

# EAFC INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **MINUTES**

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023 Time: 2.30pm Location: Club House

Speaker	AGENDA ITEM
Eddy	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Welcome from President</b></p> <p><b>Meeting Opened:2.33pm</b></p> <p><b>Present:</b> Members as per the EAFC Attendance Book  <b>Apologies:</b> Val &amp; Max Cartledge, Bruce Mitchell</p>
Pam	<p>Minutes of previous AGM 11/9/2022</p> <p><b>Moved to Accept Pam Schroeder.</b>  <b>Seconded: Steve Rose</b></p>
Pam	<p>Motion To Accept Minutes of CM 19/3/2023  <b>CASUAL VACANCY OFFICE BEARER'S</b>  As per our 2021 Constitution the role of President is now deemed a casual vacancy.</p> <p>Appropriately the position was offered to Vice President Chris C who stated that he was unable to nominate for the role due to his level of work commitments.</p> <p><u>Nominations were opened to the floor for the role of President to be held until the next EAFC AGM.</u></p> <p>Only one member was prepared to accept a Nomination.  Nominator: Steve Rose  Nominee: Eddy Evans  Seconded: Terry Carson.  <i>Nomination Accepted and Carried.</i>  <b>Moved to Accept: Pam Schroeder</b>  <b>Seconded: Bev Walker</b></p>
Pam	<p><b>Annual Reports:</b></p> <p><b>Financial Year Statements</b>  Question raised: Bev W asked does the club have Public liability Ins?  Answer: Yes included in our Elders Ins Policy.  Question Raised: Wayne H Is our building sum sufficient?  Answer: will seek advice if total amount needs to be increased.  <b>Moved To Accept: Pam Schroeder</b>  <b>Seconded: John Pickham</b></p>
Eddy	<p><b>President Report</b> (as Attached)</p>
Pam	<p><b>Secretary Report</b> (as Attached)</p>

<p><b>Pam</b></p>	<p><b>Correspondence In:</b>  Motion For Proposed Changes To  EAFC Constitution 21/3/2021 Clause 50 Weight Recording</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PROPOSED CHANGES TO EAFC  CLUB COMPETITIONS &amp; FISH RECORDS</b></p> <p><i>Reasons for the proposed changes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More members would be encouraged to enter their catches in the club`s competitions leading to an enhancement in their enjoyment of the sport and an overall increase in interest in fishing throughout the Club.</li> <li>• Allows recording and release of all of our target species.</li> <li>• Removes the need to find a weigh station to record a catch (except for the record weights register)</li> <li>• Removes the need for weighmasters to convert length to weight from the DPI brag mat conversion tables.</li> </ul> <p><b>EAFC Constitution 21/3/2021 Clause 50 Weight Recording</b></p> <p><b>Motion to Replace with:</b>  <b>Club competitions and Recording.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All <b>LEGAL</b> fish will be recorded by length only and must be measured by being placed on a DPI brag mat and photographed to clearly show the snout touching the zero end of the mat and the tail as near as possible to the center of the measurement scale on the mat. The photo must show the date and time of capture and be presented within two months of that date.</li> <li>• For species with forked tail, the measurement from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail will be recorded.</li> <li>• Fish with a rounded tail to be measured from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail.</li> <li>• When photographing a fish members will need to ensure that it complies with the weighmasters requirements before they release it or cut it up as weighmasters may reject a non- compliant photo. Members will also be expected to check the latest fish weights sheet for current leading lengths before submitting a claim.</li> </ul>

**Club Records**

- The club proposes to commence a new register of records based on lengths. While this would mean that a record could be claimed for a small fish, members will be asked not to make frivolous claims just to be a record holder for a short time.
- To preserve the historical weight based records, this register will remain open for members who choose to use it in the event they make a record breaking catch.
- Members will be required to submit a claim for a record accompanied by a compliant photo for the new length register, or a weight slip from a recognized weigh station for the old weights section.
- Prior to submitting a claim for a weights record, members will be required to consult the old weights register to ensure their claim is valid.

**Motion:** Approved/Carried/

**Motion: Remove**

**50 Weight Recording**

- (a) The official weighmasters shall weigh and check, according to all requirements of the Club capture rules, all fish submitted by a member.
- (b) In the event of the official weighmasters being unable to attend, a committee man shall act in their stead.
- (c) Where it is impossible to bring fish to an official weighmaster, it may be weighed by the angler on any other registered fishing club's scales, recorded on an official capture certificate and independently witnesses.

Motion: Approved/Carried

**Amendment to Annual Species**

Due to Game Shark and Marlin are not practical to be safely measured, Motion to replace Marlin with Dolphin Fish.

Approved and Carried

Motion to replace Game Shark with Sweep

Approved and Carried.

