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## Minutes of Delegates' Meeting 20 December, 2005 at WA Sports Association, Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley.

The Delegates' meeting was opened at 7:35 pm. George Holman chaired the meeting.

**Present:** Jim Strong Denmark Angling Club Terry Fuller Surf Casting and Angling Club  
 Martin Humbert OSAC Mt Barker George Holman Surf Casting and Angling Club  
 Joe Horvath OSAC Beach Stuart Hyde Fremantle Amateur Angling Club  
 Kevin Hughes Bunbury Angling Club

### Apologies:

Rick Cameron, Nick Allsworth

### Notification of Proxies:

From Geraldton Angling Club – see correspondence.

### Visitor:

None.

### Minutes of Previous Delegates' Meeting

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

### Business Arising from Minutes.

Martin Humbert asked for clarification of Recfishwest supporting the Metro Management/Zone 5 proposal. Terry Fuller explained that was a decision of the Recfishwest Board as reported in the minutes of the November AAA meeting. The Fisheries Minister and the Department of Fisheries also supported the concept of separate management arrangements for the heavily fished metro area.

### Minutes of Executive Meeting

The December 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 November	Dec	Treasurer
AAA Victoria		Notification of mid term meeting 25/26 Feb 2006 and call for agenda items by 30 December	26 Nov	<b>Discuss ###</b>
Geraldton Angling Club		Notification of proxy – delegates from Melville Club	Nov	Noted
Melville AAC		Affiliation fees and club details	15 Nov	Treasurer
Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club		Affiliation fees and club details	15 Nov	Treasurer
Northern Districts Angling Club		Affiliation fees and club details	2 Dec	Treasurer
Rockingham Offshore Fishing Club		Affiliation fees and club details	7 Dec	Treasurer
Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club		Affiliation fees and club details	7 Dec	Treasurer
Max Law, former AAA Sec/Treas		Complaint about still receiving AAA phone calls and mail.	2 Dec	To reply
Graham S Knight and Assoc.		Insurance for Photocopier	16 Dec	Treasurer
Mandurah Offshore Fishing & SC		Donation for 2005/6 State Boat Championships	20 Dec	Treasurer
Jim Strong		Christmas card with best wishes for 2006	By hand	Info

Emails	In From:-	Subject	Date	Action
Various		Routine AAA Info	Various	None
Tigh van Leeuwen		Future South or Mandurah Fishing Clinics	22 Nov	Replied
John McCrum		Future South Fishing Clinics	22 Nov	Replied
Patrick Lavers		Club membership	3 Dec	Replied
Gary Toogood		Request for assistance Rottneest channel swim	13 Dec	Replied
Grahame Garrie		Follow up of missing record application	18 Dec	Replied.
Bob Henderson		Suggestions for certificates for some Yeppoon entrants.	28 Nov	Will do

### Outgoing Correspondence.

Posted	Out To:-	Subject	Date	Action
AAA clubs, Delegates, etc		Minutes of November 2005 Delegates' meeting.	25 Nov	None

AAA clubs	Reminder of affiliation fees and request for club details.	25 Nov	Waiting
Review Co-ordinator, Department of Local Government	Comments on Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995 Discussion Paper	21 Nov	Acknowledgement rec'd
Club Marine	Repayment of GST paid in error for sponsorship	Nov	None
Sportsman's Club	Booking of rooms for third Tuesday each month 2006	Dec	Waiting reply

Emails	Out To	Subject	Date	Action
Various		Routine AAA Info	Various	None
Graham McPherson, Tim Hose		Request for Deferral of AAA Mid Term Meeting scheduled for 25/26 February	9 Dec	Phone response
Grahame Garrie		Follow up of missing record application.	19 Dec	<b>Discuss ###</b>

### Business Arising from Correspondence:-

Terry Fuller reminded delegates that the submission on the Caravan and Camping Act Review had been included with the minutes of the November Delegates Meeting. **Moved** Joe Horvath seconded Jim Strong 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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### Bank Account Balances at 20 December 2005.

