



AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION

(WA Division) Inc

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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 17 SEPTEMBER 2013 at 7.30 pm

1. OPEN MEETING

President John Curtis opened the meeting at 2030 hrs and welcomed Delegates

2. PRESENT

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| Eric Leigh, ORSSC | Kevin Murphy MAAC |
| Mark Hansen, Beachcombers | Bob Craigie MAAC |
| Denis Loran HYC | Terry Fuller, SCAC |
| Martin Humbert OSAC Mt. Barker | Stefan Salamon National President General & President AAA SA Division |
| Jim Strong, Patron, John Curtis President & Recorder Richard Suidak, Independent Delegate & Treasurer John Crompton, Proxy Esperance Surf Casters & Secretary | |

3. APOLOGIES

Wilf Core, Melville AAC; Paul Longo, PBAC; Russell Bunce, FAAC; Jason Pember, FAAC; Pat Shinnick, LAAC; Jim Strong, Patron; Peter Osborne, ORSS; Joe Horvath, OSAC Beach Branch; Pat McKeown, Northampton A/C; & George Holman, SCAC.

4. VISITORS

Mr. Stefan Salamon President General and also President AAA SA Division

5. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES

President welcomed Robert Craigie MAAC Delegate, replacing Kevin Murphy.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 21 AUGUST 2012

Moved. Richard Siudak, Seconded; Mark Hansen; "That the minutes as tabled be accepted as a true and accurate record." Motion carried.

7. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS FROM MINUTES

Nil.



8. PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR 2012 / 2013

John Curtis delivered the Presidents Report for 2012 / 2013.

REPORT TO A A A (W A DIVISION) INC 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

It is with pleasure that I again present an annual report as President to the Australian Anglers Association (W A Division) 2013 Annual General Meeting. It has been an active and busy year for the W A Division of the Association.

During this year we have had a few clubs indicate that they wished to relinquish their membership, whilst one new club has affiliated. Unfortunately some of the clubs who relinquished their affiliation have had internal problems and this led to them not renewing their affiliation. Some clubs have not been growing and have decided to withdraw due to the age and lack of ability to participate in the Association's events. Many clubs are in a similar situation with an aging membership and minimal recruitment.

This trend is a major concern to the W A Division. The lack of recruitment of younger people, either single or families, into our ranks is of concern. Once we have them on board, retaining them, and keeping them is the next concern. As an organization we are going to have to make some wholesale changes to the way we operate to encourage new members and clubs to join. If we continue in the same way as we have done, and don't make changes to incorporate this new blood, we as an organization are doomed to fail.

State competitions run by the Western Australian Division during the last year have also shown a decline in numbers attending. This is of concern to the Association, but is also appears to be a reflection of competitions within clubs as well. If our organization is to grow and be a viable concern we have to recruit younger people and also encourage them to take an active role within their club and the Association.

Many people seem to believe that State Competitive events 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.

I would also like to specifically thank all subcommittees for their dedication and commitment over the past year. The 2012/13 State Boat Angling Championships, saw over 200 anglers in more than 100 boats participate. Some excellent fish were weighed and the event was a great success. The only down side of the event was that only four clubs were represented at this event.

To the State Boating Sub-Committee, thanks for a job well done. To the great team of people supporting and assisting this committee in its 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 no small part to you and your efforts and I thank you for that.

To the 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.

The numbers of anglers fishing in the State Rock and Beach event were also down this year and to make matters worse, they battled inclement weather and tides. However the event was deemed to be successful, but improved numbers attending would make for a better competition.

The State Estuary competition was held last November in Cockburn Sound. Once again competition numbers were down and the weather was against participants. However the quality of fish weighed made up for the lack of anglers.

To the Dry Casting sub-committee also goes my thanks for another successful year. Their effort was recently rewarded at the National Championships and has ensured that Western Australia remains a top team competing at National level.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Secretary John Crompton who took on the role of Secretary. John quietly goes about his business in an efficient manner and has been a great support to me in this role. I also wish to thank Richard Siudak, who is Chair of the AAA Records Authority and an Independent Delegate for his work in the role as Treasurer. On the positive side we have seen several changes which will improve recreational angling in Western Australia. With the introduction of the Recreational Boat Angling Licence which requires all anglers fishing from a boat to hold a licence. Funds raised from this licence fee have been used in many ways to enhance recreational angling in Western Australia. Some areas where these funds have been used are;

- the restocking of 30 000 mulloway fingerling in the metropolitan and near country area,
- the restocking of barramundi into Dampier Creek in Broome,
- the placement of two artificial reefs of the coast of Busselton and Bunbury.
- further funding has been granted for research into restocking the Western River prawn into the Swan River,
- research into squid and,
- further research into snapper and black bream.

