



USFA

Meeting Minutes #2

8 September 2022

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USFA MEETING MINUTES



Location: Online meeting (Google meetup)
Date: 8 September 2022
Time: 8:00pm – 9:30pm
Facilitator: Simon Trippe
Minute taker: Ian Buck

0 | Agenda Items

1. General Business
2. President Report
3. Kingfish Cup & future events
4. First Nation Mulloways
5. Committee Reports
6. Building Membership
7. Fair Trading



1 | Attendance

Role	Name	Attendance
Chair	Simone Trippe	Attended
Vice Chair	Parry Gryllis	Attended
Treasurer	Evan Leeson	Attended
Secretary	Ian Buck	Attended
Sports Assistant	Lee Dali	Apologies
First Nations Liaison Officer	David Lehā	Attended
Membership Officer	Ricardo Casquete	Apologies
Historical Officer	Mel Brown	Apologies
Mosman Whalers delegate	Steven Park	Apologies
Public officer	Alby Cooke	Attended
NSUC	Adam Price	Apologies
NSUC	Justin Delaney	Apologies
Port Hacking Penguins Del.	Gary Baxter	Apologies
Sydney Orcas Delegate	Bob McComb	Apologies
Spectator	Sam K	Attended

2 | USFA meeting minutes

2.1 | General Business

- Recent spearfishing death in North Bondi
 - Discussion of signage and safety requirements
- Previous meeting minutes and newsletter now uploaded to website with menu incorporation
- New newsletter development underway
 - \$50 for best photo
 - Participants to send photos to USFA email
 - **Action: Sam, USFA email creation**
- Fix homepage issue when viewed on mobile phone
 - **Action: Sam**
- To refresh social media
 - Facebook
 - Instagram
 - Twitter
 - **Action: Sam and Simon**

2.2 | President Report

A lot is happening.

Back of house firstly

- Since the last meeting Evan has finalised the transfer of the bank accounts successfully, thank you Evan as this was an arduous task to perform with the many hoops the banks have you jump through, Justin Delaney thanks too for taking the time off work to come into the bank to assist. While on banking we have paid the Insurer for the next twelve months so are covered there.
- As discussed in previous meetings, we still have two open accounts with St George that need to be closed. The primary account is BSB 112-879 Account 482 582 356 (\$2.30 balance remaining) and the USFA Special Account BSB 112-879 Account 422 095 548. All in attendance of this meeting agree to close these accounts. Any balance remaining in the accounts can be kept by Gary Baxter who is one of the current signatories on both accounts and who will be facilitating their closure.

Meeting with the Deputy Premier and Minister for Agriculture

- USFA recently organised a meeting with the Minister for Agriculture the Hon. Dugald Saunders.
- Dugald met with Coffs Harbour Freedivers President Brian Hackett, and the Solitary Islands Marine Park spearo rep Mick Featherstone.
- This was a productive meeting, both Brian and Mick are long serving spearos with decades of experience and they were able to discuss some spearo concerns – such as more spearo representation on advisory panels; Marine Parks and how they impact the spearfisher; Slot sizes with the consequences this can have on a spearo.
- Duncan was thoughtful, well informed, and importantly listened to our concerns, we thanked him for his time to and considerations for spearfishing.
- The Minister had not yet met with any rec fishers at all in his term, so we were pleased to get the first meeting with him.
- Another meeting is being arranged for the end of this month for myself and some committee to meet with the Minister.

Kingfish Cup

- Kingfish Cup is almost upon us, a lot has been done.
- Sponsors Letter out.
- Planning for the 3 events.
- The information night to be held at Adreno Sydney on November 3rd, a Thursday; The Cup itself on the 12/13th November; the presentation on the 17th.
- Some great things in the pipeline for this, including a massive social evening for the info night, great guest speakers in Dan Jones, Justin Ewan and Derrick Cruz; @spearchef Jai Gibbons plans to show attendees how to best prepare a kingfish so look out for his knife skills; The paella king Rico will be providing some amazing food; a couple of very good prizes handed out on this night too.
- Anticipate 200 spearos to attend the event.

The Mulloways

- The First Nations spearfishing club! The Mulloways. David Leha and Tom Dyer have been superb in getting this happening. Congratulations gentlemen. You may recall in a previous newsletter David's passion to get more of his people back to the water. Unfortunately I missed attending their first meeting and will endeavour to rectify this in the near future.

