

THE GAME FISHING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

MINUTES of the Twenty-Second Bi-Ennial Conference held at  
the Runaway Bay Marina, Queensland on 29 and 30 November, 1985.

PRESENT:       President and Chairman    Mr. M.D. Ramsay  
  Mr. B. Stoddart  
  Mr. C.I. Cutler  
  Mr. B. Heyward  
  Mr. E.W. Palmer  
  Mr. R.H. Lowe  
  Mr. M. Constantine  
  Mr. J.F. Jacob  
  Mr. C. Roberts  
  Mr. J.C. Johnston  
  Mr. W.B. Coombs  
  Mr. R. Czabayski  
  Mr. K.N. Patrick  
  Mrs. D.V. Nielsen  
  Mr. J.H. Izatt  
  Mr. G. Thorley  
  Mr. C. Tilley  
  Mr. B. Stuart-Nairn  
  Mr. W.J. O'Brien  
  Mr. R. Oehms  
  Mr. R. Ellis  
  Mr. W. Nicholson  
  Mr. G. Bevan  
  Mr. R. Curry  
  Mr. B. Downie  
  Mr. I.P. Goadby  
  Mr. T. Roach  
  Mr. P.V. Gay  
  Mr. L. Ardilley

IN ATTENDANCE:                       Mr. E. White  
  Mr. R. Charles  
  Mr. M. Leahy  
  Mr. R. Hastings  
  Dr. J. Pepperell

APOLOGIES:                             Mr. R. Waddy

CHAIRMANS WELCOME:

The Chairman welcomed those present and made a special mention of all Past Presidents attending. He also recognized the number of Life members and I.G.F.A. Members present. He also welcomed the visitors and observers. The delegates were then invited to stand and introduce themselves to the assembled conference.

EXPLANATION OF VOTING:

The Chairman explained the methods of voting as set out in the Constitution.

For election of Executive it was as per 11 (A) which states a simple majority of delegates present.

For alterations to Constitution a majority of at least two-thirds of the voting powers of the delegates was required. For alterations to the fishing rules a majority of two-thirds of the delegates present was required. The New South Wales delegates disagreed with this explanation and much discussion took place. The Chairman finally ruled that the voting for the Conference would be on this basis.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous Conference held in 1983 were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Johnston and seconded by Mr. Jacob. It was noted that Victorian Delegates were not shown on the previous minutes.

REPORTS:

The President outlined his report covering activities over the past two years which was received with acclamation. A copy of the report was circulated to all Conference delegates.

Mr. Stoddart presented the Secretary's report which had also been circulated and was received by all delegates with acclamation.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Mr. Stoddart submitted the financial statement for the year ending June, 1985 which had been audited and circulated to the delegates.

The report was accepted on a motion from Mr. Cutler and seconded by Mr. Stoddart. The motion was carried.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

Mr. Ellis of Game Fishing Association of Victoria spoke on the citation for Ian Cutler outlining the long association Mr. Cutler had had with game fishing and its administration. He was proud to support the nomination and was delighted the States supported him. The Chairman endorsed Mr. Ellis' remarks and moved a vote of acclamation.

Mr. Cutler thanked the meeting for the confidence in make him a Life Member and said he finds it a great honour. He asked that those present at the meeting rally to support game fishing as it is under attack at the moment.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS:

The Executive Officers from each State presented reports to the meeting. A copy of each report was circulated to all delegates.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The Chairman called for nominations for the election of office bearers for the period 1986/87.

PRESIDENT:

Mr. B. Heyward was nominated by Mr. Bevan and seconded by Mr. Ardilley. There were no further nominations and the Chairman congratulated Mr. Heyward on his appointment as President-Elect.

VICE PRESIDENT:

Mr. Patrick was nominated by Mrs. Nielsen and seconded by Mr. Roberts. There were no further nominations and the Chairman congratulated Mr. Patrick on his appointment as Vice President-Elect.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT:

Mr. Bevan was nominated by Mr. Heyward and seconded by Mr. Lowe. There being no further nominations, Mr. Bevan was elected as Executive Vice President.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FOR EACH STATE:

The following were elected by their State branch -

N.T.	Mr. Roberts
W.A.	Mr. Patrick, nominated by Mr. Durrell (letter) (As Mr. Patrick has already been nominated for the position of Vice President, Mr. Cutler moved and Mr. Izatt seconded that the name of an Executive Officer for WA be referred back to WAGFA for a further nomination)
S.A.	Mr. Czabayski
TAS.	Mr. Constantine
VIC	Mr. Ellis
QLD NORTH	Mrs. Nielsen
QLD SOUTH	Mr. Stoddart nominated by Mr. Tilley. Mr. Stoddart declined. Chairman resolved to leave this matter until the WA nomination was brought up again.

