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AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION, (WA DIVISION) INC.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Held at Sports Association WA, Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley
Tuesday 21st August 2012**

1. OPEN MEETING

President John Curtis opened the meeting at 9:00pm and welcomed delegates.

2. PRESENT

Kevin Murphy, MAAC	James Strong, Patron
Darlene Shepherd MAAC	John Curtis, President
Terry Fuller, SCAC	Marcia Pekaar, Assistant Secretary
George Holman, SCAC	Peter Pekaar, Proxy Geraldton
Don Cox, Melville	Pat McKeown, Proxy Northampton
Russell Bunce, Fremantle	Richard Suidak, Independent Delegate
Peter Osborne, ORSSC	John Crompton, Proxy Esperance Surfcasters
Joe Horvath, OSAC Beach	
Peter Stoeckel, Beachcombers	

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from, Pat Shinnick LAAC, Jason Pember, Melville, Martin Humbert, Proxy OSAC Sth Coastal, Malcolm Cruikshank, Proxy Mt Barker

4. VISITORS

Nil

5. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES

Nil

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of previous meeting had previously been circulated via email and mail.

Moved Joe Horvath: Seconded Jim Strong "That the minutes as tabled be accepted as a true and accurate record." Motion carried.

7. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS FROM MINUTES

Nil

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT for 2011 / 2012

It is with pleasure that I present the President's report for 2011 / 2012 to the Western Australian Division of the Australian Anglers Association. It has been a very good year for the Association with a lot of work being undertaken by many people and the Association has reaped the benefits of their efforts.

We have had a very good year on the State Championship front with all divisions reporting increased numbers of participants. All angling competitions have produced excellent

results with very good bags being weighed in at all three venues. The State Dry Casting Championships also produced some good results and had good numbers of participants.

I would like to specifically thank all subcommittees for their dedication and commitment over the past year. To the State Boating Sub-Committee and its chair, Pat Shinnick and his team, thanks for a job well done. It has been an excellent year and we look forward to more of the same next year.

To the great team of people supporting Pat in his endeavours, from myself as President and the Association, thank you for a job well done. To all of the clubs who were involved in the competition, the success of this event is also due in part to you and your efforts and I thank you for that. I recently attended a Boating sub-committee meeting and their enthusiasm and desire to achieve is something to be seen.

To Jason and his team of willing workers in both the Rock and Beach and Estuary Sub-Committees also goes my thanks for their time and effort in producing two excellent events with great numbers and participation from many of the affiliated clubs. Again on behalf of the Association and myself thank you for a job well done.

To the Dry Casting sub-committee and its chairman George Holman also goes my thanks for another successful year.

I recently attended the National Mid Term Meeting and Federal Executive Meeting of the National body and presented a report to the National AGM in Caloundra, Queensland. In my report to them I made a point that if the organisation is to continue then it needs the support and assistance from all of its members. It is the same in Western Australia. If we are to survive and grow as an organisation we need support and assistance from all clubs. This year it has been great to see what can be achieved when clubs get behind our sub-committees and support them by actively participating in their events.

At this meeting the option for Western Australia to host the 2017 National Convention and Angling Championships was discussed briefly. All States and New Zealand indicated that they would be willing to participate in an event held in Western Australia.

South Australia have indicated a willingness to host the 2015 Championships and Convention and have again selected Wallaroo as the location over several other locations. This is to be ratified by the Division in South Australia and will be presented to the 2013 Convention at Caloundra in Queensland.

I had the opportunity to view the venues and facilities for the 2013 Convention and was very impressed with all venues offered for all sections. Each will give participants some very good fishing in the offshore, rock and beach and estuary events. The casting ground is also one of the best I have seen and I feel that all venues will produce good results. There is a plenty of accommodation available in various forms and a lot of hire boats available. I have many photographs of the venues and will put them onto the W A Division web site and I would encourage everyone to consider taking part in this event. On a different note, recreational anglers have had more restrictions placed on them and access to some angling locations has been restricted by both State and Federal Government. As I see it, we face having more and more legislation enacted to appease the 'green' vocal minority who seem to never let the truth get in the way of a good story.

There appears to be minimal impact on recreational anglers following the declaration of the South West Marine Park. The State government has declared several marine parks and reserves in the Kimberley and thanks, in part, to the efforts of Recfishwest we can subsistence fish in them rather than be totally locked out. This is a real plus and a positive outcome for W A's recreational anglers.

In speaking of Recfishwest there are major changes planned to the structure of this body. This will be decided at a Special General Meeting to be held in late August at Hillarys. If we are to make our voice heard and have the opportunity to have a say in the future of recreational angling in Western Australia, then we need to be proactive and sign up as many affiliated club members as possible to ensure that we can be heard.

