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**AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION, (WA DIVISION) INC.
DELEGATES' MEETING**

**Held at Sports Association WA, Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley
Tuesday 19th April 2011 at 7.30 pm**

MINUTES

1. OPEN MEETING

President John Curtis opened the meeting at 7.40 pm and welcomed attendees.

2. PRESENT

John Curtis, President
Russell Bunce, FAAC
Pat Shinnick, LAAC
Terry Fuller, SCAC
George Holman, SCAC
Don Cox, Melville AC
Gary Evans, MDSSC
Kevin Murphy, MAAC
Richard Siudak, Australian Records Authority

Chas Riegert, Proxy Mt Barker OSAC
John Crompton, Proxy, Esperance Surfcasters
Mark Hansen – Proxy, Beachcombers
James Strong, Proxy, Denmark AC
Marcia Pekaar, Proxy, Northampton FC
Peter Pekaar, Proxy, Geraldton FC
Diane McDonough Secretary/Treasurer
Ian Cook, Recorder

1. APOLOGIES

Paul Frzop, HYC; Peter Stoeckel, Beachcombers; Paul Longo, Perth OS Boating & AC, Jason Pember, Melville AAC.

2. VISITORS

Nil

3. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES

Mark Hanson - Beachcombers

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by George Holman and seconded by James Strong that the March minutes be accepted as an accurate record.

5. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS FROM MINUTES

Nil

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

7. CORRESPONDENCE

INWARDS (BY MAIL)

Surf Casters	Reel Talk March 2011
Port Hedland Game Fishing Club	Flyers for 2011 Mackerel Islands Game Fishing Tournament
Dept Environment & Conservation	Bushland News Autumn 2011
Dept Environment & Conservation	PERUP DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN 2011
WASF	Req for update of AAawa details; Newsletter March 2011

INWARDS (BY EMAIL)

1. Jenny Travis	Media Release - Recreational Fishing Sector Receives a Fresh Injection of Young Leaders
2. Robert Kelly	Re: Telephone No Drifters
3. Jenny Travis	Notice to Mariners - Cancellation of closure
4. Jenny Travis	Main Roads Bridge Inspection - Old Frem Traffic Bridge (Queen Victoria St)
5. Narelle Holt	Public Liability Insurance
6. Carmel LANGDON	March minutes
7. Pat Shinnick	Copy please of Insurances for 2011
8. Cheryl Poustie	Sportsview Alert - Issue 8
9. Terry Fuller	Recording of Delegates' meeting as requested.
10. Water Based Activities	FW: APPLICATION FOR MAX CURRY
11. Yvette	Life Saving Rock Bolts now in place
12. John Curtis	Item for General Business at next Delegates Council meeting
13. Pat Shinnick	Query regards PL Insurance for AAAWA Members in state events
14. John Curtis	Pat's Query re Insurance
15. Andy Cass	State Boat Championships nomination fees
16. Yvette	RFW reject claims marine sanctuaries are the magic bullet for fisheries management
17. John Curtis	Minutes of March Meeting
18. support@iinet.net.au	Do you still use your dialup?
19. Sandy Fazari	ENQUIRY - JUNIOR ANGLER CLUBS
20. Pat Shinnick	RE: BOAT CHAMPS NOMINATION PAYMENTS
21. Pat Shinnick	Rec fishing rally at Government Community meeting Fremantle Wed 30 March
22. Bluewater Workshop	FW: Basic flyer
23. Bluewater Workshop	FW: Jazzed up flyer attached
24. John Curtis	Re: Flyer
25. Beryl	enquiry re fishing club
26. John Curtis	Re: Flyer
27. John Curtis	Dry-Casting Notice of Motion
28. Andy Cass	RE: State Boat Championships nomination fees
29. Yvette	Skeleton wanted for research in the SW & Fisheries family fun open day
30. John Curtis	Letter to RFW re website
31. Jenny Travis	Recfishwest- Kane Moyle Opinion Piece in todays West Australian - link
32. Margaret Riddel	2009-2011 AAA Federal General Competition Rules & By-Laws @ July 2010
33. Margaret Riddel	2009 Wallaroo Convention - Perpetual Trophies Won By SA Competitors
34. Yvette	Expressions of Interest sort for Recreational Fishing Account Advisory Body
35. Femail	Request for information please.
36. John Curtis	Re: Fw: Request for information please.
37. John Curtis	Request for information Doris McGlenn
38. Pat Shinnick	FW: AAA State Boat Championships Sponsorship
39. Yvette	Reel News Issue 27 Recfishwest's Commonwealth Marine Park Update
40. Femail	Re: Request for information please.
41. Luke Pike	Shore based fishing records
42. Yvette	Barramundi release will enhance recreational fishing and research opportunities
43. Julie Taylor	HYC E Letter has been re-sent
44. Ian Cook	RE: Shore based fishing records
45. Beachcombers	AAAWA meeting

