

Amatola Fly Fishing Club
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Gubu Dam

Date: 6th September 2015 at 10:00am

1. Welcome: The chairman welcomed all present.
2. Present and apologies: there was a good turnout of around thirty members, probably helped by the lucky draw for the St.Croix 3wt fly rod donated by Xplorer Fly Fishing. Apologies were received from Brian Clark, Bruce Truter, Craig Jacobs, Dean Warkus, Dean Rhind, Hylton Lewis, Dawie and Grezelda Stokes, and Viv Waters.
3. Acknowledgements: The chairman re-iterated the club's appreciation for its various sponsors, committee members, and active club supporters and helpers, and urged members to remember the relevant names and brands when spending money. Please see the Spring 2015 newsletter on our website for the comprehensive acknowledgments list.
4. Chairman's Report (in the 1st person): Membership on the 31st August stands at 64 paid-up memberships (note, actual members is more due to family and married couple memberships). 33 Memberships have not been renewed yet but this is not unusual and I expect they will. Folks are notoriously slow at getting it done. We garnered 5 new memberships since the last AGM. For the record, we have 8 honorary/ Friends of AFFC memberships and we maintain correspondence with 43 old STAC/FAS members. I received two resignations from members not wishing to renew for the 2015/16 year but otherwise the significant increase in subs for the 2015/16 year does not seem to have negatively affected membership. I continue to receive phone calls from people interested in the club. Through our Facebook page, website, and the marketing of our annual fundraising event, we are doing about what we can to let people know about us. I would also like to ask that members keep advertising us by word of mouth and by bringing their friends and colleagues to the dam to try the experience out. Day fees from the past financial year show a definite increase in day visits.

The wind damaged the Gubu clubhouse roof in May but thank you to our in-house insurance guru, Shaun Peterson, the insurer agreed to cover the damage and thank you to RV Smith (AFFC member, Gordon Smith), we are getting a new roof in the damaged area and a facelift on the rest, at a discounted cost.

On the fishing side of things I feel that the situation is as good as we can expect it to be and we'll continue with the approach we've used so far, and evaluate it fully once we have an entire generation of fish in the dams, that is at 4-5 years from the 2013 'start'. 2015 Will be our third stocking with Sandile hatchery's fish. The current stockies are in very good condition, so the situation appears healthy enough.

5. Report-back arising from the previous (7th September 2014) minutes:
 - a. Budgeting, future finances, and fees: On the grounds of raising sufficient funds to be in more secure financial position in the event of inevitable eventualities (e.g. maintenance), unforeseen events (e.g. storms), etc. the 'Ordinary Member - Local' subs were increased to R870 per year (equal to R73 per month) starting in June 2015. The rest of the fees were adjusted accordingly but for example, the 'Retired Member – Country' fee has been increased R360 for 2015/16.
6. Financial report: AFFC treasurer, Glenn Raath, reported the bottom-line numbers and confirmed that the club is in a sound financial position. Glenn noted that the priority is to allocate monies to clubhouse maintenance that will largely be undertaken by contractors. Glenn also reported that the club's bank account signatories are to be changed to that of himself and Ryan Smith.

AFFC treasury finances as of end September 2015 are as follows:

STAC current account:	R 121563.01
STAC call account:	R 1886.89
STAC 32 day account:	R 12703.09
CASH/CHEQUES on hand:	R 10669.93

7. Matters arising:
 - a. **AFFC constitution:** Using the old STAC and FAC constitutions as a basic framework, a new constitution has been drafted by E.Truter. Drafts were submitted to members via e-mail for comment, and which comments have all been noted. The current draft is to be sent to specific AFFC members with legal backgrounds for further comments and changes before a new draft will be submitted to members for final comment.

