

Motions & Discussion Items for 2009 State Council Meeting

Item 1.

MOVED – State Executive that: The voting allocation currently used by ANSA Qld for the State Conference of one vote per fifty members or part thereof be decreased to one vote per thirty members or part thereof with a maximum of five votes per club.(Par 19)

Reasons: This and other items brought up at the SCM were to be sorted out at the first F2F exec meeting usually held shortly after the SCM. However the meeting was delayed because the dates that suited the majority of the exec were past the three month deadline set by Office of Fair Trading for constitutional changes. Therefore the State Exec resubmits this motion for your approval so the application to OoFT can be submitted.

(Bundaberg Club Reasons - At the time that this number was set ANSA Qld had a lot more membership per club. This has changed with many clubs now struggling with membership. At present a club with only two members has just as much say in the direction of ANSA Qld as a club with 2450% more members (49). Result 20 for 3 against 1 abstain)

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Item 2.

MOVED – State Executive that: By-Law 10.2 be deleted from the ANSA QLD By-Laws and that other references to Rules and Record Handbook be replaced with the 'Handbook'

Reason: The records section of the previous editions of the Rules and Record Handbook is quite often out of date prior to the members receiving them. By the time the booklet goes to print and is distributed to the members can become quite lengthy. Also new members receiving a book for the first time that is maybe 18 months after printing may get confused. The latest Records will be available for viewing or download from the ANSA Qld website at all times.

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Item 3.

Moved - State Executive that: A new competition be introduced to the ANSA Qld State competition list. The competition will be called the Bob Carruthers Memorial Trophy. It will be a perpetual trophy to be awarded to the angler with the longest land based fish caught on lure.

Reason: It would be a fitting tribute to a long standing ANSA member and one who served on the Brisbane SFC and the State Exec Committees for many years and in keeping with Bob's wishes, the proceeds of the sale of the old fishing gear that belonged to the late Bob Carruthers would be used to purchase the trophy. The Brisbane SFC will purchase the trophy and forward it on to the State Exec for safe keeping. This was one of Bob's favourite forms of fishing and worthy of his memory.

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Item 4.

Moved - State Executive that: "Carp" be removed from the ANSA Qld Eligible Species List.

Reason: Carp is listed as a noxious species under Queensland Fisheries Legislation so it is illegal to have this species in your possession. Unlike in some other states where laws have been relaxed so an angler may have a noxious species in their possession "DEAD", this is not the case in Queensland. By removing Carp from our list it takes away any value this fish may have. A Fisheries Permit is still available for organised groups i.e., Carp Busters, Tilapia Busters, to remove these species from waterways. Carp is listed on the IGFA and ANSA National Eligible Species Lists so it allows an angler to pursue this species for IGFA Records and/or ANSA National Records or Masters when caught in other states but will not be suitable for ANSA Qld Records or Masters.

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Item 5.

Moved - NQ Flyfishers that: ANSA establish the Hamar Midgley trophy for flyfishing. The recipient would have made outstanding captures on fly or strongly promoted flyfishing. ANSA Qld would call for nominations through "Sportfish" or the web. Any ANSA club could nominate one candidate and Sportfishers would need to be nominated by another Sportfisher other than a family member. The winner would be chosen by the ANSA executive and announced at the ANSA annual general conference. A perpetual trophy showing the winner's name and year would be awarded but kept in the safekeeping of the executive. A certificate incorporating a picture of the award would become the permanent property of the recipient. NQ Flyfishers would purchase/supply a suitable trophy.

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Item 6.

Moved - State Executive that: The Rules for the Length Based Competition be amended. The words "and Fishing Rules" be inserted immediately behind the word "tackle" in dot point 6, page 19 of the 2007 ANSA Qld Handbook. The rule would then read "No line classes or divisions as long as tackle and Fishing Rules meet ANSA requirements."

Reason:- There has been some confusion in the general rules as to how they apply when landing fish. This should alleviate this problem.

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Discussion Item. No 1

The STATE EXECUTIVE would like to raise the following discussion issue:

Biodegradable Fishing Line

Over the next few years we are likely to see a range of new bio-degradable fishing lines come onto the market. The most likely use for bio-degradable line will initially be for leader material rather than as a complete replacement for the entire fishing line.

This provides ANSA, and in particular ANSA Qld, the opportunity to be seen to be taking the initiative in reducing the environmental impact of fishing lines. As ANSA Qld already has a breakaway trace within its rules it would be a simple step to encourage the use of bio-degradable line for the breakaway trace. Also it could be promoted for use in more general fishing activities. It is likely to require only a minimal change in the fishing practices of many of our members that use a mainline of braid or nylon with a leader.

This could get ANSA onto the front foot in dealing with fishing line left in the environment and be able to short circuit some of the criticism we get, especially from green groups. It would also demonstrate to fisheries agencies that ANSA continues to be at the forefront of responsible fishing practices. After all, despite claims by others, it was ANSA that initiated the very successful and well respected "Gently Does It" program on best practices on releasing fish.

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Discussion Item. No 2

The STATE EXECUTIVE would like to raise the following discussion issue:

Length to Weight Update & Status

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