OUTWARDS (BY MAIL)

All clubs	Minutes & Agendas
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OUTWARDS (BY EMAIL)

1. Curtis, John	Fw: AAWA meeting
2. Shinnick, Pat	Re: AAA State Boat Championships Sponsorship
3. Pat Shinnick	Re: AAA State Boat Championships Sponsorship
4. Curtis, John	Fw: Request for information please.
5. Cook, Ian	Fw: Shore based fishing records
6. Femail	Re: Request for information please.
7. Birchall, L OSAC BEACH	Fw: Request for information please.
8. Curtis, John	Fw: Request for information please.
9. Curtis, John	2009 Wallaroo Convention - Perpetual Trophies Won By SA Competitors
10. Curtis, John	2009-2011 AAA Federal General Comp Rules & By-Laws July 2010
11. Ocean Reef SSC	Re: INVOICE - Nominations for State Boat Champs
12. orssc@bigpond.com.au	INVOICE
13. Marmion Angling & AC	Rally Flyer
14. John Curtis	Re: Flyer
15. Beryl	Re: enquiry re fishing club
16.	Rally For Recreational Fishing
17. Curtis, John	Fw: Jazzed up flyer attached
18. Shinnick, Pat	Query re state boats
19. Shinnick, Pat; terry.bell	Boat champs nomination payments
20. Sandy Fazari	Re: ENQUIRY - JUNIOR ANGLER CLUBS
21. Fuller, Terry	Clubs On The AAWA Website
22. Andy Cass	Re: State Boat Championships nomination fees
23. Curtis, John	Minutes of AAWA meeting for approval
24. Fuller, Terry	Amended Minutes Of Feb Meeting For Website
25. Shinnick, Pat; terry bell	Fw: Application For Max Curry
26. Water Based Activities	Re: Application For Barry Gabrielson
27. Water Based Activities	State Boating Entry form for Barry Gabrielson MOFSC
28. Shinnick, Pat	Fw:
29. Robert Kelly	Re: Telephone No Drifters
30. Narelle Holt	Re: Public Liability Insurance
31. Pat Shinnick	Re: Copy please of Insurances for 2011

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

It was moved by Don Cox and seconded by Marcia Pekaar that the correspondence inwards and outwards by mail and email be accepted. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

General Account Balance \$23,052.54	Carnival Account Balance \$2527.49
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Income for Apr 2011

Lancelin Angling & AC	Sponsorship State Boat Champs	200.00
MAAC	Nomination fees for State Boat Champs	1700.00
Fremantle Amateur AC	Nomination fees for State Beach & Rock Champs	334.00
Drifters Deep Sea AC	Affiliation Fees 2010-2011	50.00
PP & MK Pekaar	Deposit for NSW Convention	200.00
GW & MP Gildersleeves	Deposit for NSW Convention	200.00
John Curtis/G Holman	Deposit for six people to attention NSW Convention	600.00
Northern Districts AS	Affiliation Fees 2010-2011	50.00
Ocean Reef SSC	Nomination fees for State Boat Champs	810.00
Club Marine	Sponsorship State Boat Champs	1200.00
Total		\$5344.00

Accounts for Payment Apr 2011

Trophy Choice	State Rock & Beach Trophies	525.50
Diane McDonough	Secretariat & stationery	510.78
Australian Records Authority	Reimbursement of record application claims	20.00
Total		1056.28

It was moved by Mark Hansen and seconded by Gary Evans that the Treasurer's report be accepted and accounts passed for payment. Motion carried.

8. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

President's Report

John Curtis thanked those who participated in the planning meeting recently held at the Pekaar residence. It was a long agenda, with much achieved. John distributed a copy of the minutes, highlights of which included:

1. AAAWA Funding

It was agreed that club affiliation fees will be reviewed and any recommendations made will be raised at the AGM in August

2. Review of Current AAA Competitions

- It was agreed that the status quo remain regarding the running of concurrent competitions.
- Including the public in some competitions would require a review of insurance cover, a risk management plan, more volunteers, and more planning, but would become a source of income - Action: To be kept on the table and reviewed regularly.
- Code of Conduct / Competition Rules - Action: A Notice of Motion is to be drafted and presented to the Delegates Council to amend the Association Competition Rules to include a clause concerning the behaviour of persons acting inappropriately, aggressively or affected by alcohol or drugs.
- Standardised ages for AAAWA Competitions - it was agreed that all State run competitions and events are to use the currently defined age groups for all competitions forthwith.
- Indemnity Statement to be on All State Competition Entry Forms - A Notice of Motion is to be drafted and presented to the Delegates Council for resolution stating that all sections are to include an indemnity clause on the individual entry application forms for all Association events or competitions.

3. Duty Statements / Job Descriptions

It was agreed that John Curtis will draft position descriptions for review and presentation to Delegates Council for approval.

4. Web site upgrade and review

It was agreed that the Secretary / Treasurer will be directed to allocate \$300.00 to the 2011-2012 budget to cover operating and maintaining the web site along with a retainer for services. This amount to be reviewed with the annual budget at the Annual General Meeting each year.

5. Association Insurances

It was agreed that John Curtis will continue to follow up with the insurance broker and obtain further information for presentation to the Delegates Council and distribution to affiliated clubs and associations.

6. Three Year Plan

It was agreed that this be kept under review and that AAAWA will concentrate on areas where we can have an impact and do these well.

7. Publications

It was agreed that Terry Fuller will print copies of the Association brochure for members to review and recommend changes to upgrade and amend information to ensure it is current and relevant.

John thanked those participated in the planning meeting and looks forward to further meetings to discuss outstanding matters.

John, together with the Secretary/Treasurer, is planning a 2011-2012 budget and would like subcommittees to look at their income and expenditure over the last 3 - 5 years to look for trends so that it will provide input to the budget planning for 2011 / 2012.

Further to the letter written to Recfishwest regarding their website issues, John Curtis has received a response from the Chairman of RFW, Andrew Matthews. John has invited Andrew to attend the next AAAWA meeting to discuss communications with AAA and affiliated clubs and the RFW website, and delegates were in favour of this.

Estuary, Rock and Beach Report

Russell Bunce will organise a subcommittee debrief to go through the last event in the near future and to start organising the Walpole event for November 2011.

Boating Report

- Pat Shinnick provided a report on the recent State Boating Championships held at MAAC, attended by 190 participants and 78 boats. It was a great day, but not a lot of fish were caught. Pat praised the efforts of volunteers on the day. He also commented that MAAC Manager Robert Weir provided great assistance on the day, assisting with setting up, overseeing volunteers and generally making things happen.
- Pat raised concern over insurance issues (see general business).
- Pat advised that the event didn't include Mini Juniors or Super Vets categories and an anomaly this year was that 55+ were considered as Veterans, however in future Veterans will be 60+. In the future there will only be a Super Vets category if someone nominates for it; Mini Juniors can only participate if parents take full control and responsibility for the entrant. The Boating subcommittee will hold an event debrief in the near future.
- Pat tabled and distributed to delegates an event Management Plan (complying with ISO31000) which he has for the State Boating Championships and he urged all future organising committees to adopt a modified format of the document in preparation of their events. The document clearly outlines the scope of event, individual position duties, check-sheets, field day procedures, how to run a Patron's Cup, etc.
- John commended Pat in his efforts, with special regard to the risk management plan document. he recommends that all clubs read it closely and consider implementing risk management plans for all future Association and Club events. George Holman added that Pat's efficiency, motivation and enthusiasm in no small way contributes to the success of the Boating events.

