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Diary Dates:

- 1st March 2018 Comm Meeting
 - 4th March Clean –up day
 - 8th March 2018 Fly Tying
 - 15th March 2018 Fly Tying
 - 17/18 March Club Champs
 - 22nd March Fly Tying
 - 29th March 2018 Gen Meeting
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March 24/25th

**2 fly competition at Lake
Wendouree**

**Numbers needed by Jeff Willey for
Accommodation ASAP**

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Goldfields Shield

21st/22nd April

At Lake Wendouree

Numbers to Jeff Willey ASAP

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Club Championship for 2017/2018

3rd Round 17/18th March 2018

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4th March Clean-up Day Barkers creek
3pm start followed by BBQ
Stay on to fish the evening rise



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Bendigo & District Flyfishers Inc.
Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 7th December 2017
At Brennan Park Clubrooms

The President opened the meeting at 7:36 pm.

Present: D. Keegan, T. Jacobs, T. Charles, A. Chisholm, R. Garlick, G. Hellsten

Apologies: J. Willey,

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed a true and accurate record.

Moved: T. Charles **2nd:** T. Jacobs

Carried

Treasures Report: Nil Report

Correspondence:

1. Nil

General Business:

1. Christmas Dinner saw approximately 30 persons in attendance. Good time was held by all who attended. A big thankyou to Christine Charles for putting together the hamper for the raffle.
2. Midlands Shield – T. Jacobs and D. Keegan attended with no fish weighed in by BDFFC. The weather was very hot which saw a lot of boats and jetskis on the water. It didn't take long for the water around the edges to muddy.
3. Round 2 of the club championships was held at Tullaroop Res. Seven members attended but unfortunately no fish were weighed in on this round.
4. D. Keegan and R. Young attended the Warrnambool Trip. Ryan was able to tick of 4 new species on fly.
5. Goldfields Shield- Awaiting next committee meeting of Ballarat Fly Fishers for clarification of date and location. Once obtained to be added to the calendar of events on the newsletter and website.
6. Several proposals have been submitted by the membership for activities change in structure. Discussion was held around these. President to formulate these in his report to further develop discussion amongst members to progress ideas.
7. Discussion held around reviewing the clubs survey box which is located at Barkers res. Plan is to get the survey box up and running again to better capture fishing results at Barkers Res.
8. D. Keegan to make enquiries and booking of club trip to Tranquil Rises near Flowerdale. Tranquil rises have 15 dams/lakes with 4 species of trout, murray cod and yellow belly. Accommodation is also available on site for those who wish to stay the night.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8:26 PM.

Damian Keegan

Pres

Bendigo & District Flyfishers Inc.
Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 18th January
2018
At Brennan Park Clubrooms

The President opened the meeting at 7:36pm.

Present: J. Willey, A. Chisholm, D. Keegan, G. Hellsten, R. Garlick, T. Charles and A. Jacobs.

Apologies: R. Booth and S. Charles.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed a true and accurate record.

Moved: T. Charles 2nd: R. Garlick.

Carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer produced a detailed financial report for the second quarter.

Moved: T. Charles 2nd: J. Willey

Carried.

Correspondence:

1. Bank statement;
2. E-mail: Calder Fly Fishing Club – Joint trips.

General Business:

1. The President reported that the email from the Calder Club identified trips to Broken River and Warnambool. It was decided to suggest that the trips may be conducted in April and May. President to follow up with the Calder Club.
2. The Goldfields Shield will be conducted at Lake Wendouree on the weekend of the 21/22 April. Members intending to participate should contact Jeff Willey so accommodation can be booked.
3. The annual Ballarat 2 Fly competition will be held on the 24/25 March. Those intending to participate contact Jeff Willey so accommodation can be booked.
4. Greg Hellsten has cleaned the survey box at Barkers Creek Res. It is hoped that anglers will use this box so that data collected will assist with future stocking programs. The President thanked Greg for his efforts.
5. The President is still liaising with Tranquil Rises re: proposed visit.
6. There was some discussion about the John Crane Fly Tying Championship. The issue will be discussed at the next general meeting to gain members feelings. It was decided to form a sub-committee to oversee the fly tying. Tom Charles, Alan Chisholm and Jeff Willey volunteered to form the committee.

