

MURRAYWATCH
FRIENDS OF THE RIVER INC.

MINUTES THE MEETING HELD AT MURRAY BRIDGE COUNCIL
THURSDAY 19th February 2015.

1. **Opening: Meeting** opened at 10.30pm
2. **Present:**
 - R. Burgess President
 - P Wright Coorong Council
 - N. Pennington, Vice President
 - S. Pennington Committee.
 - C Bailey Committee
 - A Brown Committee
 - I Hunter Marine Safety
 - P Smith MDA
 - T Franklin Committee
 - A Claughton SAPOL
 - T Weinmann Murray Bridge Council
 - S Horstmann Mid-Murray Council
3. **Apologies** K Hall. Hon. A Pederick.. G Sutton B. Tanner P Moffatt
4. **Confirmation of minutes:**

Motion resolved the minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2014 be accepted as a true and correct record

Moved A Brown/ C Bailey Carried
5. **Business arising from minutes**
 - a. Website
The agenda and minutes have now been included in the web site.
 - b. New pamphlets/Promotions
Some confusion exists regarding sharing the purchase of floating key rings, Phil Moffatt not available so deferred to the next meeting.
 - c. RMBRAG.
No constitution at this time and the group are seeking funding.
6. **President's Report**

As read at the meeting. Copies provided

7. Treasurer's Report

Balance at 31/10/14 = \$3131.45

N Pennington moved the report be accepted and an outstanding account to Alan Brown be paid, seconded P Smith Carried

8. Marine Safety Officers Report

.A big issue is being raised regarding wake boarding, boats are being over crowded to make the towing vessel lower in the water or having water let into the boat to make the boat create a large wake for the board riders. Referred to general business.

9. Murraywatch Reports

.Darling River is no longer flowing and Meningie lake is dry, there appears no doubt that drought conditions will recur in the next year or two with low water levels and bank cracking as in the past.

10. Murray Darling Report

Peter Smith gave an account of the last Murray Darling Meetings. Drought conditions are continuing to cause concern with little rain in the catchment areas. Lake Meningie is holding only 17% of its capacity. The Darling river is currently not flowing.

11. Correspondence

Memberships

Mid-Murray Council

Bank statement

Coorong Council re representative.

Murray Bridge Council re representative.

12. General Business

a. Wake boarding issue.

Wake board damage to the river banks and jetties will have to be addressed, motion resolved-- Murraywatch write to Goolwa LAP, the MDB,, the NRM and local Member seeking assistance and advice regarding Wake Boarding and wake surfing problems.

Moved C Bailey seconded P Smith. Carried

P Smith also suggested letters be sent to the Minister, DEWNR, local councils

Next meeting is Thursday 16th April 2015 at 10.30am at Murray Bridge