Dry Casting Report

- George Holman advised that a meeting was held on 9th April with 12 attendees. Planning has commenced for the next State Dry Casting championships in September and nomination forms will go out in June/July along with information sheets. The trailer will be sorted, and marker pegs are being marked with yellow tape. Another meeting will be held on 9th May.
- 10 people have nominated and paid \$100 deposits for the South West Rocks convention in NSW and shirts are being organised.
- John Curtis is negotiating with the AAA National President about the timing of the National Annual General Meeting.
- Ongoing discussions are taking place about whether Juniors should participate on boats.
- Dennis Gray (S. A.) has booked charter boats for the convention and has offered places to W A participants if required.
- John Curtis has sent a condolence card to the widow of the Victorian AAA Treasurer who recently passed away.

Recfishwest report for AAAWA Delegates Meeting 19 April 2011



Recfishwest website and communications

I arranged for these two topics to be placed on the agenda for discussion at the April RFW Board meeting. Considerable time was spent on both topics.

Website. Seven months have passed since the website went "live" with many issues still unresolved despite many requests. The website is a critical component of communicating with recreational fishers, the general

public and other stakeholders. The website is not fulfilling, and in some ways is incapable of fulfilling this critical communications role.

The Board discussed many aspects of the RFW website, and resolved that major changes must be made as soon as possible, plus the website must be made suitable for future needs even if that requires a complete rebuild to proper specifications.

Work should be started early on specifications and requirements for the website; with proper informed consideration, and without pressure and urgency because the priority is to get it right this time.

Discussions included:-

- The deficiencies in the website and their impacts on users or people who unsuccessfully attempt to use the website.
- The likelihood of the contractor Webpixel actually fixing these in accordance with their proposal and contract and other general website requirements.
- Possible alternative contractor(s) and potential costs and time required to bring the RFW website up to the minimum standard required for a professional website, plus provide a base upon which the website can be expanded covering at least the next 1 to 2 years or longer.

The Communications sub Committee had a meeting at my home Monday 18 April, attended by 4 Board members and 1 RFW staff member.

I prepared handouts covering lots of the details and suggested solutions, based on my detailed look at many aspects of the website and my experience in using, observing and analysing other webpages; plus building, maintaining and adding content to other websites for AAAWA, SCAC, Offshore AC, RFW, etc.

I demonstrated and explained many of these points on my PCs running various versions of different browsers and programs so that they could see the issues and what was needed for some of the suggested solutions. These include obtaining administrator level access to the server to allow some configuration files to be edited, new webpages to be added, some existing pages to be modified, etc,

It also includes preparing detailed "How to Use" instructions for the RFW staff who add content to the pages using the Content Management System, to get the best results and possibly bypass some problems by using the system in different ways.

Much more information is needed about the features and abilities of the CMS and how it is applied to the RFW website. A request will be made for documentation or this will have to be generated by more observations and trial uses.

All those people now have a good understanding of the issues with the RFW website, how these happened and some possible solutions. All have a very positive approach to dealing with those issues.

RFW communications with members, recreational fishers and public.

Recfishwest's Communications Strategy was developed and adopted around April 2010 to recognise RFW's role as the government recognised peak body for recreational fishing.

Discussions at the April Board meeting included:-

- The RFW website has issues and limitations, both function and particularly limited content, which prevent it from delivering the outcomes required by the Communications Strategy.
- Despite significant improvements in country and regional publicity, there have been many missed opportunities by RFW to inform recreational fishers and promote a better understanding of RFW's activities and roles in some very important matters affecting recreational fishing.
- There has been a lack of responses to some valid questions and comments on some web fishing forums. Some replies posted have been confused or confusing, leading to negative perceptions of and comments about RFW.
- RFW members are questioning the lack of actions by RFW to communicate effectively with recreational fishers and the non fishing public on some topics.
- Only the staff of RFW know all the details of RFW activities, and only the staff can prepare any summaries. Board members are not informed of some of these activities in a timely manner.

