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AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION, (WA DIVISION) INC.

MINUTES OF DELEGATES' MEETING

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

1. OPEN MEETING

President John Curtis opened the meeting at 19:35pm and welcomed delegates.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting John Curtis notified the meeting of the passing of **Angus Horwood** on Friday 17th of August. Not a lot of anglers would be aware of the work that Angus was involved in for and on behalf of the recreational anglers of Western Australia. He was a long time member and Chairman of the WA Recreational and Sport Fishing Council, which later became Recfishwest. Angus was also actively involved as an Executive Board member of Recfish Australia, the national recreational representative body, and was also a committee member of both the Australian Anglers' Association and the WA Game Fishing Association. Angus was actively involved in the Mackerel Islands and initiated several fishing competitions and convoys to the island. He was also a long serving member of the National Parks and Nature Conservation Council, representing anglers on this body. Angus was an active sportsman in his earlier life, playing football in Geraldton and for East Perth. He was a big man with a big heart and had an even bigger love for angling and the outdoors. Angus will be long and fondly remembered by those who knew him. A memorial service to celebrate his life was held at Dress Circle Farm on last week.

~ Rest in Peace.~

2. PRESENT

Kevin Murphy, MAAC
Darlene Shepherd MAAC
Terry Fuller, SCAC
George Holman, SCAC
Don Cox, Melville
Russell Bunce, Fremantle
Peter Osborne, ORSSC
Joe Horvath, OSAC Beach
Peter Stoeckel, Beachcombers

James Strong, Patron
John Curtis, President
Marcia Pekaar, Assistant Secretary
Peter Pekaar, Proxy Geraldton
Pat McKeown, Proxy Northampton
Richard Suidak, Independent Delegate
John Crompton, Proxy Esperance Surfcasters

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 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. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

9. CORRESPONDENCE

A listing of correspondence Inwards and Outwards was circulated:

SUBJECT:	FROM:	DATE:
CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS (By Mail)		
AAA (WA Div'n) Inc - General Account Statement	Westpac	3 July 2012
AAA (WA Div'n) Inc - Carnival Account Statement	Westpac	3 July 2012
D S R 2012 Census & Funding Acquittal	Recfishwest	17 July
August edition - Reel Talk Magazine	S C A C	August 2012
Directory of Sport & Recreation for Over 50's	D S R	August 2012
Number of Hooks Allowed using Gangs or Snells	Minister for Fisheries	2 August 2012
Telephone Account - \$69-43	Telstra	2 August 2012
Invoice for Membership Renewal - \$99-00	W A Sports Federation	2 August 2012
AAA (WA Div'n) Inc - General Account Statement	Westpac	3 August 2012
AAA (WA Div'n) Inc - Carnival Account Statement	Westpac	3 August 2012
Parks & Reserves of Yanchep & Neerabup Management Plan 76/2012	Dept. Of Environments & Conservation	3 August 2012
Receipt for Oval Hire for State Dry Casting	City of Stirling	8 August 2012
CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS (By Mail)		
SUBJECT:	TO:	DATE:
Number of hooks allowed using gangs or snells	Min for Fisheries	19 th July
Number of hooks allowed using gangs or snells	cc'd Dept Fisheries	19 th July
Number of hooks allowed using gangs or snells	cc' d Recfishwest	19 th July
CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS (By E-Mail)		
SUBJECT:	FROM:	DATE:
Request to WASF Councillors for approval of nomination of new members to WASF	DSR - Cheryl Poustie	22 July 2012
Application - Aquatic Event approved State Boat Titles	Pat Shinnick	22 July 2012
Sportsview Newsletter No 22	DSR - Cheryl Poustie	22 July 2012
Offshore Angling Club (Beach) - Fish Tales	OAC(Beach) L Birchall	23 July 2012
Media Statement re marine park planning processes	Medianet Operations	23 July 2012
Stop the super trawler protest	Environment Tasmania	23 July 2012
Media Statement closing date for small community grants	Recfishwest Communications	24 July 2012
Further information re FRDC Workshop at Hillarys	Ian Plowman	24 July 2012
Invite to anticipate in QAFCA State Titles	QAFCA Pam Crone	27 July 2012
Sportsview Newsletter No 23	DSR - Cheryl Poustie	27 July 2012
Information re tour of venues for National Titles 2013	QAFCA - Pam Crone	29 July 2012
Details of new range of fishing rods to be imported	Vincent Testa	29 July 2012
Media Statement fines issued for interfering with lobster pots	Medianet Operations	30 July 2012
More information on FRDC presentation at Hillarys	Ian Plowman	31 July
Video links for range of fishing rods to be imported	Vincent Testa	1 August
HYC Compass Newsletter	Coby Pearson - HYC	1 August
Media Statement re requirement to fish from a power boat	Medianet Operations	1 August
FRDC presentation at Hillarys and invite to attend	Ian Plowman	2 August

