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Minutes of Delegates' Meeting 18 April, 2006 at WA Sports Association, Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley.

The Delegates' meeting was opened at 7:50 pm. Vice President Nick Allsworth chaired the meeting.

Present:	Nick Allsworth	Northern Districts AC	Terry Fuller	Surf Casting and Angling Club
	Jim Strong	Denmark Angling Club	George Holman	Surf Casting and Angling Club
	Kevin Hughes	Bunbury Angling Club	Russell Bunce	Fremantle Amateur Angling Club
	Joe Horvath	OSAC Beach	Rick Cameron	OSAC South Coastal

Apologies:

Don Cox, Pat Shinnick, Martin Humbert.

Notification of Proxies:

No new ones.

Visitors:

None.

Minutes of Previous Delegates' Meeting

Moved George Holman seconded Jim Strong that the minutes of the previous month's Delegates' meeting are true and are an accurate record. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes.

None.

Minutes of Executive Meeting

The April Executive Meeting had not been held due to lack of members for the executive.

Correspondence Inwards.

By Post	In From	Subject	Date	Action
Westpac		Bank Account Statements for March	Apr	Treasurer
Hillarys Yacht Club		March newsletter	Apr	Info
Marmion AAC		April newsletter	Apr	Info
Offshore Angling Club Mt Barker		Affiliation Fees 2005/6	29 Mar	Treasurer
Swan Catchment Council		"The Swan" newsletter. (The leading article "Community groups help keep our rivers healthy" is ironic considering the fish kills in early April.)	Apr	Info
Chris Gaudet Boating Hardware		Payment half page advert State Boating booklet	4 Apr	Treasurer
Recfishwest		DSR funding papers	12 Apr	Signed and returned
WA Sports Federation		Report and notice of meeting	Apr	
Recfishwest		Department of Sport and Recreation Grant	18 Apr	Treasurer
Emails	In From:-	Subject	Date	Action
Various		Routine AAA Info	Various	None
Scott Medling		Information about the transducer damage at Jurien	10 Apr	Pat replied
Richard Siudak, National Records Authority		Report on National Records	13 Apr	Copies made for delegates

Outgoing Correspondence.

Posted	Out To:-	Subject	Date	Action
Minister for Fisheries		Comments on Wetline Review	23 March	None
Mt Barker Offshore Angling Club		Receipt and request for update of contact details	29 March	Awaiting reply
AAA clubs, Delegates, etc		Minutes of March 2006 Delegates' meeting.	31 Mar	None
National Records Authority		Request for a report on National Records for April meeting	1 Apr	Report received
Minister for Fisheries		Objections to deliberate misinformation by Dept of Fisheries on Salmon Designated Fishing Zones	9 April	Awaiting reply
Emails	Out To	Subject	Date	Action

Various	Routine AAA Info and replies	Various	None
AAA clubs & members with email	Reminder of 18 April Delegates' meeting	16 Apr	None

Business Arising from Correspondence:-

National records. It was agreed that more information is needed. Secretary to follow up the promised fall report if not received in the near future. It was also agreed that the meeting should be held every quarter even if there is only one claim to be processed.

The letters to clubs inviting presidents and secretaries to attend the May Delegates Meeting to discuss the future of the association will be sent in the near future.

Moved Joe Horvath seconded Russell Bunce that inwards and outwards correspondence be accepted – carried.

Treasurers Report. Accounts for payment are:-

Pay to	From General account, for	Date Received	Amount	Date Due	Action
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Total New General accounts for payment 18 April 2006

Bank Account Balances at 18 April 2006.

General Account Westpac Bank	\$	
Outstanding cheque	\$	
Outstanding cheque	\$	
Amount held for banking	\$	
Accounts for payment from General account	\$	
Available in General account and in hand after accounts paid	\$	See Note re DSR funding.
Carnival Account Westpac Bank	\$	See Note re DSR funding.

Note. Department Sport and Recreation funds received 18 April in one cheque and deposited in General Account. Some carnival payments have been made from General Account. Some transfers to be arranged.

Club Affiliation fee invoices for 2005/2006 were sent out on 14 August 2005. Reminders were sent out 25 November. Up to 21 March 2006. Total 26 clubs have paid 2005/6 affiliation fees, 1 club advised will not renew.

Paid:-

Esperance Surfcasters	Mandurah Offshore Fishing & Sailing Club	Geraldton Angling Club
Surf Casting and Angling Club	Cockburn Power Boat Association	Northampton Districts Angling Club
Quinns Rock Fishing Club	Fremantle Sailing Club	Fremantle Amateur Angling Club
Bunbury Angling Club	Offshore Angling (Club Beach)	Denmark Boating and Angling Club
Hillarys Yacht Club	Albany Angling Club	Geraldton Districts Offshore Fishing Club
Swan Yacht Club	Melville Amateur Angling Club	Northern Districts Angling Club
Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club	Rockingham Offshore Fishing Club	Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club
Lancelin Angling and Aquatic Club	Offshore Angling Club South Coast	Drifters Deepsea Angling Club
Offshore Angling Club Boat	Mount Barker Offshore Angling Club	

Advised will not renew:-

Naturaliste Game & Sports Fishing Club To be contacted.

