

THE GAME FISHING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTEENTH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE HELD AT TANGALOOMA
MORETON ISLAND, QUEENSLAND, ON THURSDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER AND
FRIDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1977.

PRESENT:

Queensland
New South Wales
Victoria
Tasmania
Western Australia
Northern Territory
South Australia
Life Member

Mr P.V. Gay, President and Chairman
Mr W.J. O'Brien, Vice-President
Mr M.E. Leahy, Honorary Secretary
Mr C. Seawright, Honorary Treasurer
Mrs D.V. Nielsen,
Mr J.H. Izatt
Dr. C.T. Russell
Mr A. McPherson
Mr G. White (Observer)
Mr L. Munro (Observer)
Mr I.P. Goadby
Mr T. Roach
Mr R.E. Waddy
Mr C. Mackay (Observer)
Mr C.I. Cutler
Mr R. Ellis
Mr J.P. Jacob
Mr K.W. Gibbs
Mr L.G. Redmond
Mr W. Coombs (Life Member)
Mr J.C. Johnston
Mr E.W. Palmer (Life Member and Observer)
Mr J. Taylor

RESIDENT'S WELCOME:

Mr Gay welcomed the delegates and introduced them, State by State and referred to the passing of two great stalwarts of the Association, namely Dr. Delohery and Mr Tom Mitchell.
Mr Gay also remarked that the Association was in its fortieth year, the Fortieth Anniversary being on the 26th October, 1977.

PROLOGUES:

His Excellency the Governor General, Dr. Don Francois, Director of the N.S.W. Fisheries, Mr Ian Sinclair, Federal Minister for Primary Industries, Mr Claude Wharton, Queensland Minister for Fisheries, and Mr Basil Mitchell.

Mr Gay then advised that he had received a telegram from Mr E.K. Harry, the President of I.G.F.A., expressing best wishes for a successful meeting. Mr Leahy advised that a telephone call had been received from Mr John McIntyre wishing the conference success.

RESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mr Gay read his report, previously circulated. Moved Mr Cutler, Seconded Mr Coombs, that the report be received and adopted. CARRIED.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr Leahy read his report, previously circulated. Moved Mr Izatt, Seconded Mr Johnston, that the report be received and adopted. CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Moved Mr Cutler, Seconded Mr Waddy, that the Minutes, as circulated, following the 17th Biennial Conference held in Adelaide in 1975 be confirmed. CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM
MINUTES:

Mr Cutler advised that it may be appropriate for the Rules Committee to report on its activities at this stage.

Mr Jacob then addressed the meeting and advised that he considered that the most substantial

motion taken at the last meeting, that is the Special General Meeting in November, 1976 was in relation to the Headquarters and Secretariat and that it would be appropriate for a report to be made on the progress of the Headquarters and Secretariat, prior to the election of officers.

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Moved Mr Jacob, seconded Mr Gibbs, that the business arising from the Minutes concerning the Headquarters and Secretariat be referred to immediately.

CARRIED.

Mr O'Brien then addressed the meeting and referred to the preliminary report that had been given at the Special General Meeting to the Executive in November, 1976. Mr O'Brien then referred to just what commitment the Association, nationally, is prepared to make to finance premises. He referred to an advertisement that had been prepared advertising for a home for G.F.A.A. and advised that some interesting responses had been received, including one from the final year Architecture students at the Sydney University who were doing a project for the Maritime Services Board Sydney - although there was nothing definite, there was a possibility.

Mr O'Brien then referred to a large Government building complex in Gloucester Street to be called "Sport House" where space would be provided to sporting bodies. The only disadvantage being that it was to be for N.S.W. bodies rather than national bodies. He then referred briefly to the Sydney Cove Redevelopment Authority, but considered the rents too high.

Mr O'Brien then produced an aerial photograph of an area in the Pittwater and referred to the fact that the N.S.W. Fisheries would be designing a piece of land for amateur fishermen inside the Fisheries complex to be constructed. He then referred to the fact that Pittwater was a long way out and could be a problem, however, on the other hand it could provide something permanent at a low cost.

Mr O'Brien then produced certain newspaper cuttings dealing with Birkenhead Point and stated that that was the site he favoured. He referred briefly to the fact that the Dunlop factory at Birkenhead Point had been bought by David Jones Properties and was being developed into a shopping mall, marina, boat sales and was being built around the housing of old ships and historic vessels.