Request for bank details to pay invoice - State Boat	Joondalup Air Conditioning	3 August
Sportsview Newsletter No 24	DSR - Cheryl Poustie	3 August
Request to use CPBC facilities for State Estuary Comp	Russell Bunce - B&R	5 August
Reminder re Annual Report from AAA(WA Div'n) Inc	RFW - Ellen Smith	6 August
Request to use CPBC facilities for State Estuary HQ	Russell Bunce - B&R	6 August
Request to use CPBC facilities for State Estuary Comp	Russell Bunce - B&R	7 August
Notice of Special General Meeting	RFW - Tara Delayney	7 August
Notice of Special General Meeting	RFW - Tara Delayney	8 August
Invite to Alkimos Sport & Recreation Forum	LendLease Corp	8 August
Request for Info re DSR Census	RFW - Yvette Guy	8 August
Invite to FRDC Workshop	RFW- Andrew Rowland	10 August
Sportsview Newsletter No 25	DSR - Cheryl Poustie	10 August
Media Statement - Rec Fishers alarmed at use of super trawler in W A waters	Recfishwest - Communications	10 August
Enquiry re local freshwater fishing for carp	John Bentley	13 August
Request to WASF Councillors for approval of nomination of new members to WASF	DSR - Cheryl Poustie	15 August
Expression of interest to host 2014 State Boat Titles at HYC	HYC GM - Danny Rechichi	17 August
Invite to 2012 W A Sports Star Awards launch	DSR - Cheryl Poustie	17 August
Sportsview Newsletter No 26	DSR - Cheryl Poustie	17 August
Claim for re-imburement of expenses relating to work carried out on drycasting trailer	Terry Fuller	20 August
Advise of constitution review meeting and update to members of HYC	HYC - Coby Pearson	21 August
CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS (By E-Mail)		
SUBJECT:	TO:	DATE:
Reply to request for Annual Report	RFW - Ellen Smith	7 August
Request for information re DSR Census	Recfishwest - Yvette Guy	10 August
FWD: Request to host 2014 State Boat Championships	Boating Sub-Committee	20 August
Meeting Agenda	Affiliated Clubs & Delegates	20 August
AGM Agenda	Affiliated Clubs & Delegates	20 August

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

- Peter Osborne queried letters to and from Minister re Ganged Hooks. JC read both letters to the meeting. It was noted that the Minister requires all letters to him be sent to Recfishwest.
- Russel Bunce noted request to stop super trawler. Fremantle club had been approached by Greenpeace to use their club logo and requested a donation to support them in stopping the trawler.
- Russel Bunce raised the issue of an angler seeking information re carp fishing in Perth. Suggested that he could take all he wants from above Kent Street Weir. Terry Fuller recommended that the angler contact Fisheries Department re translocation policy.
- Joe Horvath requested information re imported fishing rods. JC to forward video link to Peter Pekaar and Laurie Birchall to view. Peter Osborne recommended that YouTube video links be incorporated in minutes. These links are:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q1LHbfQq9dY&feature=youtube_gdata_player
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D7pRhI3LVho&feature=youtube_gdata_player
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yAuMsGfQczw&feature=youtube_gdata_player
- Russel Bunce drew attention to letter to Cockburn Power Boat Association requesting the use of their premises for the State Estuary Titles to be held in Cockburn Sound. He noted that they are no longer an affiliated club and was waiting for a reply.
- John Curtis drew delegates attention to the correspondence inwards received from Recfishwest relating to DSR Annual Census. A letter is to be sent to all clubs requesting this data and a prompt

reply is needed to expedite the response from Recfishwest. This information was required by Recfishwest on the 13th of August.