N.S.W

Mr. Downie

The Chairman then called on Mr. Heyward to address the meeting now that his Committee was elected.

Future president, Mr. Heyward, thanked the members for their confidence. He mentioned that he was very proud to follow in the steps of past Presidents as of January 1, 1986. He was pleased with the Executive officers nominated and knew the work would go on and make it the proud Association that it was. He thanked all the States for their support and looked forward to January 1, 1986.

Mr. Heyward mentioned how proud he was to be the future President of GPAA and that he would like to nominate Mr. Graham Williams as his Secretary from January 1, 1986.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION:

Submitted by NSWGFA:

Mr. Lowe moved, and Mr. Bevan seconded that the GFAA procedure for nominations of President and Executive Officers of GPAA be formalised by calling for nominations of all positions from State member bodies 90 days prior to the Bi-Ennial Conference and such nominations close 60 days prior to the Bi-Ennial and that the details of the nominees be circulated to all State bodies 30 days prior to the Bi-Ennial Conference. The acceptance of the nomination shall be in writing and signed by the nominee.

Mr. J. Izatt moved, and Mr. J. Johnston seconded that perhaps an amendment should be made to the wording.

After discussion, Mr. Izatt withdrew his submission. A vote was taken and the motion was lost.

ALTERATIONS TO ANGLING RULES:

From NSWGFA:

RULES AND RECORD BOOK

(A) Mr. Goadby moved, and Mr. Downie seconded that :

Recording of Fish (1983 Blue Book - P. 14 after  
3 before 4 to read) -

The loss or breakage of any tackle not otherwise covered in these rules and regulations must be fully explained in separate sworn reports accompanying the record application.

Following discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was lost.

Mr. Patrick asked that, following earlier discussion on State Delegates, he would like to appoint Mr. E. Palmer, as a Life Member, as a Delegate for W.A. to this meeting.

Mr. Roberts mentioned that according to 14 (1B) a Life Member can be appointed as a Delegate and Proxy, and would ask that Mr. Johnston be seconded for the N.T.

There was no feeling from the meeting regarding this and it is therefore taken that it is acceptable, and we now had two delegates for both WA and NT.

(B) Mr. Bevan moved and Mr. Downie seconded that :

Recording of Fish

The third line 'shall' to be replaced by 'should'.

In the view of voting on (A), it was decided there was no need to discuss (B) and it was withdrawn.

(C) Mr. Bevan moved, and Mr. Downie seconded that :

Double Line -

Page 18 to delete existing rules 2 and 3 to be replaced by new number 2 rule stating :

That doubles be eliminated in all line classes except for (1) metre for the purpose of tying on to the leader.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was lost.

In light of the discussions, it was decided to withdraw the first two paragraphs of point (D).

(D) (Paragraph 3..) Mr. Downie moved, and Mr. Bevan seconded that :

Leader - Saltwater

Page 18 - 3. to follow after device on line 5 and to read in such a way as to prevent the leader from being wound on to the reel.

One point made during discussion was that perhaps we first should recommend to IGFA that it amends its rule; we could then amend our rule and not disadvantage our anglers by having different rules.

After discussion, it was decided to withdraw this motion and put it to general business for further discussion.

The President welcomed Mr. Errol White to the meeting as an observer, and thanked for his assistance in arranging the Conference.

(D) (Paragraph 4..) Mr. Bevan moved, and Mr. Goadby seconded that :

Leader - Saltwater

Page 18 - to be new 5, and to read -

That the use of toggles on leaders to be permitted to a maximum of 50mm in length. (A toggle is a straight length of rod or bar attached to the leader,)

After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was carried.

It was asked if in the Rulebook it will become No. 5, & Freshwater to become No. 6. This was discussed and accepted.

(E) Mr. Bevan moved, and Mr. Goadby seconded that :

Leader

Page 18 - D - that the word leader as used in GFAA rule book be defined.

Mr. Palmer moved that it be worded in the same way as Rule No. 1 in the IGFA rules (this was read out) which does define it. Mr. Goadby seconded Mr. Palmers motion and suggested that it become Clause 3 and 4 of our GFAA rules.