Business Arising from Treasurer's Report.

Department of Sport and Recreation funding has been received via Recfishwest. This money should be spent in this financial year, that is before 30 June. Funding is in one lump sum and has not been allocated to the different activities as is usually done with such funding. A significant amount of this is for national competitions and so expenditure related to the National event, such as clothing, entry fees, deposits, some contributions to entrants to allow training and preparation, equipment such as rod carrying tubes should be arranged so that payment can be made before 30 June. This will be discussed at a meeting of the entrants who will go to Victoria in 2007.

This funding also includes amount for coordination with country clubs, but as with many activities which could be done, this relies on the availability of volunteers to carry it out.

Moved Joe Horvath seconded Russell Bunce that Treasurer's report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment - carried.

Secretary's Report.

Has been a very busy month for the Secretary – not all has been AAA business.

Trophy Officer's Report

No report.

Property Officer's Report

A Property Officer is still needed.

Records Officer's Report

See the report under National Championships..

Competition Officer's Report

Not present

Boating Report.

A full report had been presented to the March Delegates Meeting and included with recent minutes. No boating representative was present at this April delegates meeting, but it is understood that there has been little activity since the last report .

Estuary, Rock and Beach Report

Rock and Beach championships were held on 25/26 March at Jurien. There were some issues with the medallions presented, and some errors were made in the weigh in due to changes in volunteers.

Full details were to have been e-mailed to Terry Fuller, but he advised he had not received any results of the Rock and Beach championships, so had not been able to update the Association website, or include results with these minutes. Kevin Hughes no longer has any email access due to his change of work. He will contact the recorder Adam Eastman and ask for the results to be emailed to Terry Fuller. (Note. not received up to 2 May.)

Jason Pember won the Yallingup Beach Holiday Park voucher.

Dry Casting Report.

Nothing to report for State Dry Casting.

National Championships.

George Holman advised that currently 24 people, 2 junior, 5 ladies, 8 veterans and 9 seniors had indicated they would go to the National Championships March 2007 in Victoria.

Fishing Clinics.

Hillarys Yacht Club has been booked for the next North of the River clinics on Mondays 3, 10, 17 July 2006. Programs and arrangements as used in previous years would be used to decide the program. George Holman will contact sponsors and presenters.

The clinics promote fishing and place great emphasis on the benefits of belonging to a fishing club. They are an opportunity for clubs to promote themselves to the participants. All that is required is for the clubs to provide some handouts which can be placed in the bags given to everyone who attends. If clubs want to do more promotion on the night, please contact George Holman and discuss.

AAA Web Page

It was expected that a report and results for the 2005/6 State Rock and Beach Championships would have been placed on the website, but no information has been received. See notes above.

WARCO Report.

Nothing to report.

Notices of Motion.

None.

Recfishwest Report.

Terry Fuller reported on some of the main points from the April 2006 Recfishwest Board Meeting, and some other recent activities.

Rottnest No Fishing Areas. The proposals for Rottnest had been received only the day before the meeting. Recfishwest normally has advance knowledge of nearly all such proposals through the consultation which takes place with the peak body for recreational fishing.

However in this case the Rottneest Island Board refused to carry out proper consultation and no one from the recreational fishing community had any firm details of what was being proposed in the strategy or the details of the areas which would be closed to recreational fishing. Of course we had general ideas of what was being proposed, but no maps and no documentation, and as always, the devil is in the details.

Terry Fuller distributed copies of the Rottneest Island Marine Management Strategy Plan downloaded from the Rottneest Island website after their release on 17 April. Even a quick look raises many questions. **Note:-** since the meeting a great deal more has been realised about how these Rottneest proposals were developed and all the problems with the process and the outcomes. The documentation has either been bungled by the Rottneest Island Authority or deliberately arranged to confuse and mislead. Comments close 15 July, so there is plenty of time.

Attached to these minutes are:-

1. An article prepared for the members of the Surf Casting and Angling Club, suggesting what the priority for action should be.
2. A summary prepared by Norman Halse, a member of the committee which prepared the proposals. This shows how real consultation and attention to the real problems was not done.
3. A letter sent from AAA to the Premier and several influential members of the government.

Together, these three items outline the problems with these Rottneest proposals, and the action I would recommend at this stage. At a later time there will be more information and rebuttal of the specific proposals, the so-called science used, the misleading information provided, the misleading public consultation process, and so many other things that deserve to be opposed.

Swan River Fish Kills. Recfishwest has spent considerable time on the recent fish kills in the Swan River, including better informing the public about the issues and what can be done but what is not being done. The government continues to say that everything is in hand and that significant improvements will take a long time to happen. The conservation movement seems to have disappeared from debate on this topic or have given up trying to get the government to do what needs to be done. Recfishwest is considering what should be done to get the public more involved along the lines of the Dhufish Workshop.