Mr Goadby then raised the Pittwater project and Mr O'Brien pointed out that only land being offered and it would be necessary for the Association to construct its own building. Mr O'Brien digressed to Birkenhead Point and stated that the expected time for occupation was October, 1978.

Mr Waddy referred to the fact that in essence Birkenhead Point was a big supermarket complex and some \$20 to \$30 million was to be spent and that the complex was to be opened seven days a week.

Mr O'Brien then continued that Birkenhead Point was a professional development but as well was a place of beauty and national interest and would become very much a tourist place and a place where schools would come on school projects.

He then pointed out that a Game Fishing Museum in the same area as a yachting museum would make a lot of sense.

Mr Cutler then interposed and asked whether any financial feasibility study at either Birkenhead Point or some other place had been carried out.

Mr Gay stated that when he had spoken to D.J. Properties a minimum of \$6,000.00 rental per annum had been mentioned.

Mr Goadby then referred to the fact that as Birkenhead Point would be a seven day operation there would be a lot of foot traffic paying admission to see the Museum and films plus there was a source for generating of funds. He pointed out that he considered the \$6,000.00 would have to be self generated rather than coming from the Association.

Mr Leahy then referred to the fact that the paid Secretariat is tied in with the finding of a suitable home and that in the proposed alterations to the constitution, recreational fishing was referred to and also in the Museum constitution one of the objects was to encourage and promote the compilation of Australian Game Fishing records and to keep an up to date list of such records. Mr Leahy then briefly referred to the fact that an application had been made for a Government Grant and he also touched on certain funding aspects which would be referred to in details later on at the meeting.

Mr Cutler stated that the information that had been given was what was required.

Mr Goadby then raised the point that had been made by Mr Leahy at the last conference - the motion had been passed that fish weighed in an Australian weighing station, caught from a boat leaving and returning to an Australian port, would be eligible for an Australian RECORD. Discussion ensued and it was resolved to defer this item until later in the meeting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Mr Seawright presented the Balance Sheets from 30th June, 1976 to 30th June, 1977 together with a Statement of Income and Expenditure for the two years ended 30th June, 1977.

He stated that the reasons the accounts had not been taken to October was that they would then reflect affiliation fees received after June for the period finishing in 1978. He also presented a budget for the 1977/78 period so that the incoming executive would know what to

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expect in the way of expenses in the next twelve months and pointed out that the budget did not include any Government grant.

Moved Mr Jacobs, Seconded Mr Gibbs, that the Financial Statement be accepted. CARRIED.

The Chairman called for nominations for the position of President:

Mr Cutler nominated Mr O'Brien, seconded Mr Gibbs.

There being no further nominations the Chairman announced Mr John O'Brien of New South Wales as President Elect.

Mr O'Brien thanked the delegates for the honour.

The Chairman then invited nominations for the position of Vice President.

Mr O'Brien nominated Mr Johnston from South Australia as Vice President, seconded Mr Coombs.

The Chairman declared Mr Johnston Vice President Elect.

Nominations were then invited for the five positions of Executive Officers:

Victoria
Mr Cutler
Nominated by Mr R. Ellis, seconded Mr J. O'Brien
ELECTED.

Tasmania
Mr J. F. Jacob
Nominated by Mr K. Gibbs, seconded Mr R. Waddy
ELECTED.

Queensland
Mr M. E. Leahy
Nominated by Mr Izatt, seconded Mrs Nielsen
ELECTED.

Western Australia
Mr K. W. Gibbs
Nominated by Mr P. Goadby, seconded Mr Johnston
ELECTED.

Northern Territory
Mr G. Redmond
Nominated by Mr W. Coombs, seconded Mr Gibbs.
ELECTED.

Mr O'Brien then announced the appointments of Mr Colin Mackay as Honorary Secretary and Mr Ian Cutler as Honorary Treasurer.

ATTENTION TO COMMITTEES
OBJECTS

Mr Johnston, as Chairman of the Objects Committee, referred to the fact that the Objects had been circulated and felt that they were self-explanatory.

Moved Mr P. Goadby, seconded Mr Roach, that the Alterations to the Constitution and specific-ally the Objects be accepted as published and any that require discussion be discussed and voted upon separately.