Mr. Goadby further suggested that a sub-committee be appointed to come up with recommendations of the wording which would be circulated to all States and then that it be submitted to I.G.F.A.

This was discussed and the amended wording for point (E) is now to read :

"That a sub-committee be formed to define the word "leader" as used in the GFAA rule book and that this recommendation be referred to all State Presidents and when approved that this be submitted to IGFA for their acceptance".

A vote was taken and the motion was carried with the new wording.

(F) Mr. Goadby moved and Mr. Lowe seconded that :

Hooks and Lures

Page 20 - H 1 to follow on after hook on line 9 and to read -

If a single hook is used it must be partly or wholly contained within a skirt of the lure. If two hooks are used all of the leading hook and some part of the trailing hook must be within the skirt of the same lure.

After discussion a vote was taken and the motion

was carried.

It was asked what would happen where GFAA Rules are changed to become different to IGFA rules. It was suggested that a copy of the Minutes be sent to IGFA.

Mr. Downie moved and Mr. Bevan seconded that GFAA send a submission to IGFA to change the wording of its rules.

- (G) Mr. Goadby moved and Mr. Lowe seconded that :

Other Equipment

Page 22 - J6 to be inserted after kites on line 1 and to read - and other trolling devices.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was carried.

- (H) Mr. Downie moved and Mr. Bevan seconded that :

The following acts will disqualify a catch -

That 4. Page 23 - be deleted and substituted by the current IGFA rule.

This was deferred for later discussion.

To be made rule 13 - Page 23 and to read -

That the winding of the leader or any part thereof onto the reel will disqualify a fish.  
The motion was put and lost.

To be made 14 - Page 23 and to read -

The use of a choker or any other restriction on a shark at any time will disqualify that shark. (A choker is a rope or device which is placed around the head of the shark for the purpose of retaining excess fluids) if a lasso or head rope is used it must be removed and a tail rope or gaff substituted as soon as possible.

Mr. Lowe moved and Mr. Bevan seconded that the portion regarding the choker be changed.

After discussion a vote was taken and the motion was lost.

- (I) Mr. Downie moved, and Mr. Bevan seconded that :

A new section be included to be called "rules for tag and release" and read as follows :

- (i) All angling and equipment regulations applying to captures, excluding those in regard to gaffing, also apply to tag and release.

- (ii) Tag poles used to tag fish must not exceed 3.69 metres (12 feet) of overall length.

After discussion, it was suggested that the length be changed to 15 feet. Mr. Downie and Mr. Bevan both agreed to this change. A vote was taken and Items (i) and (ii) were carried.

Mr. Lowe moved and Mr. Goadby seconded that discussion of other items be put off until later.

Mr. Ellis moved and Mr. Nicholson seconded that Victoria was also concerned about the length of tag needles, and believe that the NSW State Fisheries have a certain rule and would like it to be included in the NSW submission regarding tagging equipment.

Advice was sought from Dr. Pepperell regarding the NSW State Fisheries rules regarding tagging equipment.

Dr. Pepperell advised that the NSW State Fisheries have recommended that a certain size should be used (i.e. approx. 2.5 cm). This size is suitable for almost all fish. They don't, however, object to a bigger needle being used for some species (i.e. Black Marlin).

Mr. Ellis asked if they would consider setting 2.5cm as the suggested length. It was pointed out that this would not be long enough for metal tipped tags. The chair suggested that Victoria defer the discussion and bring it to the meeting again at a later stage. This was agreed.

- (I) Mr. Bevan moved, and Mr. Goadby seconded that :

Angling Rules

- (i) All angling rules applying to captures, excluding those in regard to gaffing also apply to tag and release.
- (ii) The tag pole must be in the hand when the fish is tagged.
- (iii) One or more persons in addition to persons holding the leader may tag or assist in tagging the fish.

It was moved by Mr. O'Brien and seconded by Mr. Goadby that the wording to (ii) be changed to "tag pole or tag holding device" as it is difficult to use a tag pole with some species, i.e. Salmon.

After discussion a vote was taken and the motion was carried, with the amended wording in point (ii)/

- (I) Mr. Bevan moved, and Mr. Goadby seconded that :

The following acts will disqualify a tag and release



- (i) Failure to comply with GFAA tag and release equipment regulations and tag and release angling rules.
- (ii) Failure to comply with all other regulations that disqualify a capture.
- (iii) Use of a gaff, noose, tailrope or other device that may wound or injure a fish prior to, during or after the act of tagging.