All of these initiatives will further enhance the recreational fishing experience for anglers in Western Australia.

The Fisheries Department had undertaken several reviews of recreational angling activities and also reviewing fisheries legislation. These reviews have been completed but not all have been released or published. The Demersal Review is still to be released even though it was due in December 2011. We are still waiting for the results of this review and it may be released shortly.

Earlier in the year anglers in Western Australia were presented with a 'simplified' Recreational Fishing Guide'. The positive side of this is we now have one set of regulations that cover all regions in the State. Unfortunately on the down side there were many errors in the initial and subsequent editions. As a result, it has been released three times.

Following written complaints by the Association to the Fisheries Department, the Association was asked to submit recommendations listing changes required to correct these errors via Recfishwest. The Association responded with a four page letter listing where changes were required and also cross referenced them to the current Fish Resources Management Act (1994) and the Fish Resources Management Regulations (1995). I would like to acknowledge the efforts and assistance of Terry Fuller in helping to prepare and collate this information.

At the Federal level, the previous government put in place the a series of marine parks between Shark Bay just south of Carnarvon to Kangaroo Island in South Australia. The impact of these marines reserve on recreational anglers in Western Australia has major implications for recreational anglers throughout Australia. The two areas that are of major concern are Geographe Bay and the Rottneest Trench. With the recent election of a coalition government some of these reserves and marine parks may be reviewed and may not yet be approved. Only time will tell if a pre election promise will be followed through.

In addition the State government implemented the Ngari Marine Reserve in the south west of the state. At this stage the Ngari Marine Park is yet to be gazetted, however this will occur in the near future. At this stage there appears to be no major impact on recreational angling.

The Western Australian Division has been working closely with RECFISHWEST, the peak recreational fishing body in Western Australia on both fronts so that anglers can achieve a workable situation that provides all parties with a win-win situation.

Discussions and letters between the Association and Recfishwest have been ongoing and we are still awaiting the outcomes of some of these deliberations. I have recently attended meetings on behalf of the Association for the Fishing Associations Working Group and the inshore FAD steering committee. More information on these projects will be forthcoming shortly.

This year was a National Championship and Convention year and was held at Caloundra in Queensland in early a team of some eleven anglers travelled to Queensland to participate in the Estuary, Rock and Beach and Dry Casting events. The Western Australian team acquitted itself well with George Holman winning the Individual Veterans Division in Casting. In the Mens Division Rhys Jones was third overall in the Casting event and Rob Pekaar was seventh. Two outstanding results were from the Ladies Casting team, comprising of Deidre Thomas and Debbie Korin. These ladies came fifth and eighth overall and were also well placed in overall competition standings. I would like to acknowledge and thank all of the members of this group who participated at the National Championships for their efforts and sportsmanship displayed during the event. You did Western Australia proud. The 34th National Angling Championship and Convention will be held at Wallaroo in South Australia in March 2015.

Over a number of years members of the Association have noted that many structures and fishing platforms have been either dismantled, had access restricted or permanently lost. Many of these are due to local government authorities and the state government departments restricting access because of the risk of being sued for negligence or as a result of injuries resulting from access to these structures. The Association prepared a

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report detailing the number of structures that have been lost, or where access has been limited. It also included structures that had been removed and replaced and improved. This report has been sent to Recfishwest for further discussion with the appropriate authorities. On a similar note the Association also supported a campaign to re-instate the North Beach Jetty. This historic structure was originally built in the late 1880's and has been extended and since destroyed by a cyclone. Following a bequest left to a local shire it was rebuilt albeit far shorter than the previous structure. The Shire has indicated that it has not and will not allocate funds for this project. As an historical structure it deserves to be rebuilt and the Association supports this aim.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many members of the clubs who have ably and actively supported the Association over the last year and look forward to their continued support during the 2013 / 2014 year. To you the delegates who are the ears, eyes and voice of the affiliated clubs from the clubs I thank you for your input and efforts throughout the year. I thank you for your continued support of the Association and its events.



