

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

Date: Sunday, the 20th August 2017 at 10:00 am.

1. Welcome: the chairman welcomed all present.

2. Present and Apologies: 26 Members were present. Apologies were received from Marco Olivieri, Martin and Ryan von Holdt, Glenn Stolworthy, James McMaster and Dawie and Grezelda Stokes.

3. Acknowledgements: Acknowledgements were made at the previous night's competition prize-giving (audience: 41), during which the chairman thanked all of those individuals and businesses who had provided help to the club in the past year and/or sponsored prizes. See addendum for acknowledgments list.

4. Chairman's Report (in the 1st person): On the 15th Aug. AFFC had a total of 55 paid-up memberships, while 50 memberships still had to be renewed, the latter tardiness is repeated every year and is not an unusual situation. There has been good new-interest in the club on the back of the brown trout stocking as well as the Eastern Cape Fly Fishing Association's activities.

Gubu clubhouse maintenance has made some progress with especially some work on the bathrooms' plumbing done by Shamai Bachar. The Gubu clubhouse grounds also have a new perimeter fence thank you to Craig Warren, Francois Sparks and the Rance Timbers team.

Gubu has fished well throughout the last year, and most anglers appear happy with what they catch, and especially too now that the small browns are being caught quite regularly. However there appears to be a dearth of 46cm-plus length rainbows, which in theory should be relatively abundant. A number of club members are unhappy with the lack-of-bigger-fish situation but I can assure you that we will work on the dynamics of the Gubu Dam fishery until we fully understand it and can make it the best fishery we can within the constraints of our resources. But this work needs to be systematic and at least as scientifically driven as we can make it, all of which takes time. There are no quick fixes.

Fishing Reports from Maden from before June were good, but I've heard that there's been a big weed die-off now in winter and that the fishing has slowed. A winter, weed die-off is not unusual and is often cyclical. Come the warmer months, things should be as they were before.

5. Financial Report: AFFC treasurer, Scott Blair, gave a summary of the club's finances and reported that as of the end of the financial year on 31/05/2017, the numbers were:

STAC current account:	R75 719.28
STAC call account:	R2 096.65
STAC 32 day account:	R14 358.39
CASH/CHEQUES on hand:	R4 060.00

A point was raised that labour for the lawn cutting around the Gubu clubhouse, at R7 800, was perhaps excessive and the chairman agreed to look into it.

6. Report-back arising from the previous minutes and matters arising:

a.) Constitution: a final draft as prepared by Dave Marais is on the club website for comment. If no comments are received by the end of October 2017, the document will become the official constitution.

b.) Gubu clubhouse maintenance and repairs: it was agreed that Mark would sand the paintwork in the kitchen area in preparation for painting by a contractor from Stutterheim as recommended via Mandy Dugmore. Richard Field said that he would donate bathroom tiles so that the bathrooms could be tiled, using the same contractor.

c.) Gubu clubhouse facilities: the gas stove has to be removed due to insurance cover and fire-risk issues, and will be replaced with a more modern electric stove than the old one currently there. The old one will also be removed, Shaun Petersen and Glenn Raath agreed to co-ordinate this. An on-demand, electrical water-heating system has been fitted to the kitchen sink tap by Shamai Bachar but still needs to be connected to the mains by Ryan Smith. A carpet for the lounge area in front of the main fireplace has been provided by Clint Du Plessis. Shaun Petersen has arranged for a new vacuum cleaner, which is already in the clubhouse.

d.) Fees review: subs for 2017/18 were kept the same as the previous year.

e.) Rainbow trout stocking: The Sandile Trout Farm rainbow trout price for the upcoming stocking was set at R1.82 per each. The stocking will take place some time in late November with about 12500 rainbows for Gubu and 3500 for Maden.

f.) Brown trout stocking: It is intended to stock with browns every year as well, as from late 2018, and a proposed strategy had been devised that will hopefully make this a reality.

