

THE GAME FISHING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA.

MINUTES OF THE FOURTEENTH BI-EHNNIAL CONFERENCE HELD AT
THE ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AUSTRALIA, SYDNEY,
ON THURSDAY 13TH AND FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER, 1969.

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<u>PRESENT</u>			
	Dr. H.J. Delohery	- President of G.F.A.A. & Chairman.	
	Mr. W. Coombs	- Vice-President.	
	Mr. E. Palmer	- Executive Officer.	
	Mr. R. Gibson	- Hon. Secretary.	
N.S.W.	Mr. T. Caughlan	Mr. R. Oliver	Mr. T. Waddell
Q'land	Mrs. D. Neilson	Mr. M. Leahy	
S.A.	Mr. C. Whitrow		
Vic.	Mr. T. Mitchell		
Tas.	Mr. J. Jacobs	Mr. W. Lush	
W.A.	Proxy Delegate	Mr. E. Palmer (Life Member)	
N.T.	Proxy Delegate	Mr. J. Taylor (Life Member)	

1. APOLOGIES
- Mr. H. Corrie Q'land, Mr. I. Cutler Vic.,
Mr. G. Redman N.T., Mr. G. Humphries W.A.,
Mr. R. Whittaker W.A.

The President welcomed the delegates to the Conference and expressed his gratitude as many of the delegates had travelled great distances to attend, showing the extent that members will go to give their support for our sport.

The President then spoke on the loss of three very keen supporters of Game Fishing, being, Immediate Past President, Mr. Dick Rowe; Mr. Bill Southam, also a Past President, and Mr. Tuck Fanning, Executive Officer. A brief history of each of these gentlemen was given by the President, which was followed by one minute silence in their memory.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President read his Report outlining the activities of the Association over the past two years, and then moved that the Report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Mr. T. Mitchell (Vic.) who complimented the President on his comprehensive report.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH BI-ENNIAL CONFERENCE

It was moved by Mr. Palmer (W.A.), seconded by Mr. Jacobs (Tas.) that the Minutes, as circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

It was noted by Mr. Mitchell (Vic.) that a typing error had occurred in the printing of the current Rule Book dated 1-11-67, under "Prescribed Tackle" Rule 3, where the word "may" should read "must". It was agreed that this error be corrected in the next issue of the Rule Book.

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Secretary presented the Financial Statement for the period 17th October, 1967 to 31st October, 1969, together with a summary of the Assets as at 31st October, 1969, and moved that they be adopted.
Seconded by Mr. Palmer (W.A.)

Carried.

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LTERATIONS TO CONSTITUTION

Queensland Game Fishing Association

(a) That the Annual Affiliation Fee be increased to at least \$2.00 per head and that G.F.A.A. publish a Year Book including an up-to-date Record Chart and pay more attention to the scientific research side of its aims by publishing, in appropriate form, articles relating to original research of Game Fish and its allied subjects.

Agenda Item 6 (a) was deferred to be dealt with after Agenda Item 6 (d) and was amended in conjunction with Agenda Item 6 (d).

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(b) That the number of Delegates from each State with power to vote at future G.F.A.A. Conferences will be determined by the proportion of the total G.F.A.A. affiliation fees paid by each State.

The motion was moved by Mr. T. Caughlan (N.S.W.), seconded by Mr. Toll (N.S.W.). After discussion an amendment to the motion was moved by Mr. Mitchell (Vic.), seconded by Mr. Taylor (N.T.), that each State be entitled to two votes only.

In relation to this motion, a point of order was taken by Mr. Mitchell that the word "member" in the Constitution relates to States, and the amendment and motion was voted on accordingly. Both were lost.

(c) That the Executive of G.F.A.A. shall comprise the following Officers:

President)	To be elected from
Executive Officer)		one State Branch.
Secretary)	
Vice-President	-	To be elected from
		another State.