It was asked if point (iii) could be reworded so that it reads "the fish shall not be injured prior to being tagged and released".

Mr Downie proposed that the word "injured" be changed to "mutilated".

A vote was taken on points (i) and (ii) and the motion was carried.

Dr Peppersell pointed out that the NSW State Fisheries would still consider injured fish as tagged.

Point (iii). Various changes to the wording were suggested and it was decided to leave this point until a later stage.

Mr Tom Roach gave a verbal report to the meeting outlining the Junior Fishing since 1979.

Mr Johnston commended Mr Roach on his work with Juniors and Mr Goadby seconded this.

Mr Heyward was asked by the Chairman to give a rundown on the costs associated with the 1985 Record Book.

Mr Heyward gave a verbal report on this including:

The book is 88 pages in length with seven page advertisements; for which \$7500-00 was received.

Dominator	\$1500-00
Bertram	\$1000-00
Daiwa	\$1000-00
Shimano	\$1500-00
Marine Hull Insurance	\$1000-00
Blue Fin Sports	\$ 500-00
Jack Erskine )	
MOssops )	\$1000-00
Complete Angler )	
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	\$7500-00
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The initial print cost :	\$ 8,330.00
Art work :	\$ 3,020.00
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Total :	\$11,350.00
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Total cost GFAA:	\$3,850

It was noted that this was an initial cost and that in future years it will cost less. It was asked that if any errors were spotted that they notify Mr. Heyward immediately so that the computer data could be amended. Mr. Heyward mentioned that he was very pleased to be involved with the printing of the book and thanked Ian Burns for his assistance.

It was noted that 6,000 books were printed and that 5,160 had been distributed.

NSW mentioned that they had paid for 2578 members and yet had only received 2,000 copies of the book. They do not have enough books to cover existing or new members and would like to receive the correct amount in future. Victoria supports NSW in this, they have only received 55% of the books.

A breakdown of the books distributed and required was given:

<u>STATE</u>	<u>NO. SENT OUT:</u>	<u>NO. OF MEMBERS</u>
NSW	2,000 (then 500)	2,578
QLD	1,300	1,420
VIC	750	900
TAS	400	255
SA	300	406
NT	60	80
WA	350	218
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TOTAL	5,160	6,657
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The Chairman explained that GFAA hadnt received all fees before the books were printed and therefore could not be sure how many were required.

It was suggested that extra books be printed and that Clubs could sell them to new members at a set fee.

Mr. Goadby asked Mr. Heyward why weren't the books printed in Hong Kong where it would be much cheaper. The Chairman stated he accepted fully responsibility for them being printed in Australia. With advertisements and book bounty we should break even.

It was noted that no advertisements were placed on the front inside and back covers. It was pointed out that due to the size of the book it was decided to forego this.

The Chairman apologised to Colin Roberts as his name had been omitted as an I.G.F.A. representative.

It was suggested that the book be printed earlier in the year and the meeting agreed to producing one in January (1987) for February (1987) distribution. The money from affiliation fees will be in by October ('86) so this would solve some of the problems related to numbers and that approximately 10% extra books should be printed.

The Chairman gave an indication of the numbers of claims received. There was a dramatic increase in the numbers, although the World Record claims had been static.

It was noted that the Executive Vice President, Mr. Rowan Waddy, had forwarded a postcard to the meeting, and he wished it well.

(I) Mr. Goadby continued with Point (111) of NSW submission 1.

He suggested that the wording remain the same except to add a word so that it reads "jaw gaff/release".

Various members suggested alternate wording.

Mr. Goadby moved, and Mr. Lowe seconded that the wording should now be :

"release/jaw gaff (other than jaw gaff for the purpose of tagging)".

A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Submitted from Game Fishing Association of Victoria

(A) Mr. Ellis moved, and Mr. Cutler seconded that :

The eligible species and record charts as set down by GFAA be broken down into game fishing, sportfishing, freshwater and flyfishing.

After discussion a vote was taken and the motion was lost.

(B) Mr. Ohems moved, and Mr. Nicholson seconded that:

Any fish gaffed after tagging or attempted tagging to be disqualified.

Mr. Ohems moved, and Mr. Nicholson seconded that the wording in this section be amended to read :

"When a fish is tagged for the purpose of accruing tag and release points, and that catch is subsequently gaffed and presented to the Weigh master, any such accrued tag and release points relating to that fish shall be null and void."

After discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

- (C) The tag needle should not exceed the recommended length as set down by NSW State Fisheries.

After discussion it was decided the wording should be amended to read :

"The tag needle should not protrude more than 50mm between the length of the tag, nor shall it exceed 5mm in external diameter."

After discussion a vote was taken and the motion was carried.

- (D) Mr. Cutler moved and Mr. Nicholson seconded that :

The GFAA give State Associations and affiliated Clubs a more efficient and timely service for records line tests, and patches and that the service be at a nominal cost.

The Chairman asked that this be held over until after the rule changes were completed.

After discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Lowe asked that the minutes show that the Executive was not being criticised by previous motion.

- (E) Mr. Nicholson moved, and Mr. Ellis seconded that :

A Weighmaster be vested with discretion to humanely kill or authorise the discrete killing of a live shark which is presented for weighing and that any wounds so inflicted will not disqualify the capture.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was lost.

- (F) Mr. Nicholson moved and Mr. Ellis moved that :

The length of doubles, leaders and combinations be standardised regardless of line class. (It is recognised that Australia must comply with the world-wide rulings of IGFA but we feel that this feeling of opinion should be conveyed to IGFA before any final decision is made.)

This motion was withdrawn due to previous discussion.

- (G) Mr. Ellis moved and Mr. Cutler seconded that :

The "Smith's Jig" lures with fixed double hooks be allowed (Rule H.2).

The Chairman noted that a world record could be put into jeopardy if we changed this rule.

Mr. Johnston suggested that we form a Rules Committee and give it to them. Victoria was happy to withdraw the motion on this basis.

The Chairman welcomed Errol White and Michael Leahy to the meeting as observers.

(H) Mr. Nicholson moved and Mr. Ellis seconded that :

In the revised Rule Book, terminology consistent with common usage be adopted to avoid confusion - specifically with regard to hooks.

A double hook is two adjacent hooks welded together.

A treble hook is three adjacent hooks welded together.

A gang hook is one hook passed through the eye of another.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was lost.

(I) Mr. Ellis moved and Mr. Nicholson seconded that:

The forms for submitting Record Claims be standardised between the various States, GFAA and IGFA so as to reduce paperwork and the risk of error or omission.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was carried.

From South Australian Game Fishing Association

(1) Mr. Czabayski moved and Mr. Coombs seconded that :

The following species be added to the list of recognised game fish and sharks:

(a) Bream : All species (Acanthopagrus)  
Altogether 4 species (Found in all States)

Motion lost.

(b) Gummy Shark: (Emissola Anarctica) P  
Motion carried.

From Ern Palmer AO IGFA Trustee, PP GFAA

Mr. E. Palmer moved and Mr. Goadby seconded that :

Acts to disqualify a catch

Rule 4:

Delete present wording and substitute :

\*Handling or using a handline, toggle, loop or rope attached

in any manner to the angler's line or leader for the purpose of holding or lifting the fish".

Rule 5:

Delete the words "during any stage of the catch".

Rule 6:

Delete the words "oil or".

There was some discussion re Mr. Palmer's submission and Mr. Lowe mentioned that in NSW they had had discussions as to where this motion had appeared on the Agenda. They requested clarification as to why individuals were allowed to present motions in their own right at this Conference.

The Chairman stated the proposal from Mr. Palmer was accepted because it had been discussed in writing between Mr. Palmer and the President of GFAA, because Mr. Palmer as a Life Member was a member of GFAA, and because due notice was given. The Chairman pointed out we also had accepted a submission for a NSW delegate.

Mr. Palmer stated that he had written to the GFAA and asked that this amendment be submitted for the Agenda. In the past there has been a section headed "Submissions from the Executive" and he had expected his submission to go under this section.

The Chairman asked if the meeting was happy to proceed with the proposal.

It was suggested that it be postponed to General Business. It was decided to proceed now as "Submission from Executive". Mr. Downie pointed out that this was not brought up as a criticism of Mr. Palmer.

Rule 4:

Mr. Palmer would like to add the word loop after handline and to cross out the word toggle.

The Chairman asked that it be reworded and presented again later.

Rule 5:

It was asked if this would affect the wording under Flyfishing.

The Chair asked for this to be looked at and presented again at a later stage.

Rule 6

A vote was taken and the motion was carried. It was noted that Rules 4 and 5 were deferred.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Ray Hastings to the meeting.