John Curtis,
President,
Australian Anglers Association (W A Division) Inc.
17 September 2013

9. TREASURERS REPORT & AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT-

Audit of the accounts of the Australian Anglers Association (WA Division) Inc.

Auditor's Report to the Members of the
Australian Anglers Association (WA Division) Inc.

2012/2013 Financial Year

I have examined the book and records of the Australian Anglers Association (WA Division) Inc for the financial year ended 30 June 2013.

In my opinion, the attached Statement of Income and Expenditure presents the financial position of the Association is in a true and fair manner.

The governing body of the Australian Anglers Association (WA Division) Inc is responsible for the financial report and has determined the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial requirements of the constitution and appropriate to meet the needs and requirements of the members.

The financial reports have been prepared for distribution to the members for the purpose of fulfilling the Association's reporting requirements.

I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or the financial reports to which it relates to any person other than the members or for any other purpose other than for which it was prepared.



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2 September 2013

Australian Anglers Association WA Division (Inc)
Annual Financial Report for period 1st July 2012 to 30th June 2013

General Account

Brought Forward \$17,602.80

Income

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|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Affiliation Fees | \$ 3,510.00 | |
| State Rock & Beach | \$ 1,121.00 | |
| State Dry Casting | \$ 517.50 | |
| State Estuary | \$ 970.00 | |
| State Boat | \$ 6,003.30 | |
| Record Applications | \$ 108.00 | |
| Dry Casting gear sell off | \$ 154.50 | |
| Polo Shirt Sales | \$ 150.00 | |
| Bank Interest | <u>\$ 54.49</u> | <u>\$ 12,588.79</u> |

Expenses

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| Affiliation Fees & Insurance | \$ 2,419.00 | |
| Secretary Honorarium | \$ 4,200.00 | |
| National Convention - Fees, Fares & Convention Polos | \$ 2,446.49 | |
| State Estuary | \$ 330.00 | |
| State Beach & Rock | \$ 330.00 | |
| State Dry Casting | \$ 1,000.60 | |
| State Boat | \$ 5,353.19 | |
| Admin Telephone & Internet | \$ 740.63 | |
| Admin Stationery and Sundries | \$ 2,544.56 | |
| Admin Meetings & Presentations | \$ 2,111.76 | |
| | | \$ 21,476.23 |

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| Brought forward | \$ | 17,602.80 |
| Income | \$ | 12,588.79 |

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| Expenditure | - | <u>\$ 21,476.23</u> |
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| Actual Current Funds Balance as at 30 June 2013 | \$ | 8,715.36 |
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| Accounted Funds Balance as per AAAWA Westpac General Cheque Account - 036-080 25-6405 Bank Statement No.122 - Closing Balance to 03 July 2013 | \$ | 8,085.36 |
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|-------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Plus | <i>Not yet banked</i> | | | |
| | March / April Income | 30.00 | | |
| | May Income | 130.00 | | |
| | June Income | 470.00 \$ | 630.00 \$ | 8,715.36 |

Richard Siudak
Honorary Treasurer

Secretary:

President indicated that there was one written nomination for the position of Secretary that on John Crompton. He called for any further nominations and with none forthcoming John Crompton was duly elected.

Treasurer:

A written nomination nominating Richard Siudak had been received. The President called for any further nominations for this position. With none forthcoming Richard Suidak was duly appointed.

Assistant Secretary:

No nominations were received for this position and it was left vacant.

Publicity Officer:

The President indicated that this position had over the past few years fallen on the position of President and that he was happy to continue to carry out this role where required.

Recorder:

A written nomination nominating John Curtis had been received. The President called for any further nominations for this position. With none forthcoming John Curtis was duly appointed.

Property Officer:

No nominations were received for this position and it was left vacant.

Competition Officer:

A written nomination nominating Jason Pember had been received. The President called for any further nominations for this position. With none forthcoming Jason Pember was duly appointed.