<p>Eddy</p> <p>Terry C</p> <p>Eddy Gordon R</p> <p>Eddy</p> <p>Eddy</p>	<p><b>General Business:</b> any member may raise a question or an issue which has not yet been dealt with.</p> <p>Who is responsible for maintenance of road eg potholes? Response: It is believed that it would be BVS Council. Offered to follow up with Council.</p> <p>Should we be arranging to take down large vinyl road sign? Response it can remain as there are now no dates of comp that need to be updated each year. He advised he had taken down club sign opp Mitre 10.</p> <p><b>Event Reminder:</b> <b>The EOM and Annual Awards are being held on Sat July 29<sup>th</sup>.</b></p> <p><b>Elections:</b> In the event that all Office Bearer's Positions are not filled in the following Committee Elections, Notice is hereby given that another AGM is to be held on Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup> at Clubhouse commencing at 4.30pm prior to the Annual Club Fishing Awards and Presentations.</p>
<p>Eddy</p> <p>Steve Rose</p>	<p><b>Meeting Closed: 4.22pm</b></p> <p>As Chairperson thanked the current committee and declared all positions are now vacated.</p> <p><b>Committee Elections:</b> The secretary confirmed there had been no formal nominations received for Office Bearer's and Nominations were opened to the floor.</p> <p><b>Office Bearer's</b> <b>President:</b> Proposer Eddy Evans Nomination: Wayne H Accepted Secunder: Steve R Elected.</p> <p>No Nominations were received for: Vice President Treasurer Secretary</p>

**Ordinary Members (Min 4)**

1. Weighmaster(joint)

Proposer: Pam Schroeder

Nomination Name: \_Gordon Rugg

Seconder: Steve Rose

Nomination Accepted Y/N

Elected Y/N

Proposer: Pam Schroeder

Nomination Name: Terry Carson

Seconder: Steve Rose

Nomination Accepted Y/N

Elected Y/N

2. Catering Officer

Proposer: Pam Schroeder

Nomination Name Edy Evans

Seconder: Steve Rose

Nomination Accepted Y/N

Elected Y/N

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer: Wayne Holding

Nomination Name: Steve Rose

Seconder: Pam Schroeder

Nomination Accepted Y/N

Elected Y/N

4.

Vacant

**Sub Committees and Roles:**

**Newsletter Co-Ordinator:**

Vacant

**Website & Facebook Co-Ordinator/Administrator:**

Proposer: Eddy Evans

Nomination Name: Pam Schroeder

Seconder: Steve Rose

Nomination Accepted Y/N

Elected Y/N

**Sponsorship Co-ordinator**

Proposer: Pam Schroeder

Nomination Name: Val Cartledge

Seconder: Eddy Evans

Nomination Accepted Y/N

Elected Y/N

**Assistant Sponsorship**

Proposer Eddy Evans

Nomination Name: John Pickham

Seconder: Steve Rose

Nomination Accepted Y/N

Elected Y/N

**Publicity/Media Officer:**

Vacant

**Grounds & Maintenance Co-Ordinator:**

Proposer: Pam Schroeder

Nomination/s Name: Eddy Evans & Steve Rose

Seconder: Wayne Holding

Nominations Accepted Y/N

Elected Y/N

**Annual Club Fishing Awards Facilitator:**

Vacant

**Merchandise Co-Ordinator**

Vacant

**Elections Completed.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> AGM Will be held on Sat 29<sup>th</sup> July at 4.30pm** to fill Office Bearer's Vacancies and Ordinary Member Vacancies.

**Chair Declared Meeting Closed 4.32pm**

**Presidents Report AGM 2022-2023**

Let me start by saying I cannot do a full years reporting on all that has happened during the year due to the fact that I wasn't in this position 12 months ago so did not keep notes on all that has eventuated over this period but will attempt to make everyone aware of the key achievements of the club.

July 2022.

A new committee is formed with a new president Adam Trotter.

August 2022.

September 2022.

A decision was made by the committee to hold a full 7 day fishing competition. A boat was to be the main prize with Sapphire Marine & Automotive being the supplier of the boat and it's fit out.

October 2022.

The fishing competition is in full swing by contacting all sponsors with an excellent result.

November 2022.

December 2022.

Our members Christmas party was a success with 40 attending.

January 2023.

It was the committee at its best uniting in the workload of putting the 2023 comp together.

For the first time in many years we had new members and many of them volunteering to assist the committee in any way they could.

Working bee's were well patronised all eager to get the job done.

February 2023.

It was decided to take the comp boat to as many places possible to promote the 2023 competition. This was well attended again with volunteers attending the different venues. Around 200 plus entries were sold at the locations visited.

March 2023.