Membership

- Adreno have agreed to market USFA instore with a tremendous discount of 10% for USFA members. It is a privilege to have this agreement. To use your discount use your USFA number.
- Remember the membership also provides you with a comprehensive insurance cover

Transfer of bank accounts successfully (Evan Leeson), JD in support

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RIP Les Gleaves

- Les Gleaves, a prolific volunteer for the Spearfishing Association passed away recently. Les held numerous records, the Dogtooth Tuna World record at 55 kilograms for a decade, a phenomenal achievement, more so taking it with an Undersee Clubman speargun. A true gentleman, and good friend to many he will be missed.
- Sad news where a spearfisher drowned recently at Bondi, he was exiting at the Hastings rocks area with a companion and it seems unfortunately hit his head in the process, and went back into the sea. He was recovered by a brave soul who was in a group of three spearos, separate from the pair, who found him promptly yet alas the spearo was not able to revive. RIP lover of the ocean. It is a grave reminder to us all that the sea can be unforgiving and to always be alert for any situation that can arise.

Future Leaders

- USFA is on the lookout for any younger spearos who may wish to enter into a leadership program, with the idea that one day in the near future they will be able to fulfill vital roles in spearfishing leadership,

Safe diving everyone!

2.3 | Spearfishing Cups

2.3.1 | Kingfish Cup

Adreno keen to support

2.3.1.1 | Media

- October 3rd start to push
- Mid Oct (4-5 weeks out)
 - Social media photos
 - Facebook event planning
 - Post vs group, private vs public group
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/USFASpearfishing>
 - Instagram
 - **Action: Simon to make link with Sam support**
 - **To action**
 - Noob spearo to promote on podcast
 - Promote on podcast
 - Logo
 - Seagreen logo - Jason Harris created
 - Save the date, more blurb required

2.3.1.2 | Events

The KFC is to take across three events;

Overview

1. Info night – November 3rd, Thursday from 1800
2. The competition November 12/13th November (held over two days)
3. Presentation night – November 17th, Thursday from 1800

1. Info night – Nov 3

- **Speakers present**
 - Kingfish preparation by @spearochef
 - Paella by @paellaking
- **Aim:** 200 people
- **Three big prizes**
 - Early bird registration
 - General door prize raffle (in attendance)

2. Competition – Across two days, 12/11/2022, 13/11/2022

- **Competition area**
 - Bird island to Bass point
 - 457km of coastline
- **Weigh in stations**
 - Time: 1-5pm weigh in times
 - Locations:
 - 1. Adreno - Dolphins
 - 2. Little Manly - North Shore/Orcas
 - 3. Sutherland? Penguins
 - 4. Wollongong TBC

- 5. Terrigal – Sea Lions
- **Tools at stations**
 - Rules
 - Scales
 - Measuring device
 - Clip tails of Kingfish
- **Sign on and sign off the day**
 - Mobile, SMS, separate phone
 - Someone to man phone
 - Trouble in prior competitions people not signing off! Must ensure sign off occurs
 - **Action: Rico to do, Simon to man**
- **Agreement of USFA rules for Insurance - Kingfish Cup / Canada Cup**
 - Website on mobile
 - Sign up to membership that you agree online
 - "Accept rules according to this link"
 - **Action: Sam / Alastair**
 - <https://usfa.org.au/usfa-rules/>
 - Paper version

3. Presentation night – Thursday 17/11/2022

Guest speaker

- Scientist to speak – age of fish by otolith examination
 - Give heads, cut them on the night -
 - Tell us how old the Kingfish

Trophy

- Open – engraved - prizes
- Junior - prizes
- Women - prizes
- Mystery fish
- Door prizes
- Adreno broadcast live

Sponsors letter

- Emailed and discussed with Adreno's Taylor Slattery
 - Putting out to sponsors
 - Brands such as: Picasso, Riffe, Beauchat, Rob Allen, DiveR, Penetrator, Bob McComb (Ladies Prize)

2.3.2 | Canada Cup - Alastair Cooke

- **Date:** 16 October, weekend after Alliman
- **Location:** Terrigal
- **Price:**
 - \$5 membership who is an AUF member, on top of normal fee
 - Make sure AUF members are actually AUF member
 - \$50 fee for comp entry
- Agreement of USFA rules for Insurance - Kingfish Cup / Canada Cup
- **Day of sign up:**
 - Website
 - Sign up to membership that you agree online
 - "Accept rules according to this link"
 - **Action: Sam / Alastair**
 - <https://usfa.org.au/usfa-rules/>
 - Paper version
- **Action:**
 - **Lee Dali check with Metro zone**