This will in effect revert to the Executive which existed prior to 1967.

It was moved by Mr. Mitchell (Vic.), seconded by Mr. Oliver (N.S.W.). The motion was discussed and an amendment was moved by Mr. Palmer (W.A.) seconded by Mr. Coombs (S.A.), that the Executive comprise President, Immediate Past President, Vice-President, Two Executive Officers and Secretary; with President, One Executive Officer and Secretary from one State, and Vice-President and One Executive Officer from two other States. The amendment was discussed and was lost on Vote. The motion was then voted on and was carried.

(d) That a paid Secretariat be established to handle all matters of administration and to maintain records for G.F.A.A.

It is to be noted that this matter was referred to at the 1967 Conference and was to be the subject of a separate report.

Mr. Mitchell (Vic.) spoke on the motion and advised that the Swordfish & Tunny Club, having captured the spirit of the meeting wished to withdraw their motion and hoped that Queensland would go along and withdraw their Agenda Item 6 (a) also, and that a new motion be formulated:

That Mr. Basil Davidson be encouraged to write a history and Year Book of Game Fishing in Australia and at the completion of a period of time set, be paid a suitable honorarium if required, and then the decision should be taken whether a continuation of this work should be financed by the State Branches through G.F.A.A.

Seconded by Mr. Leahy (Q'land).

Carried.

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ALTERATIONS TO FISHING RULES

Game Fishing Club of S.A. Inc.

(a) That Definitions of Game Fish and their Scientific Names be amended in accordance with advices issued by I.G.F.A. dated 1st July, 1969.

Moved by Mr. Coombs (S.A.), seconded by Mr. Palmer (W.A.), the motion was Carried, and further agreed that after the name "Tanguelui" the words "Spanish Mackerel" shall be inserted in brackets.

It was moved by Mr. Palmer (W.A.), seconded by Mr. Oliver (N.S.W.), that the incoming Executive give notice to the next G.F.A.A. Conference re the removal of the Grey Nurse Shark and the Blue Shark from the Australian Record Chart.

(b) That curved Rod Butts be permitted.

Moved by Mr. Coombs (S.A.), seconded by Mr. Palmer (W.A.), the motion was Carried. Mr. Mitchell (Vic.) requested that it be recorded that Victoria registered a No vote.

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(c) That the Association consider its rules Nos. 24 and 25 with a view to deciding whether they remain appropriate at the present time.

(d) That the period of 14 days referred to in rule 25 be increased to read - 3 months.

Moved by Mr. Leahy (Q'land), seconded by Mrs. Neilson (Q'land). Mr. Leahy spoke on the motion, and it was resolved that rule 24 be deleted from the motion, and that Agenda Item 7 (d) be amended to read 2 months. Carried.

(e) That rule 26 (e) be amended to make photographs mandatory to accompany all applications for Australian records.

Withdrawn by Queensland Delegates.

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(f) The use of Marine Mammal for bait or berley be banned under G.F.A.A. rules.

Moved by Mr. Caughlan (N.S.W.), seconded by Mr. Waddell (N.S.W.), the motion was amended by Mr. Jacobs (Tas.), seconded by Mr. Oliver (N.S.W.):

That no angler shall kill a Marine Mammal for the use of bait or berley under G.F.A.A. rules.

The amendment become the motion and was Carried.

(g) That G.F.A.A. rules be amended to permit the use of curved rod butts.

The motion was withdrawn by N.S.W. as the matter had been dealt with under Agenda Item 7 (b).

Swordfish & Tunny Club of Australia

(h) That line testing procedure revert to the testing of new or unused line prior to granting of Australian records.

This will prevent the possibility of the many abuses which can arise under the present system.

Moved by Mr. Mitchell (Vic.) who spoke on the motion. Seconded by Mr. Taylor (N.T.). The motion was lost.

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GENERAL BUSINESSQueensland Game Fishing Association

(a) That an expert panel be established to identify catches submitted as potential Australian records.