- George Holman noted letters to and from City of Stirling regarding the use of Yokine Reserve East for State Dry Casting Titles in October. Due to reticulation installations on the reserve access to the area may be restricted. Initially the Association was not granted use of the reserve and it appeared that the State Titles would have to be postponed. Terry Fuller had spoken to the engineer in charge of the operation and approval with restriction was given. All clubs and participants in the State Dry Casting Titles will be advised of the restrictions. SCAC will be barbequing and selling soft drinks and water.

It was moved by Don Cox and seconded by Joe Horvath that the correspondence inwards be accepted and the outwards be endorsed. - Motion carried.

11. TREASURERS REPORT

Due to the Treasurer not being available, a full financial report will be presented to the September Meeting.

John Curtis also advised the meeting that the Association Account Books had been audited and that the Auditors Report would also be presented to the September Meeting.

BALANCE AT BANK AS AT 3RD AUGUST	
AAA (WA Div'n) Inc - General Account (from bank statement)	15 970-85
AAA (WA Div'n) Inc - Carnival Account (from bank statement)	808-60

INCOME FOR AUGUST 2012	
Joondalup Air conditioning (State Boating Championships Sponsorship)	540-00
TOTAL	540-00

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT - 21 AUGUST 2012		
ITEM	PAYMENT TO	\$ AMOUNT
Hire of Yokine East Oval for State Dry Casting (Paid)	City of Stirling	144-00
Annual Membership Fee	W A S F	99-00
Telephone Account (Overdue)	Telstra	69-43
Reimbursement for work on AAAWA casting trailer	Terry Fuller	103-93
Reimbursement of Airport Shuttle for George Holman	John Curtis	45-00
Reimbursement of National AAA Affiliation Fees	George Holman	50-00
	TOTAL	367-36

It was moved by Peter Osborne and seconded by Jim Strong "That the report as tabled be accepted and accounts presented for payment be paid". Motion carried.

12. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

President's Report

- JC stated that a full report of the last year would be presented to the AGM.

Rock & Beach and Estuary:

- Russell Bunce indicated a request had been sent to CPBA. If the use of these facilities is refused another location is required.
- Rock & Beach is to be conducted at "S" Bend in June 2013 Russell requested more support from members of participating clubs in planning for these events and a need for other people to take on the roles of Field Day Officer and Scorer etc.

- Russell mentioned the need to pick up the perpetual trophies for the Angler of the Year to be presented at the September meeting. George Holman indicated that he could assist with this.

Boating Report:

- Kevin Murphy indicated that due to a lack of numbers attending due to other commitments the boating sub-committee meeting had been postponed to September. Discussion relation to which club will host the 2014 State Championships is being monitored by the committee.

Dry Casting:

- George Holman indicated that a meeting had been held at his place for persons interested in going to the 2013 National Titles.
- He mentioned that all is in readiness for the State Dry Casting Titles in October and that all paper work was prepared and entry forms for both individuals and teams along with a set of rules is ready to be posted.
- Magic Nissan will again sponsor the Individuals sections and GH is to order the medallions.
- A meeting will be held at 89 Clontarf Street (rear) at 8:00pm on the 8th of October to finalize details for the State Event.
- Russell Bunce queried if there would be rigs for sale on the day.
- Terry Fuller noted that ALL casters must be rigged and ready to cast by 07:45am on the day

Recfishwest report for AAAWA Delegates Meeting 21 August 2012

Terry Fuller distributed copies of the Recfishwest report



The Recfishwest Board meeting for August was held early in the month to approve the draft of proposed changes to the RFW Constitution. No other business was covered.