With the comp in full operation entries online were slow to start but increased as the date got closer to the start of our comp.

With reduced hours operating at the club house it proved to be a success. From 12 hour days it was reduced to 10 hour days with volunteers doing morning & afternoon shifts. Unfortunately during the comp the then president handed in his keys and his walk out was accepted as a resignation of his position.

At this time on behalf of the committee can I thank Adam for his time he gave during his reign as president. I accepted the Presidents position for the remaining months until our AGM is held.

April 2023.

A working bee was held to remove all mulch from the garden beds. This will assist in the removal of white ants we are told.

The rope fence has commenced on the front outer perimeter.

Thank you to the volunteers who assisted in erecting this and who attended the working bee's when called upon.

EOM function was held. Max every reliable looked after the cooking for me as I was away interstate for a funeral.

May 2023

Lighting has been ordered for inside the building & outside.

Baton LED's for outside & oyster lights for the inside area.

This will enhance the building plus reduce costs for power used to the club.

Finally after some 3 years of talking about it I was able to arrange a working bee to erect our rope fence around the front of the building.

It took several weekends with volunteers to complete the job so thank you to; Terry Carson, Steve Rose, John Mutch, Col Walder & Helen, myself & Val Cartledge who supplied morning tea.

Thank you for your time to each and everyone.

June 2023

I was away for that month but during my absence members attended the Pambula grudge match with Pambula coming out winners for the day.

I'm told a great meal was provided for all 3 clubs with next years grudge match being hosted by Merimbula club.

July 2023

This month saw the commencement of having our new our new lighting installed inside the building as well as outside lighting being replaced with LED's which will become more cost effective for the club.

At this point just before the current committee steps aside I want to mention to whoever the new committee persons maybe that a consideration is given that instead of having 1 treasurer that an extra person could also take on a role as an assistant treasurer and the same in the secretary's position having a support role and to share the work load.

As our right now our club is in a healthy financial position plus we have attracted some new members.

For our club to advance into the next phase new blood is required to form the next committee so I ask each of you to consider a major role or a secondary assistance's support role.

I personally thank each member and the committee for the support given to me as President over the past 5 months.

To Val who has given this club an extra 3 years of her time by taking on the Treasurers role and going way beyond her responsibilities to see the club prosper a huge thank you from me and the members.

To Pam the endless task of being our club secretary & sometimes thankless as well this club owes a debt of gratitude for your past 3 years. You have given so much that most will never know just what time you have spent behind the scenes as I have witnessed it personally with me calling you at all odd hours, visiting your home constantly with issues that come up I required advice with.

You will be surely missed from the committee but we understand the commitment you now have seeing Rob through his health issues. Thank you Pam.



To each of the remainder of the committee I also thank you sincerely for your commitment and support over the past 5 months.

My hope & trust now lies in members taking on the new committee positions for without you we won't have a club.

I will not be standing for my current role as President as I have had my time and the club needs new blood to carry it through to the next year and years ahead.

Thank you members.

Eddy Evans  
President

**Secretary's Annual Report 2022 – 2023**  
**E AFC Inc. AGM 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**CLUB SUCCESSES:**

As we have just heard in the submitted Treasurer's Report which endorses that the club is financially sound.

All of the committee meeting minutes reveal many achievements that have been actioned and more to be completed by the next committee, current and future members.

*THE MAJOR CHANGE* to our Constitution in March of 2021 which was to allow the hiring of our Clubhouse has seen many of the community utilise our facilities including:

ESSCI Meetings/Dinners

Eden Game Fishing Club Competition

Private Weddings

Funeral Receptions -Some catered by TwoFold Ladies who now store their equipment in a dedicated cupboard here at the clubhouse which provides easier access for them..

Training Days by Access Centre for students from Eden High School

View Club Celebrations

The recent State Dive Spear Weekend Competition

Yes, profits from our Annual Competition allows for major expenses be covered however, each year the Annual Competition cannot be guaranteed to occur.

Our membership fees only cover a portion of our yearly costs.

However, to maintain them as affordable, fundraising throughout the year is essential and spreads the word of our existence, as a social fishing club, not just a club that runs an annual fishing competition.

Book Fairs, Devonshire Teas, Sausage Sizzles. Wood Raffles, 100's Club & EOM Functions have contributed to

#### **PURCHASES OF**

Inkjet Printer

2 x Laptops

Mobile Internet/Modem

Kitchen Items- Matching Cutlery, Crockery, Glassware, Aprons, Table Cloths.

Catering Equipment

New Signage

Merchandise

Stationery Supplies

#### **MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENTS:**

Kitchen Sub Floor Repair

Transfer Outside Lighting to efficient LED Fluro's & Downlights for the interior.

Additional Security Camera's where Recorded Video has enabled police to act when requested on vandalism & thefts.

