

SFFNZ Committee Meeting Minutes

Saturday 21st May 2016

Apologies: Paul Dewar, Cory Scott

Present: Craig Farrar, Des Armstrong, Lloyd Struthers, Nigel Juby, Neil Hirtzel, Sam Bourne, Peter Rubischon, Paul Gummer

Meeting opened at 11.26am

The Committee discussed the agenda items with a range of outcomes. Some items were:

- A. Left at a discussion stage with a view to possible future work required and further discussion in due course.
- B. Discussed with the Committee voting to take the item forward.

Most importantly a number of items discussed, and agreed on by the Committee are caveated with a view to seeking majority approval from the membership. Including items which would require a remit to be prepared for the AGM to outline a respective proposal in full so it can be fully captured, discussed and voted on.

Agenda items:

1. Goals and direction of the organization. Discussion around creating a positive culture, mission statement, what do we want to achieve, what are our goals, etc. to support our core purpose and constitution.

Discussion to promote Sports Fly Fishing in New Zealand and a need to be open, friendly, exciting and more fun in the competition scene. Need to minimize protests through education rather than penalties.

Goals: pursuit of excellence
encourage participation
encourage fairness
affordability
appealing competition format
promote youth
data-sharing
induction & development
code of ethics
sponsor support & management

2. Roles within the Committee

This is the draft of Committee roles that Craig has put together with help of others:

Craig Farrar - President (coordinator)

Cory Scott - Communications, Newsletter and Facebook (backup Website)

Sam Bourne - Website - Backup Facebook

Nigel Juby - Event coordinator (calendar, organisers, fish and game)

Des Armstrong - Development/coaching - It support

Lloyd Struthers - Rules and Regs (Fips Mouche changes, protest committee etc) Health & Safety plan

Peter Rubischon - Treasurer, membership subs.

Paul Gummer - Secretary (correspondence, minutes, meeting agenda, contact person) membership records

Paul Dewar and Neil Hirtzel - 2016 captains.

Some roles will evolve over time, will have cross-over and may need outside help or subcommittees.

Membership, promotion and sponsorship are all important roles that don't fall under 1 person. Sam has put in some great work around membership which will need further discussion at a future meeting.

We also still need a Vice President.

Website

Need steps for website documented. Statistics on page hits?

Website could link to Facebook.

Web host is currently 'Tin Soldier' with free hosting. Need contingency for paid web hosting of approx. \$200 per annum

Potential for competition entry *via* website using shopping cart technology with confirmation of booking

Angler Development

Team training should incorporate performance plans, performance diaries.

Potential to use Google Hangouts for 'video-conference' with a panel of experts and forum of interested members.

Aim is to encourage interaction, help, community, etc.

Sports psychology would be beneficial for teams.

Suggest training plan with mini sessions and rotating, etc. Create a culture of learning rather than just competitiveness.

Promotion

Potential for talks at angling clubs, articles, etc

Is newsletter still necessary

Informative outlets should be encouraged to educate angling community about SFFNZ

Vice President

Committee voted to take this forward:

Lloyd Struthers offered to take up the Vice President role.

Sponsorship

Need to discuss potential for sponsorship possibilities

Support industry.

Who could be potential sponsors?

What are expectations of sponsors?

Funding

Profit per annum for SFFNZ over past four years averaged \$896

Committee

Action: Remit to be prepared for the AGM to outline the proposal in full, so it can be voted on:

Committee to be re-elected through voting at AGM by members

3. Competition calendar for the upcoming season including Nationals.

Committee voted to take this forward - Spread out comp calendar, additional work to formalise 2016-17 season

Discussions included:

Many events in short space of time....could they be spread out across the year? This could allow more room if comps are postponed also.

Issues noted with summer temps also, Fish & Game and water temperature and scheduled comps on certain venues (Auckland Waikato region)

How many separate Regional comps needed?

Discussion around overall number of events

Comps are always subject to weather

Potential for a 'Pairs'-type comp on a river? Pro-am.

Potential for autumn comps after April?

Discussion around months for respective comps. Propose first weekend for each month for a comp

Two-day vs one-day comps....leave to organiser?

2016	July	Waihou / Waimakariri
	August	Aniwhenua
	September	Maraetai
	October	Kuratau
	November	Rotoaira
	December	Wellington
2017	January	Tukituki, Manawatu
	February	TBC - Lake Mowhango?
	March	<i>Rest month pre-nationals</i>
	April	Nationals
	May	Ohinemuri
	June	Waiweka-ProAm Masters?

Potential for competition entry *via* website using shopping cart technology with confirmation of booking

Committee voted to take change to Nationals forward, subject to approval by members at the 2016 AGM :

SFFNZ returns to one combined lakes & rivers National Champs. (*Justification is to emulate World Champs scenario. Cost also prohibitive for a number of members*).

Committee decided to retain separate "Lakes" and "Rivers" champions for the the top performing lake and river anglers at the National Championships. This rewards excellence in the two disciplines.

4. International competitions and selection process for the future including 2016-2017

Rule review & suggested changes :

Committee voted to take forward the following proposal subject to approval by members at the 2016 AGM

SFFNZ removes rule that World selection requires an angler to have fished an Oceania or Commonwealth previously.

Committee voted to take forward the following proposal subject to approval by members at the 2016 AGM

SFFNZ removes six-man teams and returns to five-man teams. With reserve named. If reserve cannot attend, then Captain acts as reserve.

Other discussions included:

Changes to the National Championship format (noted above). Feedback from many members was that the requirement to qualify on both rivers and lakes was demanding on both time and money.

Committee voted to take forward the following proposal subject to approval by members at the 2016 AGM

The committee proposes reverting to the previous system which comprised one National Championships over three days with possibly two lake sessions and three river sessions or, a variation depending on format of upcoming World Champs.