RFW Special General Meeting - proposed change to Constitution

As reported in previous months, changes to the RFW Constitution have been drafted in consultation with lawyers. The draft was accepted at the August Board meeting for further steps. The proposed new Constitution will now need to be approved by financial members of Recfishwest before the changes apply.

Notice of a Special General Meeting has been issued to vote to repeal the existing Constitution and adopt the new Constitution. The meeting will be held at the Hillarys Yacht Club on Monday 27 August at 5:30pm. Only financial members of RFW can vote. AAAWA has a vote. Copies of the proposed Constitution and other papers have been sent to financial RFW members.

If the new Constitution is approved, nominations will be called for Board Directors, and notice will be given for an Annual General Meeting and Election of new Board Directors. The AGM is expected to be held in early October, but that is dependent on several steps with specified timing and amounts of notice required.

Commonwealth Marine Parks - Sanctuary (no fishing) zones

A rally will be held at Langley Park on Wednesday 29 August from 4pm.

Recfishwest has urged West Australian anglers to have their say on the Commonwealth marine park process by turning out at a public rally that will send a simple message to the Federal Greens-Labor coalition - 'don't lock us out'.

With just over two weeks remaining in the final public submission period on the Federal Government's planned marine park network (closes on 10 September), the Keep Australia Fishing Rally will send a message to our politicians that recreational anglers don't want to be locked out of their own oceans without justification.

With angler access to iconic spots such as parts of the Rottnest Trench and parts of Geographe Bay about to be reduced without any scientific justification and with no genuine environmental benefits, Recfishwest wants all fishers to put aside their traditional apathy and make themselves heard to our decision makers. Recfishwest said it was crucial anglers turned up to the rally en masse, to tell the Federal Government that we have had enough of this.

Recreational fishers entered into a consultation process in good faith and were by and large happy with the hand they were dealt, until the draft maps suddenly changed at the last moment due to pressure from anti-fishing lobby groups more interested in "lock out" preservation than genuine

conservation, where the real risks are properly assessed and managed, not by completely banning activities which are sustainable.

Recreational fishers shouldn't give up their rights for no reason. Some of these groups, driven by an anti-fishing ideology, say the current proposals are just the beginning, and are campaigning that many more and much larger areas should be "protected", by which they include "completely closed to all fishing".

Fishers say it must stop now and turning up to the rally is how concerned fishers can help make that happen.

Recreational fishing is a healthy, family friendly part of the Australian way of life and it should be encouraged, not restricted.

For years fishers have shown they support decisions based on science such as bag and size limits, seasonal closures and so on, but this is a nonsense that has nothing to do with science and everything to do with political motives.

For more details about the Keep Australia Fishing day and campaign, see

www.keeppaustraliafishing.com.au or the Western Angler website www.westernangler.com.au

Recorder's Report:

- George Holman has lodged a new State Dry Casting Record for 56gram Level Line Distance. Distance cast was 156.6 metres, which broke his existing state record.

It was moved by Russell Bunce and seconded by Peter Stoeckel "That the record claim be approved". Motion carried.

13. GENERAL BUSINESS:

A Report on National AGM & Mid Term Meeting:

JC commented on recent trip to Queensland to attend the AAA National AGM and Mid Term Meeting and to view venues for 2013 National Convention and Angling Championships. Comments included:

- Some states are having some administration difficulties at the moment with a lack of personnel willing to assist with day to day affairs of the state association.
- WA was nominated again nominated and elected to chair the AAARA.
- South Australia is to host the 2015 National Convention and Championships and indications are that most people would prefer to go back to Wallaroo. Other possible locations that were discounted included Adelaide, Victor Harbour, kangaroo Island and Port Lincoln. This decision will be confirmed at the end of the 2013 National Convention in Queensland. Western Australia was asked to assist with the conducting of the National Dry Casting Championships in 2015 with set up and scoring.
- Photographs of the venues will be placed on the Association web site so that members can gain some idea of where they can fish.
- The 2013 National Convention and Angling Championship is to be headquartered at the Caloundra Power Boat Club. The competition area to be fished is from the southern shore of the Noosa River mouth to the south end of Bribie Island. This covers some one hundred and twenty kilometres of very fishy coastline.
- The beaches along this stretch of coast appear to be some of the best angling waters in the state.. There are many kilometres of easily accessible beach that provide excellent fishing for species such as flathead, dart, tailor, mulloway, salmon sand whiting, and bream. Better times to fish these beaches appears to be during the early morning and evening for best results. For this reason and also to avoid heavy traffic congestion. All competitions will be held early morning to early afternoon.
- The estuary competition will be held in the four short but fish packed estuaries within the boundaries. There are a lot of locations for anglers to catch some magnificent estuarine species which include all of the species found on the beaches, along with the addition of the occasional queenfish and mangrove jack. The size of the flathead found in these estuaries is legendary and fish of up to 10kg are not uncommon.
- For the offshore angler there are some excellent fishing locations but the drawback is the bar crossings at the entrance to several of the river mouths. There are yellowtail kingfish, mulloway, sand whiting, flathead, tailor, salmon, pearl perch (cousin of the Westralian Jewfish) and pink snapper for starters. Most of the good productive grounds are between five and twenty

kilometres offshore which is not a great distance to travel when compared to some of the distances we travel in the Perth metropolitan area to find fish.

- Dry Casting competition is to be contested on the playing fields of the Glass House Mountains Sports Club which is set in the picturesque surrounds of the Glass House Mountains about 30 kilometres from headquarters.
- There is an extensive social program organized for those who won't be fishing.
- For those interested in attending there is a lot of very good relatively cheap accommodation close to headquarters and there are boat hire firms and charter boats available for use by visiting anglers.
- JC encouraged members in Western Australia to start planning to attend this convention as it will be an excellent event and will give many an opportunity to see what is required to conduct a similar event in Western Australia.

Joe Horvath asked for information regarding the Town of Cambridge Beach Users' Group. John Curtis commented that this was an advisory group that was made up of surfers, swimmers and anglers. He was the angling representative on this group for many years until he commenced work in the Pilbara and as no one took up the position anglers haven't been represented for many years. At a recent meeting there were proposals for fishing to be prohibited from the groynes and for 50 metres either side of the groynes. As there was no angling representative at the meeting the proposal was sent to Council for ratification.

14. **CLOSE MEETING:**

There being no further General Business, the President closed the Meeting at 8:53pm.

15. **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

Please note:

- The next Delegates meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th September 2012
- Angler of the Year awards will be held on Tuesday 18th September 2012.

**AAA (WA Division) Inc
CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012 - 2015**

2012	
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angler of the Year Awards 18th September 2012
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Dry Casting Championships - Yokine Reserve Yokine - 28th
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Estuary Event – Swan / Cockburn Sound Saturday/Sunday 24/25 November 2012 (TBC)
2013	
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Boating Championships 6th April 2013 to be held at Mindarie and hosted by the Quinn’s Rock Fishing Club
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Rock & Beach Championships– S Bend (long weekend) Saturday/Sunday 1ST /2ND June 2013 (TBC)
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAA 33rd National Angling Championships & Convention Sunshine Coast, Qld
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Dry Casting Sunday 27th October 2013
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Estuary Event – Blackwood River Augusta
2014	
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Boats Championships – TBA
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Rock and Beach Event – Cape to Cape
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Dry Casting, Sunday 26th October 2014
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Estuary Event – Walpole
2015	
March *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Boat Championships, hosted by Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club at Ocean Reef - long weekend
March *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Rock and Beach event – Cheynes Beach – long weekend
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Dry Casting Sunday 25th October 2015

* These dates need to be reviewed as they clash and also clash with the Kalbarri Classic.

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

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