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Secretarial Jottings

Notices, notes, items of interest, things of importance
and general rambling's from the Secretaries desk.



Greetings

Welcome to another issue of Secretarial Jottings. These are what they say they are above and do not pretend to be a Newsletter as such. It is a means on passing on information from the Executive and the National Office, normally issued after an Executive Meeting, rather than what would usually be part of and included in a Newsletter. There are moves afoot to issue more of a Newsletter type communication on behalf of the Association but that is in the future rather than now.

Talking of Newsletters, we greatly appreciate being on clubs mail and email databases for your club newsletters and find these a valuable source of information about your club so keep them coming. If your club does issue a Newsletter and the National Office address is not on your circulation list then we would appreciate being added.

Don't forget also to send your Newsletter to other clubs – it is a great way of strengthening the NZACA family ties. Why not send it in to our Webmaster for inclusion on our website (webmaster@nzaca.co.nz)

With the mail out to clubs is the **Proxy Voting Papers** for the forthcoming **AGM**. We acknowledge that not all clubs can make the AGM but by using this Postal Voting system all clubs can be part of the management processes of your Association. We urge you exercise your rights in this matter and complete and return these forms by the required date – which is not that far away! **Some would like to see this form of Postal Voting not used and only those who attend the AGM be given the right to vote – so if you don't exercise your present rights in this manner you could lose them**

There are a number of proposed Resolutions that affect your club members and the Association as a whole. So it is important you have your say on these matters. These forms are accompanied by some notes, which we hope will clarify some issues.

We do have vacancies on the Executive so again there may be folk in your club who would like to take on this challenge and privilege of being part of the management group. Meetings are held about five or six times a year in Rotorua and we give some assistance towards travelling expenses.

At the time of writing these Jottings we have no idea as to numbers that will be attending the **Nationals** in Feilding in March. We trust that clubs are planning to be there and to experience the great fishing, which can be had at this the bottom end of Maui's fish.

I cannot stress the importance of ensuring your Entry Forms are sent to the National Office as soon as possible and certainly no later than the 1st.March. There is a lot of administration work to be done with information from these forms before the Nationals kick-off so the earlier they are in the easier it will be.

We again apologise for the lateness of the Nationals Booklet and Entry Forms due to circumstances beyond our control. If you haven't seen this information most of it is on the website.

Copy for clubs of the Booklet with this club mail-out. Clubs need to pull out the centre blue page, complete the details of contestants and return it to the National Office. Sufficient books for all entrants will be sent to you by return mail.

Information for your interest – Those of you who access websites etc have a look at www.guangzhoufish.com (there is also a advert on our Website) This is about a fishing expo in Southern China. We were invited to participate in this but China is a bit far away and our funds wouldn't justify the expense – haha. However we do have a presence there on their website and in their catalogue wishing the expo every success and inviting fishers to come visit NZ. Who knows we may call on your club to host some Chinese anglers!

Annual Trophies – We have just been working through the “Catch Recognition Applications” received to ascertain who gets what Annual Trophies for this past year. Again I am sorry to say many will be remaining in the box because no one has applied for them. I am baffled as to what more we can do to encourage members to apply for these.

Trophies are not records! It does not have to be a “record catch” to get an Annual Trophy! Everyone likes to have some memento (at least I thought they did) acknowledging a great catch but there are so few applications – where is the problem?

Is it because club officials don't remind or encourage their members to apply?

Is it because members don't know what is offering or can be applied for?

Is it because the paperwork is too difficult or the forms are not easily available?

Why are we not encouraging our Juniors to apply for? Surely such encouragement must be good!

At the December Retreat/Conference Delegates felt that the problem was at club level not at Association level – is this true for your club?

So how about some feedback on this issue – please

One Annual Trophy is the **Derek Flintoff Award**. This is a non-fishing award presented to someone who has made a real difference and effort at club or national level to club affairs, NZACA affairs or recreational fishing in general. Nominations need to be sent direct to the President, as it is he in consultation with the Immediate Past President who makes the decision from nominations received.

Kahawai World Cup Surfcasting competition which is staged by a local Lions Club and assisted by the Western Bay Surfcasting Club is on the weekend of 16-18th March. See www.kahawaiworldcup.com for more information.

In the Minutes of the last Executive Meeting a copy of which have been sent to clubs (and available to members by request) you will see the discussion on the Nationals and the questions raised as to what is the purpose of these, who should compete and how to make them financially viable. You may like to enter into this debate and would appreciate your input. You can email to nzaca@xtra.co.nz

Another important matter to come out of the December Retreat was the matter of each club having a dedicated “NZACA Liaison person”. This would ease club secretary's work and be a very important key link between clubs and their national body. We encourage every club to make such an appointment.

We are looking for a “Kayak Convenor”. This needs to be someone who is actively involved in kayak fishing, is a passionate believer in this aspect of fishing and would like to see it expanded and the very best of opportunities made available to participants. Someone who has “contacts” with other kayak clubs and kayakers. Someone who can act as the liaison between the Association Executive and the Kayak Fishing Clubs and the fishers themselves. As an Association we want to do the very best we can for this fishing discipline, to serve them in the most appropriate way as their national body but we need to be lead, taught, guided as to what is needed and wanted. Is this person you???

If you are interested and would like to know more drop me a line. Thanks

Well that's it for now folks – hope I see many of you in Feilding. Secretaries please respond to what is required as enclosed with this mailing.

Graeme Dawber
YOUR Association's Nation Secretary

PS :- Have you seen the NZACA articles in the latest Fishing publications?