Withdrawn by Queensland Delegates.

(b) That the question of the official recognition of 6 lb. breaking strain line be considered and, if thought fit, an appropriate addition to rule 6 be made.

Moved by Mr. Leahy (Q'land), seconded by Mr. Caughlan (N.S.W.), the motion was Carried. It was further resolved that the minimum weight Game Fish or Shark to be recorded must qualify for Bronze Button Awards. Moved by Mr. Jacobs (Tas.), seconded by Mr. Palmer (W.A.) Carried.
Button Awards would be as follows:-

<u>Game Fish</u>		<u>Shark</u>	
Bronze Button	12 lbs.	Bronze Button	24 lbs.
Silver Button	18 lbs.	Silver Button	36 lbs.
Gold Button	24 lbs.	Gold Button	48 lbs.

Moved by Mr. Palmer (W.A.), seconded by Mr. Jacobs (Tas.), that the above Awards be accepted. Carried.

It was resolved that the incoming Executive examine the matter of Gold Button Awards for Black Marlin.

(c) That the Executive reconsider its stand on the question of official recognition of the Northern Blue Fin Tuna - (*Kishinoella Tonggol*) as a separate species for Australian Record purposes.

Moved by Mr. Leahy (Q'land), seconded by Mr. Palmer (W.A.), an amendment was moved by Mr. Mitchell (Vic.), seconded by Mr. Leahy (Q'land):

That the Northern Blue Fin and all species of Tuna be included on the Australian Record Chart.

The amendment become the motion and was Carried.

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(d) That G.F.A.A. bring to the notice of I.G.F.A. the geographical distribution of the Anglers in Australia and request that I.G.F.A. appoint two additional representatives, preferably one in New South Wales and one in Queensland.

Moved by Mr. Oliver (N.S.W.), seconded by Mr. Palmer (W.A.).
It was resolved that G.F.A.A. Constitution be amended to provide that three members of G.F.A.A. be recommended to I.G.F.A. at each conference when necessary, to act as I.G.F.A. representatives.

Moved by Mr. Palmer (W.A.), seconded by Mr. Oliver (N.S.W.), that Dr. Delohery and Mrs. Neilson be recommended to I.G.F.A. to be additional representatives to continue the remainder of the present three year term of appointment. Carried.

(e) That G.F.A.A. consider changing the design of Button Awards to a curved fish as illustrated with minor variations to allow for the various species of fish.

Moved by Mr. Caughlan (N.S.W.), seconded by Mr. Oliver (N.S.W.), the motion was Carried.

Tasmanian Game Fishing Association

(f) That copies of Executive proceedings be circulated to all members.

Withdrawn by Tasmanian Delegates.

(g) That G.F.A.A. make the Record Chart available for publication throughout Australia to all publicity media as soon as possible after June 30th and alterations as and when they become available.

Moved by Mr. Lush (Tas.), seconded by Mr. Jacobs (Tas.). Both Delegates spoke on the motion and it was resolved that the Record Charts and amendments as circularised by G.F.A.A. may be reprinted. Carried.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

The President vacated the chair in favour of the Senior Life Member present, Mr. J. Taylor, and nominations for the position of President were called for.

Mr. W. Coombs (S.A.) was nominated by Mr. Whitrow (S.A.), seconded by Mr. Palmer (W.A.).

Dr. J. Delohery (N.S.W.) was nominated by Mr. Taylor (N.T.), seconded by Mr. Oliver (N.S.W.).

The voting was a draw and Mr. Coombs declined his nomination in favour of Dr. Delohery, the sitting President.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Nominations for the position of Vice-President were called for. The President advised that a nomination for Mr. Mitchell was in hand.

Mr. Mitchell (Vic.) being nominated was seconded by Mr. Taylor (N.T.).

Mr. Coombs (S.A.) was nominated by Mr. Palmer (W.A.), seconded by Mr. Caughlan (N.S.W.).