AUSTRALIAN FISHING MUSEUM

Mr. John O'Brien gave a report on the Australian Fishing Museum and a copy of this was given to all present. It was added that Mr. Goadby had done a lot of work for the year and he has done a magnificent job.

Mr. Goadby then spoke of a submission to the NSW Government, the Insurance Claim and the possibility of fund-raising in regard to the Museum. It was noted that the work of Mr. O'Brien has kept the Museum going and that the Association owes it to him to support the Museum as fully as possible.

It was mentioned that some of the more remote area anglers had troubles and that perhaps a video of the Museum could be made that could be distributed to these members. It was noted that this was feasible and a good idea.

It was asked that the figures for the Museum be explained and this was done.

Mr. Stoddart moved and Mr. Downie seconded that for the 1985/86 year GFAA made a donation to the Museum of \$6,800 (made up of \$5,500 being calculated for \$1 per member and \$10 per line test for an estimated 130 claims).

The motion was carried and the cheque was to be presented to Mr. O'Brien at the official Dinner on November 30, 1985.

Mr. O'Brien thanked the Association and asked that they note that there was a new trustee to the Museum, a Mr. Gus Faye and that he had donated \$5,000.00 towards it.

Mrs. Nielsen thought that GFAA should insure the line tester. Mr. Goadby mentioned that this has been investigated with an insurance company and it was decided that it was best to be insured with the Museum items. It was asked if GFAA could reimburse the Museum for the insurance premium if the line tester was listed as a separate item. The Chairman noted this and said it would be taken into account.

Mr. Palmer moved, and Mr. Downie seconded that the previous matter of Rules 4 and 5 of Mr. Palmer's submission now be discussed.

The Following Acts Will Disqualify a Catch -

Rule 4

- (a) Handlining
- (b) Using a handline, loop, ring, or rope attached in any manner to the Anglers line or leader to part of a boat or other object for the purpose of holding or lifting the fish.

Flyfishing to be worded the same.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was carried.

Rule 5

Delete "during any stage of the catch".

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Flyfishing 6. Delete "prior to landing or boating the catch"  
After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was carried.

Mr. Palmer proposed, and Mr. Goadby seconded that we should insert "gaffs and nets" in equipment where you have words "bait", "rope" or "noose". This was withdrawn after discussion as it already appears in the book.

REPORT FROM DR PEPPERELL

Dr. Pepperell gave a verbal report on the NSW State Fisheries Department. He gave a brief rundown of the activities of the Department over the last two years and showed a graph of the number of fish tagged in that time. He mentioned that this would be in the Annual Report to be printed soon. He mentioned that tagging had increased Australia-wide and mentioned some details regarding the distance between the first and subsequent tagging. He said that the Department now had its own computer and data base, and that there are now two new types of tags which they believe are superior products. They have printed new tag cards with different information.

Dr. Pepperell conveyed his thanks and those of his Department and other Departments around Australia, and asked that this be conveyed back to member clubs and member anglers and that they be made aware that they are contributing to the success of the programme in a big way.

It was asked if the Department had discovered any relationship between moon phases and the fish. Dr. Pepperell mentioned that the Department were running a series of analysis on this - but that it was not yet complete. Seems that there is a greater catch of marlin before and after a full moon.

The meeting thanked Dr. Pepperell for his time.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

From New South Wales Game Fishing Association

(1) Mr. Curry moved and Mr. Downie seconded that:

The GFAA handle Australian Record Claims with following procedures :

- (a) Immediately acknowledge receipt of claim to State Branch, copies to Club and Angler.
- (b) If any components of a claim are missing, additional information or verification sought, a letter requesting this should be sent to the State, with copies to Club and Angler.
- (c) After Line Testing and awarding or rejection of claim, confirmation of result along with line test breaking strain (as moved at 1981 Bi-Ennial Conference) be sent to State Branch, copies to Club and Angler.



- (d) When the claim is completed, record certificates dated with the date of the fish capture be sent to the State Branch with a copy of the covering letter to the Club and Angler.

It was suggested that a standard letter be prepared listing all claims and that this be sent out monthly.

The Chairman accepted this proposal.

- (2) Mr. Goadby moved and Mr. Bevan seconded that :

In accordance with the date in the 1970 GFAA Year Book that 1929 be recognised as the year of the commencement of organised ethical game fishing. The Newcastle and Northern Districts Deep Sea and Game Fishing Club as outlined in that Year Book and in "Game Fishing off the Australian Coast" has continued on as the Newcastle and Port Stephens Game Fishing club.