Mr Cutler then pointed out that as a matter of

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Parliamentary procedure the House should resolve into committee and if there was any contention for items 1 to 5, be it item 1, item 2, item 3, then any amendment made could then be voted on.

The Motion was then put and CARRIED.

Discussion then ensued on items 1 to 5.

OBJECT 1
Moved Mr Coombs, Seconded Mr Gibbs that the first four words of Object 1 be deleted and that the words "To co-ordinate and/or govern" be inserted in lieu. CARRIED.

OBJECT 4
Moved Mr Goadby, Seconded Mrs Nielsen that Object 6 be amended to read "To accept affiliation from and liaison with other recreational fishing bodies upon such terms".

The Motion was then put and CARRIED.

OBJECT 7
Moved Mr Redmond, Seconded Mr Gibbs that Object 7 be amended to read after the word "angling" "the related fish species and the habitat requirements of such species" CARRIED.

OBJECT 14
Mr Gibbs requested an explanation of the last few words of Object 14, particularly the word "or" and Mr Leahy stated that it was obviously a typographical error and that the word "or" should be "of".

OBJECT 16
Discussion ensued from various delegates and Mr Taylor stated that he considered the words in 16 too strong as the Association would be committed to "establish and maintain".

Mr Seawright then pointed out that Objects are not commitments to do all these things, but were merely there to give organisations power to do certain things if they want to, and that Object 16 did not in any way commit an organisation to do it but only empowered it to do it if it so desired.

Moved Mr Izatt that Object 16 be deleted.

NO SECONDER FOR MOTION.

It was then resolved that Objects 1 to 18 be confirmed as amended.

Delete Clause 8 (c) in its present form and add new Clause 8 (c) as follows:-

"8 (c) That G.F.A.A. shall advise State Branches before the 30th January in each year of the subscription due which shall be paid by the member States on or before 31st October of that year."

The various delegates spoke in respect of the Motion and Mr Waddy confirmed that it was necessary for G.F.A.A. to advise the Clubs by 30th January of the amount of affiliation fees.

Mr Leahy spoke in support of the Motion but he considered that the end of February should be inserted instead of the end of January.

Moved Mr O'Brien, Seconded Mr Waddy that the clause read that G.F.A.A. shall advise State Branches before the last day of February in each year.

CARRIED.

Add a new Clause 11 (d) as follows:-

"11 (d) That the Executive Committee may from time to time appoint sub-committees to advise, report to and assist the Executive Committee on specific matters."

Mr Roach spoke in support. Mr Palmer considered that the necessary powers were already in the constitution and the Executive had an over-riding power to deal with all matters and that the proposed amendment would restrict that power.

The motion was then put and

CARRIED.

Add a new Clause 31 (a) as follows:

"31 (a) That State Branches shall observe G.F.A.A. policy outlined in the Constitution and Minutes or as requested by the Executive Committee and that such policy and requests be implemented and observed by each State Branch member club."

Mr Gaddy referred to the problems due to rapid growth in N.S.W. and referred to the Chamber of Commerce wanting to put up \$1,000 for the first Martin weighed at Merimbula and to the fact that such was against G.F.A.A. policy. He then referred to the changes in the Executive in N.S.W. and suggested that policy matters passed at conferences should be circulated to member clubs other than in the Minutes so that everyone would be properly informed and that if the conference was in favour such should be implemented into the Constitution.

Mr Palmer then stated that perhaps it would be better that Clause 31 (a) become Clause 9 (c) of the existing Constitution.

Moved Mr Cutler, Seconded Mr Waddy that

Clause 31 (a) become Clause 9 (c).

CARRIED.

Add a new Clause 31 (b) as follows:

"31 (b) That G.F.A.A. encourage all State Branches and their members to participate actively in tag and release and other scientific programmes."

Mr O'Brien remarked that the amendment was superfluous because that had already been covered in the amended Objects.

WITHDRAWN.

TABLED RESULTS

Mr O'Brien presented the latest figures from New South Wales Fisheries and remarked that it had now passed the 2,000 mark in tags! 20 recaptures and three in the last four weeks. Good quantities of tags were showing up in Western Australia.