Western Rock Lobster. Recfishwest has prepared a very detailed follow-up supplementary submission to Integrated Fisheries Allocation Advisory Committee Integrated Fisheries Management on Western Rock Lobster. See <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/SubIFMsupplSubWRL.htm>

Salmon Fishing. I have had personal contact from the Department of Fisheries Albany office about the misleading signs in the designated fishing zones. First indication was that the signs would be removed as soon as possible, however since the Delegates meeting I have been told that they will be removed from the South Coast during May and from the southwest coast during June. This is completely unacceptable because they will still be misleading recreational Salmon fishermen about their rights. Mike Roennfeldt wrote this topic up with an excellent article in the Saturday West Australian.

Comments have been sent in on the plans for the Rockingham/Mangles Bay/Cape Peron Marina. See <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/SubCapePerron.htm>

Recfishwest policies "Taking Fish by Free Diving" and "Artificial Reefs and Habitat Enhancements" have been adopted and will be placed on the Recfishwest web site.

A formal review is being conducted of the recreational fishing consultative structure, which includes the roles and interactions of Recreational Fisheries Advisory Committees (RFAC and Regional RFACs) and Recfishwest. External consultants will be used to avoid any claims of internal biases.

Recfishwest has drafted changes to the Constitution to allow the changes in the number of Board positions and new organisations to be represented on the Board

Commercial Wetline Review. The latest revised Commercial Wetline Management papers were released on 3/2/2006 and the Minister called for final comments from the public. Recfishwest has prepared its comments on these. See <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/SubWetlineReviewMarch06.htm>

Terry Fuller, Recfishwest Board Member.

Business Arising from RFW Report.

Terry Fuller will write up points which can be used as the basis for letters commenting on or objecting to the proposals for Rottneest.

General Business.

The Association has public liability insurance for the events it runs. It does not have insurance which extends to club activities, and does not have personal accident insurance for club members. The

reason for this is the extreme increases in premiums a few years ago, and the withdrawal by most insurance companies from this class of insurance and their refusal to renew or write policies regardless of the risk or of the premium which they might charge.

Kevin Hughes gave his apology for Delegates Meetings for the remainder of the year due to his work and moving to Bunbury.

Future of AAA.

A letter is to be sent inviting Presidents and Secretaries or their representatives to attend the May Delegates meeting to discuss the future of AAA. It is realised that country clubs may not be able to attend a week night, but they can give comments by post or email or phone. A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes.

A meeting of the Estuary, Rock and Beach sub committee had been held on 6 April. This included a discussion on the future of the AAA. Although many points were discussed, the fundamental and critical problem is the lack of people willing or able to give time to carry out any of the ideas.

Meeting closed at 9:35 pm.

Notice of Future AAA Meetings.

Next Executive Meeting	To be advised of the month	Usually held on the first Tuesday
AAA Convention 2007	8 pm Monday 8 May at George Holman's, to organise allocation of DSR funds, accommodation, transport etc for any persons interested in participating at the convention on Phillip Island. Anyone interested can come along.	
Next Delegates' Meeting	7:30pm Tuesday 16 May 2006, Sportsman's Association Clubhouse, Stancliffe Street, Mt. Lawley.	Usually held on the third Tuesday of the month.

Coming AAA Events.

State Dry Casting Championships	2006/7, Yokine Reserve, Sunday 29 October 2006	
State Estuary Championships	2006/7, Swan River, Saturday and Sunday 25/26 November 2006.	
State Boating Championships	2006/7, Date to be advised in March 2007 at Whitfords.	
State Rock & Beach Championships	2006/7, HQ Cheynes Beach, Reef Beach to Betty's Beach, Saturday and Sunday 3/4 March 2007.	

AAA Fishing Clinics.

North of the River	Hillarys (has been booked)	Mondays 3, 10, 17 July 2006
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Club and AAA Publicity.

AAA has a web site www.aaawa.iinet.net.au Member Clubs can have their news published on the website. Check out the information about the other clubs. Use the web pages to give prospective new members and people information about your Club - meeting dates- field days - membership fees - phone numbers - Club news - field days results - photos of great catches - invitation day dates - social events - ANYTHING of interest to anglers and web surfers.

It costs you nothing to tell prospective members about your Club - nothing but a little time to prepare and send the information. Email material to AAA Secretary Terry Fuller at aaawa@iinet.net.au or post to PO Box 2200, Marmion, 6020. AAA phone number is 9403 7383 for any enquiries.

Email.

Email makes it so quick and easy to distribute information like all the above to clubs and members. Clubs and Delegates please give the Secretary email addresses for people who wish to receive information. All emails will be sent so that the email address is not visible to anyone else on the address list, and will keep the email addresses private. AAA email is aaawa@iinet.net.au

Sponsors of AAA.

Club Marine

Club Marine is the major sponsor of the Australian Anglers Association and the 2005/6 AAA State Boat Angling Championships.
<http://www.clubmarine.com.au>

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