Mr. Coombs was elected Vice-President.

Nominations for the position of Executive Officer were called for.

Mr. Caughlan (N.S.W.) was nominated by Mr. Toll (N.S.W.), seconded by Mr. Jacobs (TAS.)

Mr. Caughlan was elected Executive Officer.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

CLOSING OF CONFERENCE

Mr. Mitchell (Vic.) expressed a vote of thanks on behalf of the Delegates and Clubs to the Chairman and Hon. Secretary. His remarks were endorsed by Mr. Palmer (W.A.), after which, the Chairman declared the Conference closed.

The Conference closed at 1.00 p.m.

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THE GAME FISHING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

PRESIDENT'S REPORT1968 - 1969

Gentlemen,

I have to report that there has been a steady increase in our Game Fishing activities over the last two years.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership has shown a growth in numbers, and we have about 2,500 anglers enrolled at present.

TASMANIA

Tasmania now has its State Association, which became necessary when the new Game Fishing Club of Northern Tasmania was formed. A dinner was held in Launceston and our Vice-President, Bill Coombs, attended with Bob Gibson, the Honorary Secretary, to represent G.F.A.A. at this inaugural function. These representatives were entertained by the new Club and were taken on a conducted tour of Eastern Tasmania, which was most impressive in regard to the game fishing potential and also in regard to the keenness of the Anglers, apart from their having a most enjoyable time generally.

NORTHERN TERRITORY

The Northern Territory now has three Clubs and a State Competition was held there which created a deal of local interest.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Western Australia has increased its membership. Black Marlin have been captured on the northern coast as well as Sailfish in greater numbers.

QUEENSLAND

Queensland has a newly affiliated Club - The Gold Coast Game Fishing Club. This Club will swell the members of Queensland's Game Fishing Association to over 500. Good catches have been made at Hayman Island, and of course, at Cairns. There have been numerous releases of Marlin, particularly in the Cairns area. The heaviest fish so far taken at Cairns this year is 1124 lbs. on 50 lb. Line Class. This will be a perspective World Record but, as usual, some larger fish have been lost.

NEW SOUTH WALES

In N.S.W., apart from normal club point score competition and three keenly contested inter-club contests each year, the annual N.S.W. inter-club contest was held at Port Stephens. 104 and 99 boats took part in the Contest each year respectively. This Contest is a five boat Club team contest. Fishing in both contests was well below the usual standard as far as Marlin was concerned. However, the spirit and enjoyment of the week still prevailed.

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ALL AUSTRALIA CONTEST

The All Australia Contest was held from Port Hacking in January last. Fifty three teams took part and the contest was won by Bob Oliver's "Kestelle" team. The Marlin captures were well below standard and the contest was won on light tackle Kingfish captures. The Royal Motor Yacht Squadron, Port Hacking Branch, made contestants welcome and, apart from the lack of Marlin and one day's bad weather, the contest ran smoothly and was enjoyable.

A trophy evening was held at the Round House, University of N.S.W. which catered wonderfully well for the 270 anglers and their friends who attended. The good fellowship and interchange of ideas did much to add to the enjoyment for all.

TOM BELL TROPHY

The Tom Bell Trophy was won by Mr. Bill Dickens for his 1157 lbs. Black Marlin caught at Cairns, and this was presented to him at the N.S.W. Annual Dinner in October last.

GENERAL

A Presentation of a broach was made to Mrs. Dorothy Thorburn at the 1968 N.S.W. Dinner on behalf of the executive of G.F.A.A. in appreciation of the four years secretarial work which she had carried out in a voluntary capacity for G.F.A.A.

In the last two years, sixty-four Australian records were awarded to men and thirty-eight to women. Nine World Records were gained; six for men and three for women. Amongst these, to my mind, was probably one of the most outstanding catches in the history of Australian Game Fishing - and that was John McIntyre's Striped Marlin of 338 lbs. on 20 lb. line class. This was caught from "Jack III", one of the older and slower boats and took some 4½ hours to bring to Gaff.