Extracts from the Communications Strategy include:-

- *“The overall objective of this communications strategy is to ensure recreational fishers are informed about the activities of Recfishwest and have an opportunity to provide input and feedback on those activities.”*
- *“Recfishwest aims to inform recreational fishers of its achievements, goals and strategies; and provide them access to issues involving recreational fishing that may be of interest.”*
- *“Ensure consistent, accurate and timely communication with Recfishwest membership.”*
- *“...it is important the recreational fishing public outside of the Recfishwest membership is kept informed and able to provide comment.*
- *“Ensure members without email or internet access receive some regular information.”*
- *The draft on which the Strategy was based included some specific actions such as “Monitor articles and comments in WA fishing magazines, publications and internet fishing forums. Respond as required to provide relevant and accurate information and to promote wider exposure of Recfishwest and its activities.”*
- *“Prepare and distribute publicity about RFW activities:- planned, in progress, ongoing, completed.”*
- *“Use online polls, emails, etc to get opinions from recreational fishermen on current and/or important issues, aiming for regular contact.”*

Staff to prepare and publish and publicise an adequate up to date summary of RFW activities, planned, in progress, ongoing and completed, and keep this updated.

Effectively publicising this via the website requires action to fix the website's problems.

The Communications Committee will make recommendations on all actions required to implement the Communications Strategy, and the timetables for such actions.

Other topics from the April RFW Board meeting.

- South West Bioregional Marine Planning
- State Marine Parks
- ISurvey - Recreational Fishing Integrated Survey
- Recreational Fishing Account Advisory Body
- Proposed FRDC project - effect of climate change on Recreational Fishing
- Capel Shire - 2011 Beach access review
- Shark Bay Blue Swimmer Crabs
- Grey Nurse Shark protection status
- Dampier Creek Barramundi release
- Whiskery Shark Pupping closure
- Point Grey development and proposal for channel across Peel Estuary
- Busselton Jetty – Shire's prohibition of fishing at the end
- Artificial Reefs workshop
- DEC and MPRA stakeholder meeting on Kimberley Marine Parks
- Carbon sequestration in Lake Argyle
- Freshwater Fisheries stakeholders

This report has been prepared by Terry Fuller, your Recfishwest Board Member for the Australian Anglers Association working voluntarily on your behalf. Contact Terry on 9447 4545 or email terryfuller@inet.net.au with any questions or comments.

Business Arising from RFW Report

- The Point Grey development plan refers to dredging the channel across Peel Estuary. There is concern that material dumped will have an environmental impact. The following links will provide further information:
<http://www.pointgrey.com.au/>
http://www.pointgrey.com.au/marina_studies#environmental-links
<http://www.pointgrey.com.au/wise.managed/pdfs/Environmental/Public-Environmental-Review.pdf>
- Carbon sequestration in Lake Argyle – this refers to the claim that the volume of the lake could absorb a large amount of CO² through marine life, vegetation, etc.
- Dampier Creek Barramundi release – Some Barramundi also to be released into Lake Kununurra below Lake Argyle.

National Records Authority Report (Richard Siudak)

- Richard thanked the AAAWA for his AAA Certificate of Honour.
- Richard has been in the role of AAA recorder since 1981. He commented the number of records is decreasing, with only 8 record applications being received in the last 12 month, compared with 50-80 per year in the 1990s.
- Some WA records had become disorganised, with some already processed being mixed up with those that had never been seen before, e.g. an application for a spangled emperor record from 10 years ago, which is shortly to be ratified as a National Record, and a certificate awarded if the applicant can be traced.
- A number of records are coming direct from the anglers themselves, who get the ARA address from the AAAWA website but these applications often lack information on such as scientific names and photos are often of poor quality. Richard asked that the application form on the AAAWA website be upgraded to a National Form, which he will provide to Terry Fuller.
- Another problem is Dry Casting records. To achieve a record, a caster has to be a member of a club, where as for general angling, there are less restrictions and anyone can claim a record provided the fish is not protected. A dry casting record can only be claimed at a state event or national convention, and not at a club event, which Richard believes restricts one's ability to claim a record. With the number of people going to conventions dropping, the chance for records has reduced and there is only one state event per year where a club event must run under State Association Dry Casting Rules. Person participating in a club event run under State and National rules cannot make a claim for a record. Although a motion was put forward at the last mid term meeting to rectify these issues, it was rejected because the delegates weren't given the opportunity to be presented with the rationale for it. Richard cannot propose such a motion from the forthcoming National Convention, it must come from the AAAWA delegates. However, he would be prepared to write a letter of support to give the motion some weight, stressing the fact that National Records for fishing in other categories can be achieved anywhere.
- George Holman commented that the dry casting group could contribute to new records as well as maintaining interest.
- Terry Fuller suggested that some lobbying needs to be done amongst delegates prior to the convention
- George thanked Richard for his efforts in his role of Recorder.

