaker,
 Life Member, Mr. M. Lawson - (1st October only.)

APOLOGIES

Mr. T.A. Bell (Life Member),
 Dr. Carl Georgeff - W.A.
 Mr. C.L. Taylor - N.T.

MINUTES OF
11TH BI-ENNIAL
CONFERENCE

It was moved by Mr. J. Taylor and seconded by Mr. W. Faulkner that the Minutes of the 11th Bi-Ennial Conference be accepted as a true record of proceedings.

BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES

Correspondence from the Tuna Club of Tasmania was tabled and it was moved by Mr. E.W. Palmer, seconded by Dr. J. Delohery - That the Tuna Club of Tasmania be the State Body in Tasmania so long as it remains the only affiliated Club in that State.

Carried.

It was then moved by Mr. E.W. Palmer, seconded by Dr. J. Quill -

That consideration by the Executive be given to a Constitutional Amendment dealing with State Bodies where there is more than one Affiliated Club in a State. This matter to be placed on the Agenda for the next Conference.

Carried.

Correspondence from I.G.F.A. was tabled and after lengthy discussion, it was moved by Mr. R. Whittaker, seconded by Mr. E.W. Palmer - -

That the Executive be requested to reopen with I.G.F.A. the matter of splitting the S.Cavalla and all other Mackerel Species into separate classifications. If unacceptable, it is recommended that all Mackerel Species be dealt with under the one classification.

Carried.

PRESIDENT'S
REPORT

President Rowe read his Report on the activities of the Association for the past two years and a lengthy discussion was held regarding the Sale of Game Fish. It was resolved that all State Branches and Affiliated Clubs be advised that the Sale of Game Fish by a member shall be considered unethical.

FINANCIAL
STATEMENT

A financial statement of the Association's transactions from 1.10.63 to 30.9.65 was tabled and it was moved by Mr. E. Palmer, seconded by Mr. R. Whittaker that the Statement of Accounts be adopted.

Carried.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP
MR. E.W. PALMER

The Honorary Secretary informed the Delegates that a postal vote had been taken and replies were received from the following State Branches:-

Queensland	18. 2.64	Tasmania	27.4.64
Western Australia	26. 3.64	South Australia	27.5.64

It was unanimously agreed that Honorary Life Membership be conferred upon Mr. E.W. Palmer.

ALTERATIONS TO
FISHING RULES

Rule 27.

It was moved by Mr. J. Taylor, seconded by Mr. J. Polson that Rule 27 remain unaltered.

Carried.

Rule 33.

It was agreed that the discussion regarding Rule 33 be divided into 2 sections -

Section 1. Game Fish. Section 2. Sharks.

Section 1. Game Fish.

It was moved by Mr. J. Taylor, seconded by Mr. E. Palmer - That all existing Button Awards be abolished from 30th June, 1966.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. J. Taylor and seconded by Mr. E. Wigston -

That all Buttons be Bronze, Silver and Gold as from July 1st, 1966 and awarded under the following scale:-

<u>Line</u>	<u>Bronze</u>	<u>Silver</u>	<u>Gold</u>
12 lb	24	36	48
20 lb	40	60	80
30 lb	60	90	120
50 lb	100	150	200
80 lb	200	300	500
130 lb	325	450	650

Carried.

Section 2. Sharks.

It was moved by Mr. P. Goadby, seconded by Mr. J. Polson -

That all Shark Buttons be Bronze, Silver and Gold as from July 1st, 1966.

Carried.

It was moved by Mr. E. Palmer, seconded by Mr. J. Polson - That all Shark Buttons be awarded under the following scale as from 1st July, 1966.

<u>Line</u>	<u>Bronze</u>	<u>Silver</u>	<u>Gold</u>
12 lb	48	72	96
20 lb	80	120	160
30 lb	120	180	240
50 lb	200	300	400
80 lb	400	600	1000
130 lb	650	900	1300
180 lb	1300	1800	2600

Carried.

Moved by Mr. E. Palmer, seconded by Mr. E. Wigston -
That Rule 33(f) and 33(g) be deleted from
the Fishing Rules.

Carried.

That the word Gold be deleted from Rule 33(e).

Carried.

Rule 18.

It was moved by Mr. F.W. Fitch, seconded by Mr. P.Goadby -

That the following words be added to Rule 18:-

A boat at sea is defined as any Vessel not
being attached to a Wharf or permanent mooring
or aground.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. R. Vincent and seconded by Mr. R. Whittaker
that Rule 29 be amended to read as follows:-

G.F.A.A. will record all Game Fish and Sharks
which are eligible for Australian Records.

Carried.

GENERAL

It was resolved that correspondence be perused and the
matter be left to the Executive to reopen with I.G.F.A.
the question of including the Hammerhead Shark in the
World Record Chart.

It was moved by Mr. P. Goadby, seconded by Mr. E. Palmer
that the "Finlayson Trophy" not be taken over by G.F.A.A.

Carried.

The motion from The Swordfish & Tunny Club of Australia -

"That consideration be given to the establishment
of a paid subsidized Secretariat", was withdrawn.

Mr. E. Palmer addressed the Delegates on the subject of
Line Test specifications as laid down by G.F.A.A.

Dr. J. Delohery also spoke for some length on the subject
and tabled a Test Report from the University of N.S.W.

It was moved by Dr. J. Delohery, seconded by Mr. P.Goadby -

That all aspects of line testing be investigated
and a new specification for line testing be laid
down by G.F.A.A. after seeking advice from an
American Line Testing Company. Further resolved
that members of Clubs be advised on new specifica-
tions for line testing when determined.

Carried.

Mr. R. Whittaker reported the formation of new Clubs in
Western Australia and that a State Association would be
formed.

It was moved by Mr. E. Palmer, seconded by Mr. J.Taylor -

That the names of the President or Hon. Secretary
of State Branches be circulated to each State
Branch.

Carried.

ELECTION OF
OFFICE BEARERSPRESIDENT:

Mr. R. Rowe.

Nominated by Mr. J.W. Taylor, seconded by Mr. E.W. Palmer.

Elected unopposed.

VICE-PRESIDENT:

Mr. J.W. Taylor.

Nominated by Mr. R. Rowe, seconded by Mr. W. Faulkner.

Elected unopposed.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

Mr. E.W. Palmer.

Nominated by Mr. R. Rowe, seconded by Mr. W. Faulkner.

Elected unopposed.

HONORARY SECRETARY:

Mr. J.R. Thorburn.

Nominated by Mr. R. Rowe, seconded by Mr. P. Goadby.

Elected unopposed.

VOTE OF THANKS

A Vote of Thanks to the Chairman and Executive was moved on behalf of the Delegates by Mr. J. Polson and after reply, Chairman, Richard Rowe closed the Conference at 12.40 p.m. on 1st October, 1951.