In all, many new boats have been commissioned and, as a sport, Game Fishing seems to be expanding in keeping with the expansion of Australia's economy and potential generally.

I might add that it has been a great honour to have acted as your President for the last two years. I've had a lot of help from the Executive members and, particularly, from our Honorary Secretary, Mr. Bob Gibson, who has worked very hard. The experience for me has been a most rewarding one.

DR. JIM DELOHERY
PRESIDENT.

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RECORD OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 17, 1967 TO OCTOBER 31, 1969.

<u>INCOME</u>			<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
<u>From Sale of Buttons</u>			Cost of Buttons	\$1,290.00
N.S.W.	\$1,059.50	\$	Cost of Testing Lines	376.00
Victoria	97.50		Expenses of 4th All Australia	
Tasmania	57.00		Competition	2,217.78
South Aust.	71.00		Cost of Postage & Stationery	251.60
Western Aust.	-		Expenses of 13th Bi-Ennial	
Queensland	7.50		Conference	189.58
Northern Terr.	19.50	1,312.00	Insurance	15.50
			Engraving & Freight of Trophy	13.91
<u>From Sale of Rule Books</u>			Cost of Rule Books & Record	
N.S.W.	117.90		Charts	209.71
Victoria	9.00		Floral Tributes	14.50
Tasmania	37.50		Cost of Ties	903.00
South Aust.	33.75		Presentation	40.00
Western Aust.	45.00		Bank Fees	1.15
Queensland	55.50			
Northern Terr.	6.60	305.25		
				5,522.73
<u>From Sale of Ties</u>			Cash at Bank 31.10.69	615.99
N.S.W.	378.00			
Victoria	48.00			
Tasmania	96.00			
South Aust.	96.00			
Western Aust.	96.00			
Queensland	144.00	858.00		
<u>From Affiliation Fees</u>				
N.S.W.	637.25			
Victoria	30.50			
Tasmania	37.25			
South Aust.	124.25			
Western Aust.	124.50			
Queensland	225.75			
Northern Terr.	25.00	1,204.50		
<u>From Miscellaneous Sales</u>		33.25		
<u>From 4th All Australia</u>				
<u>Competition</u>		2,499.00		
Bank Interest		22.40		
TOTAL INCOME		6,234.40		
Cash in Bank 16.10.67		148.32		
		6,382.72		
Less: Debtors outstanding		244.00		
		\$6,138.72		\$6,138.72

R.C. GIBSON
Hon. Secretary.

THE GAME FISHING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

ASSETS AS AT OCTOBER 31, 1969.

Stocks of:		\$
2 Gold Buttons @ \$7.00 ea.		14.00
2 Silver Buttons @ \$4.50 ea.		9.00
10-2/12 doz. Ties @ \$18.00		183.00
Quantity of Rule Books - Obsolete		-
One Seal		-
One Filing Cabinet		10.00
One Duplicator - at Valuation		40.00
		<u>\$256.00</u>
Cash at Bank		615.99
Outstanding Debtors		244.00
		<u><u>\$1,115.99</u></u>

LIABILITIES

NIL.

Summary of Outstanding Debtors

<u>Queensland</u>			
Inv. No.	82	72.00	
	85	7.50	
	97	10.50	90.00
			<u>90.00</u>
<u>New South Wales</u>			
Inv. No.	100	70.00	
	108	39.00	
	10	28.00	137.00
			<u>137.00</u>
<u>Victoria</u>			
Inv. No.	7	14.00	14.00
			<u>14.00</u>
<u>Northern Territory</u>			
Inv. No.	95	3.00	3.00
			<u>3.00</u>
			<u><u>\$244.00</u></u>

R.C. Gibson
Hon. Secretary.