Notice of Motion

The following notice of motion was moved by George Holman, seconded by Ian Cook and carried unanimously. It was also agreed that the ARA will provide a supporting letter to be sent to the National Secretary Margaret Riddell for circulation with the Notice of Motion.

Notice of Motion to be submitted to National

With reference to the AAA National By-Laws (Subsidiary Rules of the Australian Anglers Association) Section 13. Records Authority subsection (I)

The W A Division move;

“(I) The Committee shall receive and process any applications for Dry casting Records cast at National Championships, State Championships, Divisional, Interclub or club event. To achieve a National Casting Record, the casting competition must be notified to the State AAA one (1) month prior to the event. To formalize the event, a minimum of eight (8) casters must compete. All measurements of casts made at the event must be by steel tape or laser device for accuracy.”

Reason for the proposed addition:- To make it possible for any Dry Casting records cast at properly convened, run and properly managed events other than State or National Championships to be recognised as National Casting Records.

Richard also suggested that consideration be given to amending the State and National Record Charts to no longer consider applications for the capture of protected species. After discussion it was proposed by Ian Cook and seconded by George Holman

Notice of Motion “that old records for all protected species such as Potato Cod and Great White Sharks now be marked as “Caught Prior to Being Protected”. Motion Carried.

Recording Officer Report

Ian Cook advised that all identifications have been completed and verified, bookkeeping is up to date and certificates are printed and ready for posting to those with addresses. He thanked John Curtis for his assistance in this. Only certificates issued after 2000 will be issued and they will be signed by the Recorder and the President of the Day (Pat Shinnick or George Holman). At this time the State and National record holder for a Spangled Emperor cannot be located. Ian thanked John Curtis for his assistance with this.

Discussion followed about National and State fishing records, protected species, closed species, etc. It was suggested that this become an agenda item for the next AAawa meeting.

Competitions Officer Report

No report

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Insurance Policies

Pat Shinnick introduced discussion on insurance. When he was making inquiries about insurances for the recent State Boating Championships. He was concerned to learn that the current AAawa policy does not include clubs participating in events, just the public. He has since taken this up with John Curtis, who has spoken to the insurers and researched public liability insurance generally. It appears that the AAawa policy does not cover persons involved in the organisation or event, only the public and property damage caused by AAawa participants. John Curtis provided examples of Qld and NSW branches who pay \$27,000 for 95 clubs with 100 members, a cost per member of around \$3.40. Their clubs must notify the Association in advance of all competitions and events for the year. John is pursuing quotations from Sports Underwriting Australia for AAawa and will in due course advise affiliate clubs about the costs and benefits. It will possibly mean that affiliate clubs will have their insurance through AAawa and not have their own insurance. They would also have to provide details of planned events and membership numbers. Large clubs such as MAAC have a large membership, many of who are social members and not engaged in fishing and boating activities. Other issues to be pursued include:

- Covering office bearers regarding management liability
- Whether participants in events should provide proof that their boats, vehicles or trailer is insured.
- Whether individuals can be sued by a member of the public for damages

John Curtis will pursue these issues and report back at the next AAawa meeting.