General Account Westpac Bank	\$
Outstanding cheques	\$
Money to be deposited	\$
Accounts for payment from General account	\$
Available in General account and in hand after accounts paid	\$
Carnival Account Westpac Bank	\$

**Club Affiliation fee invoices for 2005/2006 were sent out on 14 August 2005. Reminders were sent out 25 November.**

**Up to 20 December 2005. Total 21 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

#### Advised will not renew:-

Naturaliste Game & Sports Fishing Club  
To be contacted.

**Up to 20 December 2005, the following clubs have not paid 2005/6 affiliation fees.**

Lancelin Angling and Aquatic Club	Mount Barker Offshore Angling Club	Offshore Angling Club South Coast
Offshore Angling Club Boat	Drifters Deepsea Angling Club (advised payment is coming)	

### Business Arising from Treasurer's Report.

**Moved** Joe Horvath seconded Jim Strong that Treasurer's report be accepted and accounts passed for payment - carried.

### Secretary's Report.

Nothing to report other than covered elsewhere.

**Trophy Officer's Report**

No report.

**Property Officer's Report**

A Property Officer is still needed.

**Records Officer's Report**

Not present

**Competition Officer's Report**

Not present

**Boating Report.**

No boating representative present at the meeting. The next AAA State Boating championship will be at Jurien Bay on the long weekend in March 2006.

**Estuary, Rock and Beach Report**

The report on the State Estuary Competition will be included with these minutes.

**Dry Casting Report.**

Nothing to report.

**National Championships.**

The 2007 championships will be held at Phillip Island, Victoria in March 2007. Information about Phillip Island is available.

We have only recently been advised that the AAA mid-term meeting will be held in late February 2006. We have asked for a deferment of the date but are unlikely to get the meeting deferred. As well we have asked for extra time to prepare agenda items, because of the difficulty of getting people together over the Christmas/New Year break.

Moved Kevin Hughes, seconded Jim Strong that two people be authorised to attend the AAA mid term meeting and present Western Australia's agenda items. Department of Sport and Recreation funding has included this travel. Motion carried. Kevin Hughes and Bob Henderson have made themselves available. George to contact Nick Allsworth.

The topics should include

- 1 the rules for the management of any problems which might arise during the events,
- 2 the ability to decline to accept a nomination for inclusion in the competitions or attendance at the events,
- 3 the practicality of and alternatives for the Super Vets competition, (exclusion problems at Yeppoon)
- 4 the use of short leaders for the distance casting events to help with extracting weights which are buried into the ground,
- 5 a more conservative way of fishing following Western Australia's Boat, Rock and Beach and Estuary competition rules for the numbers of fish which can be weighed in. To avoid any misunderstanding and comments about restricting fishing, the proposal must stress that this does not affect how many fish a person can catch under the States recreational fishing rules, but only affects the numbers and some other details of the fish which are weighed in for the AAA competition.
- 6 clarification of the Dry Casting scoring system rules for selecting which person's scores are excluded as the lowest for the purpose of calculating the team scores.

**Fishing Clinics.**

Due to lack of workers, there are no current plans for any more Fishing clinics until the next North of the River clinic in July 2006. Hillarys Yacht Club should be booked for the North Clinic in July 2006

**AAA Web Page**

The State Estuary Championship results were placed on the website the day after the event was run. See <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/2005StateEstuaryChampionships.html> Apart from that, just routine updates to the website.

George Holman advised that he had received quite a number of very favourable comments on the website and the information contained on it.

## **WARCO Report.**

George Holman reported that the WARCO had prepared a submission on review of the Caravan and Camping Act. The AAA had also prepared a submission, and a copy was attached to the minutes of the November AAA Delegates Meeting

## **Notices of Motion.**

None.

## **AAA Year Book.**

See the minutes of the September Delegates Meeting

## **Recfishwest Report.**

Terry Fuller reported on the December 2005 Recfishwest Board Meeting.

Recfishwest has prepared a draft policy covering catch and release fishing which will be released for public comments before a final policy is prepared. Copy provided to the delegates present and attached to these minutes.

There are many issues with releasing fish which would not be obvious to many people until they have them pointed out.

This policy is for the information of anglers, so that people who want to fish for the future and catch and release fish responsibly can do it in a way that the fish have the maximum possible chance of survival, and the angler is aware of the impact he might be having on fish stocks.