Outstanding results have been coming from

Queensland. Mr O'Brien thanked Mrs Nielsen for placing N.S.W. tags on Queensland charter boats.

Mr Cutler added to Mr O'Brien's remarks that a number of anglers in Victoria were in the tag and release programme and Mr McPherson referred to the fact that over the last two years anglers in the Tangalooma Tournaments had tagged a couple of hundred fish.

Mrs Nielsen then reported the first recovery of a tagged 1,000 pound Marlin. It was tagged last year by Mr Packer on "Billfish" and recovered about a year later and weighed 1,056 pounds. It was originally estimated that its weight was 850 pounds and it was a N.S.W. tag.

AUST. HANE FISHING MUSEUM

Mr Seawright then referred to a summary of certain tax aspects, particulars of which are set out below:

"Income Tax: Allowable Gifts

Our Association is classified as a public museum for taxation purposes, and, in consequence, is an approved donee for the receipt of tax deductible gifts.

Under existing legislation the allowance of gift deductions is subject to the following conditions:-

Each gift must be of \$2 or more either in money or in property other than money;

If property other than money is given, the property must have been purchased by the person making the gift not more than twelve months before the gift is made;

The gift must not be made by Will.

(NOTE: the term "property" is not defined for taxation purposes and does not lend itself readily to precise definition. It is accepted as comprising all tangible objects - real or personal - which belong to a person).

However, it is of real interest to note that in the 1977/78 Budget, the Treasurer announced that the Government would liberalise the conditions under which income tax deductions are allowable for gifts of works of art and/or other property to public art galleries, museums and libraries.

At present, as indicated above, a person who donates a work of art or similar property to a public art gallery, museum or library may be eligible for a deduction under Section 78 (1) (a) in respect of his gift only if he purchased the item within the twelve months period preceding the date of the gift. The amount allowable is restricted to the lesser of purchase price or market value at the time of making the gift (Section 78 (2)).

As from 1st January, 1978 the twelve month test will be abandoned for a trial period of three years in respect of gifts of works of art and

comparable material made to a public art gallery, museum or library. In addition the basis for determining the amount to be allowed as a deduction will be changed. From 1st January 1978, it will generally be market value or, where equity requires it in some particular circumstances, the cost to the donor."

Mr Palmer referred briefly to his recent trip to Fort Lauderdale and stated that the method Elwood Harry was adopting was a very simple one. In one case an angler gave four Tycoon rods which had a history. The donor sent them to an approved supplier of rods, got a certificate for their value, which was several hundred dollars, donated them to I.G.F.A. The donor received a tax deduction for this amount. Mr Palmer pointed out that a large number of requests to the library museum complex and I.G.F.A. are now coming under this head.

Mr Palmer then referred to some very valuable books that we should get in the library. Mr Seawright pointed out that gifts had to be made during the life of the donor to be tax deductible.

Mr O'Brien then referred to the financial feasibility of the Museum and stated that he had rough overheads on an annual basis

Rental	6,000.00
Power, phone etc.	1,500.00
Museum Administrator	7,000.00
New Rule Books etc.	7,000.00
budgeted for forthcoming year	7,000.00

a figure of, perhaps, \$25,000.00 over all.

He then stated that if the affiliation fees rise to \$3.00 there would be a gross of about \$12,000.00 which would result in a deficit of \$13,000.00 but that given the right location for the Museum, much would be recovered by way of admission fees.

Mr Palmer subscribed to the concept and stated that it was probable that \$20,000 could be raised for some initial working capital.

Mr Leahy then commented on certain practical aspects including the naming of the actual Trustees.

Mr Izate did not wish to see the Association being bound to a specific site.

Mr Johnston felt that an amount could be solicited from specific people based on the tax deductible angle spread over a period of time. He considered that sufficient money could be raised to bring the Museum on stream and get it going reasonably quickly.

Mr Cutler canvassed various topics and stated that the idea of entrance fees and perhaps video discs and projection equipment to show what game fishing is about, could be a very real money spinner and that the Birkenhead Point idea would provide the answer.

Mr Izatt then spoke and posed the question as to whether \$100,000.00 could be raised from the States.

Mr Goadby spoke of whether it was a "go or no go situation".

Discussion then ensued and it was considered that N.S.W. could raise \$20,000.00, South Australia \$5,000.00 at least and Victoria \$5,000.00 also.