7. Greg Hellsten suggested that the club should be approaching various individuals to be guest speakers at the club. As a result, Jeff Willey is to contact Greg Brodie and Tom Charles is to contact John Waters.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8:17pm.

Jeff Willey
Sec

Bendigo & District Flyfishers Inc.
Minutes of Committee Meeting Thursday 15th February
2018
At Brennan Park Clubrooms

The President opened the meeting at 7:10pm.

Present: J. Willey, A. Chisholm, D. Keegan, G. Hellsten, R. Garlick, T. Charles, R. Booth and A. Jacobs.

Apologies: Nil.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed a true and accurate record.

Moved: T. Charles 2nd: R. Garlick.

Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Report only generated every 3 months.

Correspondence:

3. Bank statement;
4. E-mail: Barkers Creek Res Survey, Greg Hellsten;
5. Letter: 2017-18 Boating Safety & Facilities Program;
6. Letter: Sports Focus Club update form; and
7. Letter: Loddon Shire Promotional material.

General Business:

8. The annual 2 Fly Competition at Ballarat will be held on the weekend of the 24/25 March. Members wishing to attend contact Jeff Willey so accommodation can be booked.
9. The annual Goldfields Shield competition against the Ballarat Club will be held at Lake Wendouree on the weekend of the 21/22 April. Members wishing to attend contact Jeff Willey so accommodation can be booked.
10. Cleanup Australia Day is on Sunday the 4th March. Timings will depend on weather conditions.
11. Greg Hellsten reported that the report from Renae Ayers has still not be finalized. Greg to follow up.
12. Greg Hellsten Reported that 7 seven catch surveys have been lodged at Barkers Creek Res. One fish was a 52cm brown which is encouraging.
13. The President and others who just returned from NZ gave a brief report on the trip.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8:05pm.

Jeff Willey
Sec

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome everyone to the new year. I hope you all survived the festive season and may have even wet a line.

Last few newsletters I have been asking for feedback from the membership as to what they wanted from the club. I have received some feedback and as result some of the actions have been acted on and others are in progress. It was good to receive feedback as this enables the committee to put into action your requests which hopefully fulfils your needs of being part of the club.

One request was for an epirob and this has been purchased. So, if you are heading off to remote areas it is just a matter of obtaining the epirob from the club and providing an itinerary in the event you are required to use it we can communicate with emergency services to ensure your safe return.

Another area was around looking at the structure of fly tying. A small sub committee has been formed to take this further forward. We are also looking at adding an additional club trip similar to the Eildon trout Farm day and enquiries are being made with Tranquil Rises for a club trip. Tranquil rises boast 15 dams/ small lakes with 4 species of trout, yellow belly and Murray cod. They also have accommodation on site at reasonable prices, stay tuned for date to be confirmed.

Plans are also underway to have some more guest speakers come to the monthly meetings to present. If there is someone that you would like to hear from or a specific aspect of fly fishing please let me know so I can progress that presentation.

Also if you go fishing please forward a quick short report and photos through so we can put this up on Facebook. This enables all members to appreciate what various areas and possible trips. This also assists in promoting our sport and club to others which hopefully will increase our membership.

A big thanks to Greg Hellsten who has put some great work into redoing the survey box at Harcourt Res. Several persons who have been fishing Harcourt have been completing the survey forms. This will only go towards gathering evidence to support future stockings.

We have also been contacted by our friends at Calder Fly Fishing who are keen to do a couple of joint trips. Work is currently underway with organising a native trip and a bream trip. Hopefully this eventuates and is supported by members and could become an annual event.

Recently 8 members headed to NZ Southland for 14 days fishing. All members returned in one piece and a full detailed report will be in next months newsletter with a few photos. I apologise for not having more about the trip in this newsletter but Bev is chasing me for this report and I can't keep her waiting as she does a great job with the newsletter as always

Damian

February '18