These "best practices" for fishing to ensure maximum survival are covered in many places and publications, and are being continually updated with the latest information. For example, see the National Strategy for the Survival of Released Line Caught Fish at <http://www.info-fish.net/releasefish/>

There is no intention to propose or make any new rules about how people should fish. But having said that, with Integrated Fisheries Management, and allocation of catch shares and then the need to manage the catch to within the allocation, everyone needs to be aware of the following very important points.

The Department of Fisheries doesn't care how many fish you catch. They only care about how many fish you kill.

That fish death can be because you kept it for a feed, or because your catch and handling methods lead to the death of the fish, whether deliberate, incidental or accidental. So mortality from releasing fish WILL be included in the measure of the amount of fish taken by recreational anglers. And THAT might lead to changes in the rules or the bag limits.

Recfishwest has prepared a draft policy on artificial reefs and habitat enhancement.

Recfishwest has advised the Minister for Fisheries that it does not support any changes in the limits for recreational shark catches because these are only a very tiny proportion of the commercial shark catches and changes in recreational catches would have no beneficial effect on sustainability of sharks.

The Western Rock Lobster Integrated Fisheries Management (IFM) process is causing some concerns about the percentage catch share which will be allocated to recreational anglers. This is likely to lead to restrictions within about five years unless a share is bought from the commercial sector. This would require some millions of dollars and would have to be paid by the recreational sector, and could lead to WRL licences increasing from around \$30 to around \$130. The WRL IFM process is the first IFM species and will be setting important precedents.

Of great concern is the great difficulty in getting many recreational WRL people to be involved in the discussions. Already the Minister, the Department of Fisheries, and individual managers within the Department are getting the idea that IFM is not an unimportant issue for recreational anglers, and that RFW's very detailed and thoughtful submission is not supported by the general recreational angling public. Contrast that to the greater amount of interest and involvement by the commercial WRL fishers, and it is obvious that there is the potential for recreational anglers to get a poor deal. And that will be because of apathy and leaving it to someone else to sort out.

A RFW submission has been put in on the Abalone IFM paper.

After WRL and Abalone, the next species to be handled by the IFM process are the West Coast Demersal scale fish, including dhufish, pink snapper, baldchin groper, etc which are of great interest to the boating anglers, and will potentially have great impact on future recreational fishing.

Recfishwest has supported the proposal to reduce the slot limit for tailor to only 2 over 500 millimetres and has asked for tailor to be a recreational only species for the West Coast.

A Ministerial inquiry has been announced into the Fish Resources Management Act. The inquiry was initiated by the Opposition parties, and the Minister allowed each to have one nomination for people on the committee. Separately two commercial fishermen were nominated by the two opposition parties. Recfishwest has objected to this and requested that the chairman of Recfishwest be appointed to the inquiry.

Recfishwest has opposed the proposal to close the Logue Brook Dam to recreational fishing when it becomes a water supply dam.

Comments have been put in on the Fisheries Management Paper dealing with future management of Marron.

Recfishwest is chasing up Government action on the new boat launching ramp in the Fremantle area promised in the election campaign.

The Fisheries Minister has advised that he supports the concept of separate fisheries management for the Perth metropolitan area, but this will not be done until the Commercial Wetline review decisions and until fish stock assessments and recreational catch surveys in 2006.

The outcomes of the commercial Wetline review had been expected in November but are now not expected until early 2006.

### **Business Arising from RFW Report**

It was suggested that commercial rock lobster fishermen would be targeting scale fish during the Christmas, Jan, Feb closure periods for commercial WRL fishing.

Terry Fuller explained some of the issues which have arisen as a result of Integrated Fisheries Management and in particular the allocation and the cost involved for recreational anglers to get a reasonable share of species such as Western Rock Lobster. Because WRL is the first species being handled under Integrated Fisheries Management, the decisions made will set precedents for how other species are handled in future.

Of particular concern is the apathy of recreational anglers. Already the Minister for Fisheries, the Department of Fisheries, and individual managers within the Department are getting the idea that Integrated Fisheries Management is not as important to recreational fishermen as it is to commercial fishermen, because the commercial fishermen are really getting involved and putting in comments and the recreational fishermen are not attending the information meetings and not putting in submission. This leaves it open for some people to say that the Recfishwest position is not supported by recreational anglers. If this view is allowed to go unchallenged then the losers will be the recreational angler, and the loss will be very large. .