Web Site Editor:

A written nomination nominating Terry Fuller had been received. The President called for any further nominations for this position. With none forthcoming Terry Fuller was duly appointed.

- 12 The Annual General Meeting closed at 9:10 pm.

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| <p>The President called for a motion to resume standing orders and it was moved by Mark Hansen Seconded Kevin Murphy "That standing orders be resumed" Motion Carried.</p> |
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AAAWA BEACH AND ROCK / ESTUARY SUB-COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT 2012/13 – Jason Pember

Rock and Beach

The 2013 Rock and Beach competition was held in the Geraldton area out of the S-Bend caravan park. The boundary of the competition was Carson's beach south of Dongara to Coronation Beach. 121 competitors entered the competition from 7 clubs including the local Geraldton Club and 2 boating clubs.

The fishing was extremely poor with only 490 fish caught. Even though the weather was good there was very little tidal movement with only a slight fall over the majority of the weekend. The best bag consisted of 11 species including a Dhufish caught by Johan Grobler from the Geraldton Club. Other competitors that did well moved around and fished for species including fishing around the city of Geraldton.

The S Bend caravan park was a good location for the weigh-in with ample space and a gazebo with power for the score calculations. The caravan park was nearly booked out by competitors entering the competition. The weigh-in ran smoothly with only minor weigh-in slip errors. With another set of scales the weigh-in would have been a little quicker although it was completed in a reasonable time. The only criticism of the event was the very poor fishing. The committee believes that this is the best time of the year to fish the area and being 4 hours from Perth it needs to be on a long weekend. The only other available time for a competition could be the March long weekend however the boating is run in March. I believe that it is important to run a state event in the Geraldton area to support both the Geraldton and Northampton angling clubs that are affiliated with the AAAWA. An event hasn't been run in Geraldton for 17 years.

Results

| Anglers Registered | Men | Ladies | Vets | Juniors | Mini's | Total Fish | Total Weight | Ave fish / angler | Ave Kg / Angler |
|--------------------|-----|--------|------|---------|--------|------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 121 | 77 | 25 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 490 | 179 | 4 | 1 |

Estuary

The Estuary competition was held in Cockburn Sound and the Swan/Canning rivers. The result of this competition was good with a higher average fish per angler compared to the beach and rock. The Cockburn competition has had the highest number of participants and the most fish caught of the estuary competitions of recent times.

The participation although good was slightly down on previous years and similar locations. Cockburn had 77 participants this year compared to 90 last time it was in Cockburn. The difference being no participants from Ocean Reef were as the majority came from there last time. The weather was extremely windy with 30 knots on Saturday night.

The best bag was 10 species, 150 points caught by Glen Hillary from Marmion. Most of the top bags came from people fishing out of boats in Cockburn. The weigh-in was held at the Cockburn Power Boat Storage which was a great venue with ample parking for boats in the public car park.

ESTUARY RESULTS:

| Anglers Registered | Men | Ladies | Vets | Juniors | Mini's | Total Fish | Total Weight | Ave fish / angler | Ave Kg / Angler |
|--------------------|-----|--------|------|---------|--------|------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 77 | 44 | 9 | 15 | 6 | 3 | 490 | 130 | 6 | 1.7 |

Discussion

This year the bag limit for wrasse was reduced from eight to one due to the high number of competitors having a problem with the number of wrasse weighed at the estuary. Also the size limit for species such as dart was increased to 25 cm from 20 cm.

The lower number of participants in Cockburn this year compared to last time the completion was run in this area shows the importance and influence single leading individuals are in clubs and the AAAWA. Without Terry Bell fishing and encouraging his members to enter Ocean Reef didn't compete. The current sub-committee has used this principal to encourage leaders in clubs to promote events. This has seen competition numbers grow from 38 fisher people at the Swan River event and 48 at Jurien in 2005 to 148 last year at Jurien and 78 in the last Swan River event. This year has again however seen some clubs have very low participation or not bothering to enter at all. This includes some of the stronger and leading clubs in the AAAWA. To continue and prosper over the coming year, leaders of these clubs must realize that club participation in AAAWA events is paramount for both the success of the AAAWA and clubs. Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club had never participated in a beach or estuary event in recent times until Kevin Murphy and Glen Hillary encouraged other member to fish.