Whipper Snipper and Blower Vac

Perimeter Fence to secure our boundary.

Upkeep of grass, gardens and surrounds.

Fish Cleaning Tables & Gear.

Restoration of Wall mounted Fish

Proposed Update of Honour Boards & Trophies

#### **YEARLY OCCASIONS**

Throughout the year we saw changes and additions to the committee since our last AGM.

We welcomed new members and introduced more social events such as Talk Tackle Nights where local expertise and knowledge was shared.

We continued to work closely with Eden Marine Rescue, who presented detailed information relevant to their roles.

Fisheries and Border Force have always given their time to advise us of the changes and any updates.

I would also like to acknowledge our esteem acting Treasurer Val, who many of you would not be aware, that throughout the years, she has personally ensured that every junior member receives a handwritten birthday card on behalf of the club. She also recognises special celebrations such as Anniversaries, Births, Sympathies and Get Well Wishes.

So to Val Thank you on behalf of all members.

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### **45<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONSECUTIVE FISHING COMPETITION 2023:**

Once again, the local businesses were amazing with their sponsorship and outstanding support.

Sponsorship contacts lead to the Pambula/Bega Branches of the Bendigo Bank donating an Automated Emergency Defibrillator now installed in the clubhouse.

Finn's Pest Control providing ongoing maintenance of the installed termite traps.

Businesses received a boost in patronage from entrants and their families.

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There was also an incredible increase in the number of new faces that wanted to assist, learn or even contribute their own talents to the event.

The Competition format is constantly evolving for both organisers and entrants.

Adapting to the catch and release of fish was extremely well received as a positive change and allowed for more flexibility when fishing all boundaries and has been a great milestone for the Club.

There are **Four Main Data Components** that all connect not only during the competition but all year as well.

#### **Our Web Page Provides Private Linked Access To:**

Competition Rules,

T& C's,

Entry Costs and buying online.

Club Memberships

Club Information/Contacts

Merchandise Purchases

Newsletters

Monthly Club Weights

#### **Linked Portals Provide Detailed Concise Data of**

Entrant Numbers,

Entrant Ages

Categories Entered

Residence Location,

Email addresses and contact phone numbers.

## **The Stripe Program**

Commences approved and declined transactions.

Received payments, detail the type of purchase and funds are directly deposited into our bank account.

Purchase can also be mailed when requested.

## **Fish Record Program with SMS Submission Ability**

The link identifies with the entrant and their submitted fish photo, is then forwarded for judging by our weighmasters and if approved is automatically entered into the appropriate category and the leaderboard updated immediately.

Discussions with our web programmer Shane, reveals that we the club will own all of these data programs.

However, we still require a technical expert to manage them and is yet to be sourced.

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I have a surprise for the committee and members as I recently nominated our Club in the:

**Essential Energy's Community Choices Program**, which provides an opportunity for customers to nominate and vote for community groups, community halls, not-for-profit and registered charities, in our network area, that could benefit from a funding boost. Each zone will be eligible for \$12,500 broken down as follows for participating groups:

- First funding allocation: \$5,000
- Second funding allocation: \$3,500
- Third funding allocation: \$2,750 and
- Small Communities funding x 1: \$1,250

Voting opens: Midday, Monday 3 July 2023

- Voting closes: 5pm, Monday 17 July 2023

Funding allocation will be awarded to groups with the most votes ranked in order.

Details of how to vote are posted on our facebook page, so spread the word and if we are successful the funds will be put towards a new Commercial 3 Door Fridge.

## FORMATION OF RESOURCES

During my tenure I have collated and created all relevant processes and recording of data pertaining to the Secretary's role which combines with the Treasurer position.

Detailed Membership Records are Maintained – Past and Present.

Concise Information of Sponsors details, logos and their contact details.

Club and Competition Merchandise stocks

Unified Stationery for:

Agenda and Minutes of Meetings

Correspondence

Invoicing/Receipting.

New Member Welcome Letters

Club Information Brochures

Newsletter Format

Committee Handbook

Yearly/Monthly Fish Records

Annual Club Award Certificates

Marketing and Media Advertising

Annual Competition Sponsors, Winners, Junior Certificates, Lucky Draws, Monster Raffle Donations/Prizes/Winners and The Major Boat Prize Draw.

When I took on these position/s I had was not provided a data base to work from.

This is not the situation now and I have enjoyed creating a thorough and concise layouts where anyone can use or adapt.

Splitting roles on the committee in the upcoming elections, will allow necessary club duties, not be seen as a burden for one.

I may not be re-standing for the Secretary role,  
yet I believe I have provided a pathway for the club's future  
and I will always be willing to assist.

Kindest Regards

Pam Schroeder  
Secretary