After discussion, the Chairman suggested that we accept the statement from NSW but that we have it verified from information others have and when this information comes in, then have it printed. This was accepted by the meeting.

From the Northern Territory Game fishing Association

- (1) Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Johnston seconded that:

Threadfin Salmon:

GFAA request that IGFA give consideration to including Threadfin Salmon as a world record species.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was carried.

- (2) Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Johnston seconded that:

National Grand Prix Fishing Tournament:

GFAA give consideration to staging a national competition over a twelve month period involving (initially) three States and/or Territories with the highest aggregate points determining the winning team.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was carried.

From Mr. John O'Brien MBE, and Mr. Peter Goadby

Mr. O'Brien moved and Mr. Johnston seconded that:

GFAA request State bodies to have compiled and sent each year, data from their State Clubs showing number and weights of Marlin

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weighed, and the number of Marlin tagged and released with estimated weights.

That GFAA liaise with ANSA and ask their help by compiling the same data from their sources.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

From Game Fishing Association of Victoria

Mr. Oehms moved Mr. Ellis seconded that :

GFAA Bi-Ennial Conference be centrally located each time (eg. Sydney) OR that at the conclusion of each Conference the venue of the next Conference be nominated to allow sufficient time for the Association to save sufficient funds to send delegates.

After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was lost.

From Tasmania Game Fishing Association

Mr. Constantine moved that :

1. Affiliation fees
2. Location and costs of future Conferences.
3. Clarification of certificates - claims advised prior to certificate.

The Chairman interceded saying that these items had previously been discussed.

Mr. Patrick mentioned that the WA State body asked if GFAA would consider a lesser fee for Juniors. The Chairman replied that this could not be discussed at this time as it was not in writing and suggested that the WA State body put it in writing.

Mr. Lowe mentioned that the Tasmanian submissions were too sparsely worded. The Chairman told Mr. Lowe that he hoped their submission wouldn't be ruled out because of this as TGFA was a body small in numbers and he would rather receive an abbreviated submission than none at all. Mr. Lowe stated that they did not wish to do so, that is why it was brought up after the submission and not before. The NSW body just wanted it noted.

MATTERS DEFERRED:

- (1) Mr. Patrick moved, and Mr. Palmer seconded that Mr. Ron Durell be nominated as Executive Officer for Western Australia.
- (2) Mr. Tilley moved and Mr. Izatt seconded that Mr. Albert McPherson be the Executive Officer for Southern Queensland.

FROM GFAA EXECUTIVE:

- (A) Use of whale oil for burley - This is outlawed by IGFA and we should do likewise.

This item was withdrawn as it had been discussed previously.

- (B) Bi-Centenary Tournament - We should settle on a format for the tournament and appoint a committee to see it through until 1988.

Mr. Palmer moved, and Mr. Cutler carried the above motion. A vote was taken and the motion was carried.

Resolved that the Incoming Committee establish a sub-committee to plan for and conduct a 1988 Bi-Centenary Tournament. The Committee to consider co-opting persons other than members of the Executive as additional members.

Mr. Roach suggested that the Bi-Centenary Committee give consideration to Juniors.

- (C) All Australian All Tackle Record Chart - The Australian Anglers Association has an Australian Record Chart which recognises any capture provided the fish is correctly identified and not caught by illegal means. There is no stipulation for terminal tackle. The Australian Recreational Fishing Confederation is looking at producing a Record Chart made up from all tackle Record Charts from the various fishing disciplines such as AAA, ANSA, GFAA, etc.

After discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

- (D) Animal Welfare legislation - We need an update from all States on what is happening in this area and the effect on our sport.

VIC Our Minister has indicated that he isn't going to proceed any further.

SA We believe it has been shelved because of the up-coming election and expect it to 'rear its ugly head' again.

WA It's in limbo at present. Main mover in WA is RSPCA and there is a lot of in-fighting there at the moment.

Mr. Goadby mentioned a press Statement received and that the main concern seems to be the Senate Select Committee on Animal Welfare. Suggests they have just finished with kangaroos and will move into other areas next year. We need to ensure that we know who is speaking for us and to be careful that they have accurate information.

The Chairman said he had spoken to Senator Georges and the Senator informed him that he would probably be ready to retire about the time they get to the end of this. As he saw it, our part will be in the last part of the Report.