In talking to other State Presidents recently, administratively, Western Australia is no different to other states in that many people seem to believe that it will all just happen. There are too few willing workers for the amount of work required to be done. State and inter-club events don't just happen and if it wasn't for the efforts of a few, the many would not have any events to participate in. If you are one of the unwilling many, consider what will happen to your sport and recreation if there are no volunteers working behind the scenes to plan and present the variety of events that you participate in. My challenge to you is if you can help - do so even if your contribution is only for a few hours. Every little bit helps and relieves the burden of those who are heavily involved.

Well what of the future of the Association. I admit that at one stage late last year I considered that we should look at the possibility of winding up the Association due to a lack of support and an apparent desire to let others do the work. Thankfully this did not occur and it would seem that due to the efforts of the sub-committees we are once again on track and can expect to move forward with renewed vigour over the next twelve months.

I have previously organised a Planning Meeting involving the chairs of the various sub-committees along with several of our more experienced delegates to look at where the organisation is going. I believe that this meeting proved to be quite fruitful and I thank all who participated in it for their time and effort. It is my intention to again shortly hold another similar meeting to address issues and develop and prioritise a plan covering the next two to three years so that the Association has some targets to achieve and can judge its progress by the results achieved.

Albert Einstein once said that insanity was doing the same thing over and over again while expecting a different result. As I have said before, we as an organization will fail if we continue to do what we have always done and the result will be that we will achieve what we have always achieved. It is imperative that we consider making changes to our ways or we are doomed to fade away into insignificance and irrelevance as an organization.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who have given their time and effort so willingly in performing often onerous tasks. One group who need to be singled out for recognition in this report are the members of the various clubs who participated in the National Angling Championships. Although they did not win any titles, they did win a lot of respect from other competitors for their attitude and approach to this event. I thank you all for the way you acquitted yourselves as representatives from Western Australia.

To the Executive Committee I thank all of you for your input and assistance throughout the year. To all of the Delegates representing your clubs I also thank you for your assistance and input to the Association throughout the year.

In closing I would like to take a positive outlook and approach for the coming year. 2012 /2013 is a year of opportunity and decisions for this association. We can either remain the same and eventually wither and fall away or we can adopt and adapt to improve the lot for not only club anglers, but for all recreational anglers in Western Australia. It is a challenge that faces us and we can accept or reject it. The decision is ours.

(signed) John Curtis, President,

9. TREASURERS REPORT & AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

Due to the absence of the Secretary / Treasurer the presentation of this report will be held over until the September Delegates Council Meeting when it will be tabled and discussed.

10. SETTING OF ASSOCIATION AFFILIATION FEES:

It was moved by Peter Osborne and seconded Peter Stoeckel; "That the Association's Affiliation Fees for the 2012 - 2013 year remain at \$200-00 per annum. Small clubs, or those with limited financial means may negotiate a reduction of affiliation fees directly with the President." Carried.

Pat McKeown raised the issue of setting the motion aside until the Treasurer's Report and Audited Financial Statement are tabled at the September Delegates Council Meeting. The meeting discussed this proposal and resolved that if required, it can be revisited and revised at the September Delegates Council Meeting.

11. ELECTION OF OFFICER BEARERS FOR 2012 - 2013

John Curtis indicated that he had received one written nomination form for positions and called for any further nomination forms. There being none presented, he then declared all positions vacant and invited the Senior Vice President to conduct the election for the position of President. Voting for all positions was conducted by secret ballot and Marcia and Peter Pekaar were appointed as scrutineers assisted by Pat McKeown

POSITION	NOMINEE	NOMINATED BY	SECONDED BY	VOTE
President	John Curtis	George Holman	Richard Suidak	Carried
Senior Vice President	George Holman	Richard Suidak	Terry Fuller	Carried
Junior Vice President	Peter Osborne	George Holman	John Curtis	Carried
Secretary	Diane McDonough appointed to continue as a paid casual employee			
Treasurer	Diane McDonough appointed to continue as a paid casual employee			
Assistant Secretary	Richard Suidak	John Curtis	George Holman	Carried
Publicity Officer	John Curtis	Richard Suidak	George Holman	Carried
State Recorder	John Curtis	Richard Suidak	George Holman	Carried
Property Officer	Vacant - No Nomination received.			
Competition Officer	Jason Pember	George Holman	Terry Fuller	Carried
Web Site Editor	Terry Fuller	John Curtis	Peter Osborne	Carried
Independent Delegate	Richard Suidak	John Curtis	George Holman	Carried

12. CLOSE MEETING:

There being no other business the President declared the meeting closed at 9:40pm.