Mr Jacob was not sure about Tasmania, however, he was intrigued by the concept and he stated that he could not think of a more exciting type of venue as it would have public support in large numbers.

Mr Jacob then stated that perhaps, say \$1,000 should be spent on the preparation of something to put the thing together in writing and that professional fund raisers should be consulted, so that a five year cash flow plan could be established.

The remaining delegates were not in a position to commit their State for any amounts.

Mr Cutler considered that he could get a brochure done as he knew the ideal person for the preparation of the art work, lay-out and general printing.

Moved Mr Izatt, Seconded Dr. Russell that subject to the Executive raising or receiving pledges to a total of \$50,000.00 by the end of June, 1978, that G.F.A.A. proceed with the establishment of a Game Fishing Museum and Secretariat.

Mr Jacob then spoke and moved that the incoming Executive be empowered to proceed with the establishment of the Secretariat and Museum if possible in the Birkenhead establishment at such time as the Executive is satisfied that sufficient funding is achieved to carry out this purpose.

Mr Palmer then advised that he had drafted a Motion in the following terms:

"That this Council agrees in principle with the establishment of a Secretariat and Museum at the Birkenhead site or other suitable premises at such time as the Executive is satisfied that sufficient financial support is available for the project."

Mr Izatt's Motion was then put and LOST.

Moved by Mr Jacob, Seconded Mr Gibbs that this Council agrees in principle with the establishment of a Secretariat and Museum at the Birkenhead site or other suitable premises at such time as the Executive is satisfied that sufficient financial support is available for the project. CARRIED.

Mr Goadby was Chairman of the Rules Committee and led the discussion and stated that the charter under which the Rules Sub-Committee operated was that they looked at the I.G.F.A. Rules in their most recent state that was available and at the G.F.A.A. Rules as they were at the present time and came up with rules which were the best of what I.G.F.A. had and what G.F.A.A. already had, because in many cases G.F.A.A. rules suited Australian conditions better than I.G.F.A. rules.

He then referred to the fact that only last week a copy of the final draft of I.G.F.A. rules as have been printed for 1978, had been received.

Mr Goadby then dealt with the latest I.G.F.A. rule changes as they affected the draft rules before the meeting.

Mr Jacob stated that it may assist and if the Council was able to agree in principle that the rule recommendations be adopted subject to the discussion on the I.G.F.A. changes and then only one document would be involved.

Moved Mr Jacob, Seconded Mr Cutler that the proposed new Rules as set out as distributed to all delegates be adopted in principle subject to any amendments required to conform with I.G.F.A. rule changes.

Dr. Russell spoke against the Motion as it would place a complete gag on further discussions of the rules.

Mr Palmer stated that if the meetings attention were drawn to any errors or omissions they could be dealt with.

Mr Jacob then stated that he was suggesting instead of taking draft rule by rule by rule if such a motion was put there could be some discussion perhaps on particular anomalies.

Mr Cutler then stated that the motion should be prefaced by the words "Subject to discussion on specific items". It was then suggested by Mr Leahy that the various states around the table nominate the discussion points as they occurred, in other words only discuss the contentious matters as they see them state by state.

Certain discussion then ensued regarding the introduction of a new species, Tailer, and the deletion of Grey Nurse Sharks.

Moved Mr O'Brien, Seconded Mr Gibbs that Tailer be included as a Game Fish species and that Grey Nurse Sharks be deleted.

CARRIED.

Mr Palmer then gave a brief report on the history of the new I.G.F.A. amendments and in particular referred to the request by I.G.F.A. that this conference give serious consideration to removing the boat at sea restriction.

Moved by Mr Cutler, Seconded Mr Izatt that records going up to 10 kg should have an increase of 250 g, up to 50 kg an increase of 500 g and thereafter 1kg. CARRIED.

Moved Mr Gay, Seconded Mr O'Brien that the hook arrangement, which is currently allowed to be cast, should also be allowed to be trolled. LOST.

Moved Mr Goadby, Seconded Mr Cutler that angling rule 1 on page twelve be deleted. CARRIED.

Moved Mr Goadby, Seconded Mr Coombs, that the words "oil or" be inserted after "other than". CARRIED.