TAS. Government is concerned with dams and wood-chips and not worried about it.

NT Government is worried about Aboriginal Land Rights and not about it.

(E) East Coast Tuna Fishery - a report on a meeting held in Brisbane recently.

Mr. Goadby submitted a verbal report on the meeting convened by the Commonwealth Government on the East Coast Tuna Fisher.

it was mentioned by Mr. Downie that the appreciation of all those at the meeting be recorded for those involved in attending the meeting.

(F) Incorporation of GFAA - Is this Necessary ?

Chairman - We must be careful and alert after the scare at the last Executive Officers Conference - I thought about it and asked Mr. Palmer and Mr. Leahy - their advice was the same.

Michael Leahy addressed the meeting and suggested that this wasn't really necessary and that it would be a very costly procedure. This viewpoint was endorsed by Mr. Palmer.

A vote was taken, and it was decided not to incorporate GFAA.

(G) The Australian and International Billfish Tournament - What is its future?

The Moreton Bay Club has for the last 5 years held this tournament and have indicated that they no longer wish to do so on their own. They are prepared to support GFAA if it can find some other club to help to run the tournament. At this stage there is no AIBT tournament planned for next year, unless the States start to organise entrants. Indication from States was :

SA	Definitely
NSW	Definitely
NT	Will Try
VIC.	Problem as have Easter Tournament in Victoria
WA	Will Try
TAS	Will Try

It seems to be difficult to set a time that would be suitable for all States.

The Chairman stated that he wanted to get it across to the members the great difficulty he was having with the AIBT. It will not be up to the new President to worry about it from January 1, 1986.

(H) The Australian Recreational Fishing Confederation.

Mr. Cutler gave a description of the Confederation.

Mr. Patrick asked the Chairman to comment on a letter from Elwood Harry addressed to Mr. Goadby. It concerned two tiger sharks caught on the same day in New South Wales waters, both claimed for a World Record. Elwood Harry stated in such an instance IGFA will recognise only the largest fish. His exact words were -

"To grant a record for a given amount of hours just does not make sense. To determine the exact time of day on an international basis is just too complicated and not necessary. We have had various instances where two record fish of a given species have been caught on the same day, but we have only recognized the larger of the catches."

Mr. Patrick said where there are matters of IGFA interest or importance they should be brought to the GFAA Executive. The Chairman asked IGFA representatives when writing to IGFA, to give copies to GFAA. He said, with Peter's permission, he would write to Elwood Harry regarding this particular matter.

#### MONEY TOURNAMENTS:

The Chairman called for viewpoints from each State on cash tournaments.

Mr. Goadby stated that these were now running in NSW successfully and as far as everyone was concerned there weren't any problems. They are run by game fishing clubs and not outside people.

Mr. Nicholson stated that Victoria doesn't have cash prizes, that they give trophies. They do not want to see what happened in America happen here and are against cash tournaments.

Mr. Tilley stated that Queensland holds the same views as Victoria.

Mr. Patrick stated that Western Australia had had a few problems a few years ago with large prizes and cash prizes. WA are against large cash tournaments. Last large tournament was all trophies and support was excellent.

South Australia is against the idea and holds same views as Victoria.

Tasmania is against the idea and do not run any.

Mr. Downie mentioned that it had been discussed at their last meeting in NSW and from observing overseas tournaments, they suggest this organisation think very carefully about it. Suggests we try and keep it under our control, so that it is kept in a way in which we can handle it.

Mr. Palmer mentioned that Elwood Harry has this problem and that he has advised IGFA Representatives not to adjudicate in cash tournaments. If there is a capture, they can record weight. He has warned clubs and individuals to have nothing to do with cash tournaments.

OTHER:

Mr. Curry asked what date the new rule changes would take effect. They will take effect from January 1, 1986.

Mr. Johnston - Rules Committee mentioned a few times. Will new Executive consider this. It has been taken that this will be done.

Mr. Roach - If incoming Executive will agree to donate a trophy for Juniors - it may be a lead for State Associations to move for junior fishing.

Mr. Downie - NSW would certainly accept setting up a Rules Committee. There are lots of points which could be clarified in the constitution.

Mr. Gay spoke on the work done by the President and Secretary during their term of office which was a difficult period. He congratulated them on their efforts and on a fine Conference.

Mr. Cutler supported Mr. Gay and the meeting moved a vote of thanks by acclamation.

The Chairman closed the meeting by thanking all for their attendance and help.

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