Current financial Affiliate Members are:

1. Beachcombers Angling & Boating Club
2. Cockburn Power Boats Association
3. Denmark Angling & Boating Club
4. Drifters Deep Sea Angling Club
5. Esperance Surfcasters
6. Fremantle Amateur Angling Club
7. Fremantle Sailing Club
8. Geraldton Angling Club
9. Hillarys Yacht Club
10. Kalbarri Offshore Angling Club
11. Lancelin Angling & Aquatic Club
12. Mandurah Offshore Fishing & Sailing Club
13. Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club
14. Melville Amateur Angling Club
15. Mindarie & Districts Sea Sport Club (Inc)
16. Northampton Districts Angling Club
17. Northern Districts Angling Club
18. Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club
19. Offshore Angling Club, Beach
20. Offshore Angling Club, South Coast
21. Offshore Angling Club, Mount Barker
22. Perth Offshore Boat Angling Club of WA
23. Quinns Rocks Fishing Club
24. Surf Casting and Angling Club
25. Swan Yacht Club

Age of competitors in AAawa State Competitions

At the last National Mid Term Meeting, the age for Juniors was set at 17 Also the age for Veterans was changed from 55 to 60. The Delegates Council voted in March last year to have the age for Veterans participating in all State Competitions set at 60 years. There was a problem where this year's State Boating Titles set the limit for veterans to 55 and not at 60. This needs to be changed. as it has a direct impact on the State Champion Club and Champion Angler calculations amongst other things.

For the National Titles the age for Juniors has been lifted to 17. It was brought in as a measure to try to increase the number of participants in the Junior Divisions. AAawa hasn't changed the age limit for Juniors and delegates resolved to leave it as is at 16.

Notice of Motion to Amend State Dry Casting Rules

The following amendment is proposed to the State Dry Casting Rules as adopted at the September 2010 Delegates Council Meeting. The amendment is to paragraph 3.5.3 - Line and Terminal Knots.

It is proposed that Rule 3.5.3 be amended to read

“Rule 3.5.3 Line and Terminal Knots. The breaking strain of the main line used is at the discretion of the caster. The gauge of the line shall be of a consistent diameter throughout. There shall be no knots, splices or joins in the first 85 metres of the main line. Any leader used shall comply with Rule 3.5.4. The style or type of knot used to attach any weight, dowel or swivel shall be at the discretion of the caster. Terminal knots used shall not exceed 100 mm in length. The knot length shall be measured from the edge adjacent to any weight, dowel or swivel affixed to the line.”

"The current wording of the rule is:- "3.5.3. Line and terminal knots. In all events the breaking strain of the main line is optional, but must be equal gauge throughout apart from in any leader allowed. Terminal knots shall not exceed 100 mm in length. The knot length measurement shall be taken from the end edge of the weight, dowel or swivel." The changes are for clarification and to add the provision that There shall be no knots, splices or joins in the first 85 metres of the main line. The motion was moved by George Holman and seconded by Jim Strong. For further discussion at the May AAawa delegates meeting; to be voted on at the June AAawa delegates meeting."

Filofish Waterproof fish identification book

John Curtis introduced the book which covers all fish in Australia using the CSIRO references for common names and supersedes all other editions. It also incorporates Australian Fish Names Standard AS SSA 5300:2010.

Notice of Motion: It was proposed by John Curtis and seconded by Russell Bunce “that 30 copies of the book be purchased at a cost of \$39.95 (discounted by 20% from 49.95) be purchased by AAawa, for on-selling to interested persons”. (Total \$1198.50 including postage). Motion carried. There was considerable interest in the books and several AAawa delegates placed orders. Further inquiries or orders should be directed to John Curtis at jcurtis@iinet.net.au . Further information can be obtained about the book from www.Filofish.com .

State Boat Championships – Ramps

It was suggested by Gary Evans that alternate boat ramps such as Mindarie and Ocean Reef could be utilised with a Radio Start. He also raised the subject of additional species. John Curtis suggested that this should be taken up with the boating subcommittee at the review meeting on 11th May 7.30 pm at MAAC club.

26. CLOSE MEETING

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm. The next Delegates meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th May 2011.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011-2012

2011	
July-Aug	• National Championships at South West Rocks, NSW 26 July-11 August 2011. Casting Mon & Tues 8 th & 9 th at Port Macquarie.
September	• Dry Casting Competition Sunday 25 th September
November	• Estuary event 26 th & 27 th at Walpole
2012	
March	• Long weekend in March 2012 State boat champs Jurien Bay. • March 24 th & 25 th Beach & Rock event at Jurien Bay

Events can be added to this Calender by contacting the Secretary:

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