Moved Mr Goadby, Seconded Mr Gibbs that the I.G.F.A. wording in relation to rods and gaffs be adopted. CARRIED.

RESOLVED that a copy of the new Rules, passed at this meeting be annexed to the Minutes.

GENERAL BUSINESS
New South Wales Game Fishing Association

1. That GFAA issue and distribute a bi-monthly Newsletter listing matters of interest and advise of record claims and record changes.

Resolved that the above be a recommendation only to the incoming Executive.

2. That the incoming GFAA Executive investigate possible alternate line testing authorities who can meet the specifications of Australian Standard L54 and if deemed necessary use whichever authority meets the specifications and the need of economy and speedy testing and advice of test results.

Resolved that the above be a recommendation only to the incoming Executive.

3. That the All Australian Tournaments be recommenced or that some other form of Annual or Biennial All Australia, or Australia Wide, Tournament be instituted under the auspices of GFAA.

Resolved that the reintroduction of the All Australia in some form or other be investigated by the incoming Executive.

4. That a GFAA policy be defined and promulgated covering the commercial sponsorship of Tournaments and Trophies.

Moved Mr Palmer, Seconded Mr Gay, that bearing in mind the best interests of ethical recreational angling in Australia, GFAA declares its policy on the offering of trophies and prizes for game fishing tournaments as follows:

1. the payment of cash prizes is not approved,
2. the offer of a trophy or trophies of substantial value which create a professional interest in winning for the sake of the value of the trophy itself is also not approved. CARRIED.

5. That the seeking of publicity regarding captures and captures from tournaments should be confined to the fishing media. (if deemed necessary this could become Constitution Clause 29 (b)).

Mr O'Brien produced several newspaper cuttings, one showing the photograph of a Marlin partly eaten by sharks together with various letters to the Editor and condemnation of both photographs the Marlin and Game Fishing in general Mrs Nielsen considered that Game Fishermen should stand up for their sport and whilst over exposure was not wanted, she saw no reason why some photos should not be published.

Moved Mr Goadby, Seconded Mr O'Brien that GFAA believes that the deliberate seeking of general media publicity by anglers is not in the best interests of game fishing. CARRIED.

6. That GFAA take up with Australian Airlines, easing of restrictions on transporting of fishing tackle and that GFAA ask IGFA to do the same thing with I.A.T.A.

Recommendation that the incoming Executive take the matter up directly with the Airlines involved and I.A.T.A. with a view to having similar concessions made for Game Fishermen who travel the world.

The Game Fishing Club of South Australia Inc.

1. That GFAA publish the Australian Record Book annually. The book to include the objects fishing rules, a tear out Australian Records Application Form, one species of fish to each page (as per the 1975 book) two blank columns and the other "Club Record Weight" and a column showing the World Record Weights. The book to be issued free to all affiliated Club Members.

Mr Combs spoke in support thereof, it was the feeling of the meeting that the incoming Executive should have a discretion as to the lay out of the Record Book. Mr Combs pointed out that the issue of a Rule Book to all Club Members was tangible in view of the affiliation fees paid.

Mr Cutler suggested that a price tag be put on each Record Book.

G.F.A.A. Executive

1. That the president of GFAA on his election be nominated forthwith as a representative of IGFA.

Mr Gay spoke in support and the motion was CARRIED with the addition of an amendment for the term of his office (suggested by Mr Combs)

Queensland Game Fishing Association

1. That the Game Fishing Association of Australia adopt the proposal of the International Game Fish Association to establish

metric line classes as follows:

<u>Lb. Test</u>	<u>New Kilo Test</u>
6	3
12	6
20	10
30	15
50	24
80	36
130	60

WITHDRAWN.

New South Wales Game Fishing Association

1. That IGFA metric line classes and their imperial equivalents be the line classes for GFAA fishing rules and record classification.

3. That GFAA recommend to IGFA that all scales used in weight recording should be tested and certified at the statutory periods required by the relevant Government Testing Authorities and if adopted by IGFA this time for testing, be instituted by GFAA in its Fishing Rules.

5. That in GFAA Record Classifications and Charts that sharks now recorded under the classification of Black or Common Whaler and Bronze Whaler be combined into one category called Whalers (*Carcharhinus* spp.) and that the heaviest capture from either category now the current GFAA Australian Record, whether from the Black or Bronze categories, be listed as the records.