g.) Fishery management: Dr. Olaf Weyl from SAIAB has agreed to do a study on the fishes and fishery dynamics of Gubu Dam. The results of this will help with understanding the food chain, growth, mortality, competition and all the other factors that affect what happens to Gubu's trout. It is hoped that this will provide some real guidelines for the future management strategy so that the fishery can be managed to its best potential.

h.) Karl Krull said that he would look into finding a potential source for hay bales, which could be anchored around the edge of Gubu Dam. This is an effective technique to provide a slow-release nutrient injection into a water.

i.) Next AGM and social event fundraiser: all things being equal, it would be held on the weekend of 1-2 September 2018, and with the fishing competition being a by-length event whereby each fish is measured and recorded.

7. Committee for 2017/18:

Chairman	Edward Truter
Secretary	Ryan Smith
Treasurer	Scott Blair
IT Admin & communications	Justin Thackeray
Without portfolio	Mandy Isemonger
Without portfolio	Devin Isemonger
Without portfolio	Belinda Enslin
Without portfolio	Gareth Webster
Without portfolio	Glenn Raath
Without portfolio	Shaun Petersen

8. The meeting was adjourned at around 12:30 and each went upon their merry way, some went fishing.

See addendum overleaf.

ADDENDUM

The following is a list of all those individuals and businesses who have provided assistance to the club in one way or another. Take note of these names and give them your support wherever possible, without them, we'd be dead in the water. Please forgive us if we've erroneously omitted your name.

Sponsors and General acknowledgements - 2016/2017
Alex Mcleod @ Omnispool - prize sponsor
Amathole Forestry Company / Rance Timbers - general support and assistance
ANCA Foods - catering sponsor
Andrew Pautz @ Rapala VMC - prize sponsor and general assistance
Arno Laubscher @ Scientific Fly - prize sponsor
Awesome Tools (Leatherman, Opinel, LED Lenser, Eze-Lap, Picquic) - prize sponsor
Belinda & Kayla Enslin - general assistance
Chris Schoultz @ Celcom / CAT phones - prize sponsor
Cloete Du Plessis - prize sponsor
Colin Levy - records clerk and general assistance
Craig and John W. Rance, Craig Warren, Francois Sparks, Ian Taylor - general support and assistance
Daniel Factor @ Stealth - prize sponsor
David Marais - constitution and legal assistance
Dean Stoltz @ Target Line - prize sponsor and general assistance
Devin and Mandy Isemonger - catering and general assistance
Gareth Webster - general assistance
Glenn Raath - general assistance
Grant Pledger @ Rapala VMC - prize sponsor
Grant Wylie @ Sandile's Rest - prize sponsor, hatchery owner/operator and general assistance
Jacques Van Coller @ Beck Outdoor - prize sponsor
Jacqui Mauer @ PwC South Africa - prize sponsor
John Geils and Dayle Mack @ Xplorer - prize sponsor and general assistance
Justin Thackeray - website and general assistance
Karl, Victor and Noah Krull - catering sponsor and general assistance
Lyle Smith @ Stud Fly Fishing - prize sponsor
Malcolm Klein & team @ CB4 Retail - printing, signage and stationery
Stan and Helen Dugmore @ Natural High / Forestway - general assistance & prize sponsor
Pierre Swartz - catering and general assistance
Reg Morgan @ Queenstown Fly Fishing Club - prize sponsor
Richard & Cindy Field @ Lifestyle Flooring and Decor - prize sponsor
Robin, Ronald, and Mark (in the house on the hill) - general assistance
Ryan Smith @ First Class Power - general assistance
Scott Blair - treasurer and general assistance
Shamai Bachar @ Global Plumbers - plumbing and general assistance
Shaun Peterson - general assistance
Tudor Caradoc-Davies @ The Mission Magazine - prize sponsor
Tourette Fishing - prize sponsor