Qualification for the Nationals will be based on an angler's best two Regional Champs points.

Points system discussed. Many possibilities.

Action: Suggest we ask a 'maths expert' such as Strato to look at a selection of possibilities. Key is to make the regional qualifiers even.

Team Selection

Committee voted to take forward, the following proposal subject to approval by members at the 2016 AGM

SFFNZ to send a team to Australia in 2019 which is normally an 'off' year

Committee agreed to take forward the following proposal subject to approval by members at the 2016 AGM

We send a team every year for Slovakia 2017, Wales 2018 and Australia 2019, pending review of frequency following 2019

Committee agreed to take forward the following proposal subject to approval by members at the 2016 AGM

World championship team selection for 2017*, 2018, 2019 will initially include anyone who placed in the top 25 at the most recent World's, who then qualified and competed in the following year's Nationals. The remaining World's Team is made of up to five members with the top placed anglers using qualification points consisting of the two best Regional events and National Championships (Lakes and Rivers) qualification points.

In the event of one of these anglers not being available, then the next person down the list will become eligible etc.

Committee agreed to take forward the following proposal subject to approval by members at the 2016 AGM

*As Slovakia World Champs is a recent proposal but offers a bonus New Zealand representation, the process of team selection will be by an initial expressions of interest followed by a 'fish-off' with one day river and one day lake.

Committee agreed to take forward the following proposal subject to approval by members at the 2016 AGM

Team selection for Wales and Australia Worlds to be made as described above.

Committee agreed to take forward the following proposal subject to approval by members at the 2016 AGM

Commonwealth, Oceania's, Masters teams are proposed not to be funded to allow SFFNZ funds to be focused on Worlds teams. Youth World teams to be funded after further discussion.

5. Oceania's 2017 (to be held in NZ)

Discussion on Oceanias

Invite expressions of interest to organise Oceania Champs 2017 from members

6. Possible hosting of Commonwealth Champs 2019

Australia already hosting World Champs and Oceania's so have requested New Zealand might consider hosting the Commonwealth Champs with approx. 15 to 16 teams likely to compete

Suggested that organization is offered to a professional event organizer.

Need to decide before September

We invite members for feedback on SFFNZ hosting the Commonwealth Champs in 2019 in New Zealand

7. Competition Rules

Rules should be based on FIPS Mouche Rules in conjunction with Fish & Game or DOC Rules.

Start with FIPS Mouche Rules and then add local modifications to suit New Zealand conditions.

Local rules should comply with Fish & Game and Dept. of Conservation

Identify required rule modifications

Lloyd to look at rules and potential for review, update, consensus, etc.

Approved that we use/start with FIPS Mouche Rules and then add local respective modifications.

Lloyd to look into this and come back to committee.

Other items covered:

Controllers and potential for competitors controlling on rotational basis

Discussion around fish size around the 20cm mark and should this be changed by altering time of year for specific competitions, raising size limit, one point per fish, etc.

8. A review of the protest and appeal process.

Protest and appeal process would benefit from updating.
Three people on protest Sub-committee is adequate but could be chosen from a pool of possible senior members
Collect only factual information through interviews, etc.
Discussion around refining the rules and tightening the protest and appeal process
Lessons learnt: Competition organisers should not set penalties for infringement in comp rules.

Committee voted to take this forward, highlight to members at 2016 AGM:

Amend rules to accommodate issues discussed.

9. Adam Daniel letter to respond to. * *Refer to Adam's email*

Action: Nigel to respond to Adam.

10. Discussion around a H&S plan with the view of then creating one.

Discussion around new H&S Act. As volunteers, we are not liable for prosecution.
Issues included travelling to and from events is a risk.
Important for SFFNZ members to be seen to be adopting safe practice.

Committee voted to take this forward:

Producing a Health & Safety Plan to help advise members and to actively check compliance such as flares and life jackets on lakes, communication devices, where to call for First Aid help, etc.
Details of issues around care of anglers and controllers.

Action: Lloyd to develop initial draft of the H&S Plan.

11. Youth Angler Development

SFFNZ support to clubs to create a pathway for youth development (e.g. via club comps & angler development)
Nominated SFFNZ Members allocated to each club to facilitate the above

Discussion took place around the issue of attracting and encouraging young anglers. Currently, there is a growing core including John Gummer, Geoffrey Berntsen, Jake Cutmore, Brooklyn Rundstrom, Liam Brebner & Tarn Mack-McEwen.
Support to be given to youth through training sessions, funding for World Youth championships noted, etc.

12. Discussion around possible funded travel from North Island to South Island provided they can construct a competition format down there and *visa versa* with the end aim of establishing a competition base in the South Island. Possible provision for funding to cover basic travel cost between the two islands ie to compete in possible wider NZ Nationals.

To find and encourage South Island anglers to start a competition programme.
Discussion around North island anglers going down to fish a 'pro-am' style competition as part of initiating this. Possible funding for a current member to fly down to speak at various clubs.

13. Rules for reimbursing costs to competition organisers

Committee voted to take this forward:

That Nigel, as Event Co-ordinator, approves claims for comp organisation.
After a cap of \$200, Nigel to go to Committee / Secretary for approval.

14. Invoicing Membership Subscriptions 2016/17

Committee voted to take this forward:

Discussion to send out invoices for annual subscription?
Possible non-competing subscription noted. Affiliated members.

15. Possible future directions for SFFNZ

Discussed in other agenda items

16. Any other business

Request to include landline and mobile phone numbers with email addresses in members' contact details list
Action: Secretary to prepare this list

Meeting closed at 6.55pm