6. That Tailer be included as a species in the GFAA Fishing Rules - Species.

All of the above Items have already been dealt with, and are therefore WITHDRAWN.

2. That the gamefish and shark award button minimum weights be altered to fit in with IGFA published metric line and weights.

Recommended that the incoming Executive adopt the proposal.

4. That GFAA buttons be redesigned so that sharp points will be eliminated in the interest of safety.

Moved Mr Waddy, Seconded Mr Goadby - DEFEATED.

Game Fishing Association of Victoria

1. That under the heading of "Double Line" in the draft Rules, an additional sub-clause 5 be inserted as follows:-

5. A double line is defined as the forming of one continuous loop of the actual line used. Double lines are measured from the start of the knot, braid, roll or plait making the double to the back end of the swivel or attachment used for joining the hook or trace to the line. Such doubles should be one unbroken loop, except where

one strand of the double has been severed above the swivel but the remaining strand was still connected to the swivel by the original knot.

2. That where the words "flesh, blood, skin" appear in sub-clause 6 under the "Disqualific-
ation" heading on page 14 of the draft Rules,
the following words "guts or oil" be inserted.
WITHDRAWN.

Tasmanian Game Fishing Association

1. That the length of leaders double line
trace etc. be converted to the nearest kilo-
gram in the same manner as the line classes.
WITHDRAWN.

Moved Mr Gibbs, Seconded Mr Redmond that
Barramundi or Giant Perch be included in the
Record Book.
CARRIED.

Mr Goadby referred to a press report in N.S.W.
regarding an AAP News story stating that a
Japanese Tuna Delegation was leaving Tokyo to
negotiate with the Federal Government on the
renewal and extension of the long line agreement
in view of the 200 mile limit. At one stage
it referred to 600 to 700 boats and at another
stage 300, which we all know is the number of
boats allowed to fish in our declared limits.
It said the commercial fishing interest would
be taking part in this conference and it also
said the Japanese felt it was timely to make
this visit in view of the favourable climate
that had been created by the successful con-
clusion of the sugar deals and meat, etc.

Mr Goadby believed it was time the Association
took a stand and believed that the Association
should have a resolution to go to the Federal
Government and the State Government. He pointed
out that the Association was a national body
that spoke for marine recreational fishermen
and that the resolution should come so that
each State do something to take to its members
and Clubs. He suggested further that telegrams
be forwarded to the D.P.I. and Commonwealth
Fisheries.

Mr Gay indicated that the proper documentation
be prepared in collaboration with Mr Leahy
and Mr O'Brien.

Mr Palmer formally tabled his report of his
visit to I.G.P.A.

Messrs. Cutler, Waddy & O'Brien congratulated
the President and his officers for the
assistance they had given to the various
State bodies during the accumulative office.

The Great Barrier Reef Consultative Committee

Mr Izatt reported that the Great Barrier Reef
Consultative Committee was established by an
Act which is The Barrier Reef Marine Park Act,
1975. The name of the Committee selected was
The Great Barrier Reef Consultative Committee
and the functions of the Committee were to
furnish advice to the Minister either of its
own motion or upon request made to it by the

Minister in respect of matters relating to the operation of the Act, and to furnish advice to the authority in respect of matters relating to the marine park including advice as to the areas which should be parts of the marine park referred to it by the authority. There are eighteen members selected or chosen to constitute this authority, two-thirds of which came from Canberra and one-third from Queensland. This is a Federal Act. There are sixteen members who are academics and public servants and two others, Mr Izatt from the Queensland Game Fishing Association and Mr J.D. Ballingall from the Queensland Fishermen's State Council. There were the two of them interested primarily in commercial fishing and recreational fishing. The Committee has met some five times and the last duty they have has been to recommend that the Capricorn and Bunker group form part of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. This includes all the southern end of The Great Barrier Reef. It is in the process of being declared a park now.

Mr Goadby suggested that the incoming Executive should make the necessary arrangements to propose Mr Elwood Harry, President of IGFA, as a Life Member of GFAA.

South Africa:

There was considerable discussion regarding Government policy in relation to competition with South Africa. The policy of GFAA is that it is not desired that Australian Game Fishermen compete in open competition with South Africa.