### **General Business.**

The Angler of the Year presentations will be held at the February 2006 meeting. The presentation will be held, there will be a break for food and drink and then a short Delegates meeting will be held. Kevin Hughes will arrange trophies and engraving.

Terry Fuller advised that an international "Sharing the Fish" conference would be held by Department of Fisheries WA in late February. The topics Allocation Across Sectors and Allocation Within Sectors are particularly relevant to Integrated Fisheries Management and the interests of recreational anglers in Western Australia. These are on two days Tuesday, 28 February, and Wednesday, 1 March, and cost per day to attend. Recfishwest is prepared to pay for one day for Terry Fuller to attend. Moved Joe Horvath, seconded Kevin Hughes that AAA pay for T Fuller to attend the second day.

**Meeting closed** at 9:10 pm.

## Notice of Future AAA Meetings.

<b>Next Executive Meeting</b>	To be advised of the month.	Usually held on the first Tuesday
<b>Next Delegates' Meeting</b>	7:30pm Tuesday 17 January 2006, Sportsman's Association Clubhouse, Stancliffe Street, Mt. Lawley.	Usually held on the third Tuesday of the month

## Coming AAA Events.

<b>Beach &amp; Rock Championships</b>	2005/6, Jurien, Saturday and Sunday 25/26 March, 2006 2006/7, HQ Cheynes Beach, Reef Beach to Betty's Beach, date TBA.
<b>State Boating Championships</b>	2005/6, Jurien Bay, Saturday 4 March 2006, Long Weekend. 2006/7, Date to be advised in March 2007 at Whitfords.
<b>State Estuary Championships</b>	2006/7, Swan River, Saturday and Sunday 25/26 November 2006.
<b>State Dry Casting Championships</b>	2006/7, Yokine Reserve, Sunday 29 October 2006

## AAA Fishing Clinics.

<b>South of the River.</b>	No date has been set yet. Needs volunteers to organise. See "General Business" in the minutes of the July Delegates' meeting. Contact Secretary Terry Fuller if you can help. There has been no response, so clinics will not be run in 2005.
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## AAA Yearbook.

AAA had planned to publish a Yearbook in the second half of 2005. This was to be distributed free to affiliated clubs and their members and to the Tackle Trade. Copies would have been provided to the public for a small charge. Clubs have not supported this proposal, and it may not proceed.

Clubs are offered space in this Yearbook to publish any information, photos, etc about their club and its activities. These articles will be included at no charge to affiliated clubs. Sponsorship and advertising for the Yearbook is wanted. Any club or club member with contacts is asked to advise the AAA secretary, please.

## Club and AAA Publicity.

AAA has a web site [www.aaawa.iinet.net.au](http://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](mailto:aaawa@iinet.net.au) or post to PO Box 2200, Marmion, 6020. AAA phone number is 9403 7383 for any enquiries.

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## AAA Affiliation Fees.

Tax Invoices for affiliation fees for 2005/6 and a covering letter asking for updates of club details were sent to all clubs in mid August, and reminders were sent on 25 November 2005.

**Please see the list of clubs which have paid/not paid on pages 2/3 of these minutes. If your club is not listed there, then AAA had not received your affiliation payment by 29 December and it is overdue.**

**Can Clubs and Delegates please follow up payment, and supply of the club details.**

## 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](mailto: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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## **Ozflex Australia.**

Suppliers of Ozflex rods and tackle, Superflex line, Jinkai leader, Schneider line, Ande line, Classic and Bomber Lures, Neptune Tackle, and Angler Advantage Rods.

Supports the 2005 Fishing Clinics.

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## **Mako Tackle**

Providers of all your tackle product needs.

Supports the 2005 Fishing Clinics.

<http://www.makotackle.com.au/>

## **Magic Nissan**

supported the 2005/6 State Dry Casting Championships.

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## **Yallingup Beach Holiday Park**

Are Principal Sponsors of the 2004/5 AAA State Rock and Beach Championships.

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