

28 FEBRUARY 2024

MELBOURNE COARSE ANGLERS

AGM

Rebooted association - first official AGM



STATUS REPORT

- MCA is incorporated with CAV
- MCA holds public liability insurance to cover up to 35 anglers at events (PL does NOT cover anglers for personal injury)
- Anglers who participate in AFCAA (federation) matches must also pay federation fees
- Permits to return fish to venues after matches have been issued by Fisheries Victoria, anglers must observe guidelines during pleasure fishing
- MCA have approximately 37 financial members

FINANCIAL STATUS

- The current balance of the MCA bank account is \$5,900 (approx)
- Expenditure during the reboot process has been:
 - CAV Incorporation costs
 - Website hosting fees
 - Match expenses
 - Miscellaneous minor expenses
 - Prizes & trophies
- TOTAL EXPENSES : \$1630 (approx)
- Income from membership fees : \$1100 (approx)
- Income from match fees : \$160 (approx)

BUDGET FORECAST 2024/25

■ FORECAST INCOME

- MEMBERSHIP FEES - \$1500
- MATCH & EVENT FEES - \$1350
- TOTAL INCOME : \$2850

■ FORECAST EXPENSES

- CAV LODGEMENT FEES \$40
- PL INSURANCE \$420
- TROPHIES & MEDALS \$100
- PRIZES, MATCH HANDOUTS \$1020
- WEB HOSTING \$420
- AGM COSTS \$300
- MISC EXPENSES \$480
- TOTAL EXPENDITURE : \$2,780

MISSION STATEMENT

- Provide a focal point for coarse angling (social & match) in Melbourne and Victoria
- To attract new members to the association – whether social or match anglers
- To support existing and new members and to recognise the history of the club
- To provide information for all coarse anglers regarding venues, species, methods, tactics and social activities
- To organise social angling sessions with members
- To organise a friendly and inclusive match schedule
- To efficiently run matches and to provide the necessary permits that protect anglers and officials from legal actions by fisheries authorities

CODE OF CONDUCT

- **A new code of conduct has been written & will be made available on the website. In summary:**
 - **Observe care & due diligence towards non-fishing members of the public.**
 - **Behave with politeness and cordiality to all MCA members and the non-fishing public.**
 - **Anglers must never leave loose line, weights and other equipment that can cause harm to wildlife.**
 - **Observe strict no-littering rules and furthermore to attempt to leave all venues cleaner than when the angler arrived and to promote zero littering at all times.**
 - **All members must hold current Victorian Recreational Fishing licenses (unless age exempt).**

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

- Membership is valid from 1 March to 28 February the following year
- Three memberships are available:
 - Full
 - Senior (card holders only)
 - Social (eligible for participation in one MCA match only)
- All members will have full access to the MCA website
- All members implicitly accept the club rules & code of conduct

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

- 29 FULL & SENIOR MEMBERS
- 4 SOCIAL MEMBERS (ONE MATCH ONLY)
- 10 PENDING FINANCIAL STATUS (NOT YET PAID)

MEMBERS BOOKLET

- Each member will receive a bound booklet...

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SAFETY POLICY

- A safety policy document has been prepared and will be available on the website
- All event organisers will abide by the safety policy
- Anglers will also observe the safety policy during all matches & events

MATCH ORGANISER GUIDELINES

- A document guiding match organisers has been written and will be available on the website.

MATCH RULES

- A set of rules for a “Standard” match has been written and will be available on the website.

PROPOSED INITIATIVES

- Provide a membership booklet for all financial members
- Research venues throughout Victoria for all members
- Research and publish a guide to angling venues for both pleasure and competition.
- Create a match planning guide
- Investigate software solutions for match management
- Purchase trophies for matches and special awards
- Research bumper stickers for members
- Research membership pins as a mean of ID (e.g. “MCA 2024”)
- Establish communications with angling retailers and wholesalers to obtain discount for members
- Develop a process for recognising the input of long serving club members

PROPOSED INITIATIVES (CONTD)

- Improve the website:
- Forum
- Equipment & bait resources
- Regular blog posts on venues, catches, bait, techniques etc
- Membership fees online payment
- Match fees online payment (payouts still to be cash while practical and legal)
- Begin a dialog with Victorian Fisheries Authority, Parks Victoria and Melbourne Water to improve access to angling venues and to promote a better understanding of coarse angling activity
- Organise social events to enable members to meet & socialise and to make suggestions to the committee
- Purchase first aid kits for matches & events
- Purchase a defibrillator

COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

- The current committee positions will now be vacated by the holders & proposals/seconds accepted during the AGM for new members to participate
 - President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Match secretary
 - Web master & content manager
 - Venue researcher & liaison manager

MINUTES

- Apologies to any members that were unable to join via video conference links (MCA will use AFCAA “Zoom” account for any future online meetings)
- All AGM items received by attendees without major comment
- MCA will retain minimum \$2000 “float” in bank account at all times
- All committee positions were vacated, nominations accepted and voted upon. New committee is:
 - Stuart Winton (secretary)
 - John Heath (treasurer, match secretary)
 - Richard Broadhurst (venue researcher)
- PRESIDENT - position remains open ... nominations welcome
- Meeting closed 9:30pm