- b. **Fees:** It was agreed that subs for the 2016/17 financial year would increase by the national, annual CPI as reported by Statistics S.A. Day rod fees would increase to R120 (R60 for juniors/ younger than 14yrs) and accommodation to R100 with immediate effect. Electricity tickets will remain at the current rate but be adjusted according to real time increases.
- c. **Gubu clubhouse maintenance:** The work list as compiled by Martin von Holdt would be updated and contractors asked to quote on the prioritized jobs as and when finances allowed. A number of the items had already been handled in recent months or were in progress, e.g. new curtains, access road, roof repairs and roof painting, cleanup behind the bathroom area, etc. The chairman thanked Shaun Petersen for his personal undertakings and considerable effort in getting these jobs done. Miles Vice and Warren Summers reported that an account in AFFC's name had been opened at Miles' Penny Pinchers branch and a donation made into the account, which could be used to purchase maintenance supplies. The chairman expressed the club's appreciation of this generous gesture.
- d. **Gubu clubhouse facilities:** It was decided to remove the current, very inefficient, electric stove and Grant Wylie of Sandile's Rest donated a gas stove/oven combination unit in its place. The chairman thanked Grant for his continued support. A 9kg gas bottle is to be bought by the club for said stove. Glenn Raath suggested that an additional fridge should be bought for busy times at the clubhouse. This idea was supported by the members present.
- e. **Gubu clubhouse use:** Shaun Petersen requested that users of the clubhouse take note that when cleaning out the fireplaces that the ash no longer be dumped directly behind the bathrooms, but at the base of the first big pine tree growing against the fence, some distance beyond the back of the bathroom. The chairman reiterated that clubhouse visitors remove ALL of their garbage and other bits and pieces after each visit (e.g. plastic water bottles, empty cardboard boxes, etc.) and that the rule is if your wife wouldn't want in your house then we don't want it in ours.
- f. **Signage:** The chairman requested volunteers to erect the new AFFC signs supplied by Malcolm Klein/CB4 Retail for Maden Dam. Martin von Holdt offered to get the job done. It is also planned to have signs made for the Gubu clubhouse reminding clubhouse users of the points mentioned in (e.) above.
- g. **Gubu Dam forestry roads:** Craig Rance representing Amatola Forestry Company/Rance Timbers asked that all members and visitors to Gubu be made aware that they are only to drive on the main, designated dirt roads to avoid potential accidents with forestry vehicles and operations.
- h. **Stocking:** The stocking date for Maden Dam is Friday afternoon, the 30th October and the following morning for Gubu Dam. Maden will be stocked with 3265 and Gubu with 15610, 8cm rainbows respectively. In keeping with the current strategy, the stocking will be effected from a boat/boats to distribute the small fish as broadly and dispersed as possible and within suitable habitat, all measures to reduce predation and feeding competition. The chairman discussed that although it had been hoped to stock brown trout in 2015 there were various factors complicating the efforts including the guaranteed availability of the fish, their cost, a grow-out facility, and other immediate financial (and pressing) needs, etc. All things being equal, it is hoped that this long time coming goal can be achieved in 2016.
- i. **Wolf River:** The chairman reported that further to earlier promises, the relevant background work had been done and the info made available on the AFFC website making it easy for members to visit a section of the Wolf River.
- j. **Future events, etc.:** It was proposed to hold the 2016 fundraiser event and AGM on the weekend of 2-4 September 2016 with a similar format to 2015 but with no breaks, starting at 06:30 on the Saturday and ending at 09:30 on Sunday, followed by the prize giving and AGM. Karl Krull (Krull Meats) pledged to continue to sponsor the meat for the 2016 event and Devin Isemonger of ANCA also pledged their support re. a supply of chicken. The idea of hosting an educational fly fishing clinic event at some point was also discussed and left open-ended. The chairman commented that if a good opportunity presented itself and/or requests were received for same, it would be seriously considered.

8. Committee for 215/2016:

Chairman	Edward Truter
Secretary	Ryan Smith
Treasurer	Glenn Raath
General and relief coordinator, etc.	Marco Olivieri
Website administrator	Justin Thackeray
Maintenance coordinators (general)	Shaun Petersen & Martin von Holdt
Maintenance (electrical)	Rodney Webb
Without portfolio	Dean Stoltz
Event management & planning	Devin Isemonger & Mandy Dugmore