2.3.3 | State titles 2022/2023

- 2022: State titles not happening due to poor weather
- 2023: State titles - 3rd weekend of May

2.3.4 | Sydney Cup 2023

- Date proposed: 21/22 January
 - **Action:** Check with Lee

2.3.1 | Canada Cup 2023

- Canada Cup - 12th Feb

2.4 | First Nation Mulloways

First Nation Mulloways

- a. Two months since creation
- b. Membership
 - i. 7 members (3 F, 4 M) + 2 (9 in total)
- c. Application into Fair Trading approved
- d. Three signatories to organise bank
 - i. Signatories
 - ii. Two bank accounts
 - 1. One petty cash
 - 2. One requires signatories
- e. Guest speaker to have at each meeting
- f. Vision statement: living culturally in the ocean and aligned with water
- g. Name: Indigenous name for Jewie, means the great one
- h. Storage: Google drive, Google Calendar
 - i. Want to attend USFA meetings
- i. Member profiles, bio, contact details, skills (related/unrelated)
 - i. Some members happy to volunteer
 - ii. Governance roles
 - iii. Elder in-residence role
 - iv. Support from other aboriginal orgs
- j. Funding applications
- k. Merchandise ambitions
- l. Social media ambitions
 - i. **Action: Sam to support**

2.5 | Committee Reports

2.5.1 | Treasurer report

- \$1500 since last meeting
- Paid insurance bills for the year
- Total assets: \$6000
 - Stripe account
 - Well on track after Kingfish Cup to meet expenses
- Up \$18K from last meeting, paid all bills
- Two deals
 - Close old accounts
 - Gary Baxter, need more specific meeting minutes
 - Didn't specify about closing old accounts
 - **Action: Close out old two accounts**
- Increase membership from \$99 up as discussion
 - Insurance costs increases
 - Schedule of fees required
 - Update, haven't done since 2016
 - Canada cup weekend dates
 - Kingfish cup dates
 - **Action: Simon / Rico**
- **Email**
 - Rico in charge of emails, newsletter
 - Rico to manage TidyHQ

2.5.2 | Clubs

2.5.2.1 | NSUF – Ian Buck

- Currently 65-70 financial members.
- New members have been joining at every club meeting
- Club training presentations have been on 'The Way of the Cray', 'Comp Diving', 'Nose to Tail (Inspired by Josh Niland)' and upcoming training for 'Spearo First Aid' and 'Chasing Kingies'.
- Newbies getting out on Club Social Dives now that the weather/water has improved.

2. Building Membership

- Adreno agreed to promote USFA with merch/media
 - In store and online signup
 - New design and logo vector image required media
 - Logo pack on the drive
 - **Action: Need a media/ vector image that can be scaled**

3. Fair Trading

- Constitution to be updated
 - Model constitution, simplify
 - Core Executive (5 or so must have)
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Treasurer
 - Sub Executive in separate document
 - Process (have to follow to certify)
 - Bring in one meeting, show constitution
 - Get out to members, opportunity to vote at next meeting
 - Vote and confirm
- Register USFA with Department of Fair Trading
 - **Action: Simon, Mel, Alby**

4. Summary of actions

#	Theme	Action	Owner
1	Comms	USFA email creation	Sam
2	Comms	Meeting minutes	Ian
3	Canada Cup	Check with metro zone	Lee Dali
4	Fair trading	Register USFA with Department of Fair Trading	Simon, Mel, Alby
5	Finance	Close out two old accounts	Evan
6	KFC	KFC Facebook/Instagram link	Sam, Simon
7	KFC / Canada Cup	On-day sign up on mobile	Sam, Alastair
8	Media	Fix homepage issue when viewed on mobile phone	Sam
9	Media	Refresh social media	Sam, Simon
10	Membership	USFA/Adreno membership flyer design	Ian
11	Membership	Pricing to increase to \$99, schedule of fees required	Simon, Rico
12	Mulloyways	Social media support	Sam
13	Sydney Cup	Confirm dates	Simon
14	Policy	Need spearfishing representatives on advisory panels	Simon

5. Future Meetings

All members welcome to attend, start time 1900, venues to be announced

- December 8
- March 9, 2023
- June 8, 2023, AGM

