



AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION, (WA DIVISION) INC.

DELEGATES' MEETING

To be held at the Sports Association WA, Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley
Tuesday 15th December at 7.30 pm



AGENDA

1. OPEN MEETING

Pat opened the meeting at 7.37 pm and welcomed all delegates

2. PRESENT

James Strong, Denmark AC & Patron
Joe Horvath, OSAC Perth Beach Branch
John Crompton, Esperance Surf Casters
Don Cox, Melville Angling Club
Jason Pember, Melville Angling Club
Terry Fuller, SCAC
George Holman, SCAC

Pat Shinnick, Lancelin AC & President
Marcia Pekaar, Northampton AC
Peter Pekaar, Geraldton AC
Paul Longo, Perth Offshore Boating and Angling Club
Diane McDonough, Secretary/Treasurer

3. APOLOGIES

Ian Cook, Ric Cameron, Chas Riegert, Paul Frzop, Russell Bunce

4. VISITORS

Nil

5. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES

Nil

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

7. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS FROM MINUTES

Changes to be made to the November 2009 minutes:

- Chas Riegert attended at the last meeting and was omitted from the minutes
- Mark Hanson – note spelling
- Stoeckel Family – note spelling
- John Crompton – delegate for Esperance Surfcasters (not SCAC)

With the above changes, it was proposed by Don Cox that the minutes be accepted. Seconded by George Holman.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

9. CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS (BY MAIL)

City of Stirling	Confirmation booking for Yokine Reserve – Dry Casting Comp on 31 October 2010
Surf Casting & Angling Club of WA Inc	Reel Talk Dec 2009
AAA	Flyer – National Code of Practice for Recreational and Sport Fishing – for distribution
Department of Commerce	Associations Info – Flyer
WA Sports Federation	Newsletter
James Strong	Christmas Card to Delegates – read out by Pat Shinnick

10. CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS (BY EMAIL)

1. Carmel LANGDON	meeting Wed at Manudrah
2. Carmel LANGDON	Sept minutes attached
3. Shaun	Re: meeting Wed at Manudrah
4. Medianet Ops	Big Fines Prove Illegal Rock Lobster Sale Did Not Pay
5. Ian Cook	fish record application
6. Chas Riegert	2009 AAA Drycasting De-brief
7. Pat Shinnick	RE: 2009 AAA Drycasting De-brief
8. Con Costa	Casting Around Issue 73
9. Jenny Travis	Shallowing of Marina Port Geographe Marina Entrance Channel-Temporary Notice to Mariners
10. Cheryl Poustie	Sportsview Alert - Issue 34
11. Terry Fuller	Recfishwest Report for minutes of NOVEMBER AAAWA DELEGATES MEETING as requested
12. Terry Fuller	DENMARK BOATING & ANGLING CLUB brochure has been placed on the AAAWA website.
13. Reserves	RE: Australian Anglers' Association Invoice
14. Jenny Travis	Issue 74 Casting Around the Internet with Recfishwest
15. Ian Cook	Bass Groper Certificate
16. Pat Shinnick	RE: NOVEMBER MINUTES
17. Flanagan, Judith	Marine Park Focus Group Minutes
18. Chas Riegert	RE: AAAWA DELEGATES MEETING
19. WASF	Sportsview November
20. John Crompton	Emailing: 17 November 2009 - Presentation Honour to James Strong
21. Medianet Ops	Biosecurity Research Gets Support from WA Government Funding
22. Jenny Travis	Biosecurity Research Gets Support from WA Government Funding
23. iiNet Limited	Low credit
24. Pat Shinnick	RE: VETERANS AGES
25. AAAWA	DEBRIEF - AAAWA 2009 DRY CASTING COMPETITION
26. Cheryl Poustie	Sportsview Alert - Issue 35
27. Jenny Travis	Issue 75 Casting Around the Internet with Recfishwest
28. Medianet	Study of Juvenile Dhufish to Help Recovery of the Iconic Species
29. Pat Shinnick	Drycasting procedures
30. Pat Shinnick	Drycasting Report
31. Pat Shinnick	RE: Nomination forms for 2010 state boats
32. Medianet	Cockburn Sound Crabbing and Other Fishing Dates to Note
33. Ots, Gerard	Compatible Operations Notice - Proposed Commercial Tourism Operations, Cape Le Grand
34. Ian Cook	RE: AAAWA DELEGATES MEETING 15TH DECEMBER
35. Jenny Travis	Media Release - GMO Premier/Day media statement - Planning
36. Margaret Riddel	REQUEST FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION RE WA EXECUTIVE.
37. Pat Shinnick	FW: Emailing: 9 DECEMBER 2009 - COMMITTEE MEMBERS

11. CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS

Delegates & Clubs	Minutes & Agendas
Terry Bell	Letter of appreciation for his assistance at the Dry Casting competition
Terry Willison	Letter of appreciation for his assistance at the Dry Casting competition

12. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

It was proposed by John Crompton and seconded by James Strong that the correspondence be accepted.

13. TREASURERS REPORT

General Account Balance \$17792.81	Carnival Account Balance \$1222.61
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Income for December:

Rockingham OSFC	2009/2010 Affiliation Fee	100.00
Various	Dry Casting nomination fees, raffle money, sinker money	707.00
A J & D E Cass	Nomination for State Estuary Fees	277.00
Offshore AC of WA	Nomination for State Estuary Fees	110.00
Jason Pember	Nomination for State Estuary Fees	7.00
Total		\$1201.00

Accounts for payment September

Diane McDonough	Secretariat	\$500.00
Woolworths	Stationery	6.81
inet	Internet and website fees	50.00
Post Office	Stamps	55.00
Trophy Choice	Trophies, Medals and Engraving (Estuary Event)	505.40
Telstra	Telephone Account	41.64
Total		\$1158.85

It was moved by George Holman and seconded by Joe Horvath that the Treasurer's report be accepted and the accounts passed for payment.

14. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

President's Report

Pat has attended a few meetings recently. He wished everyone all the best for the coming Christmas season and looked forward to ongoing and renewed energy at delegates meetings in 2010.

Fishing Clinic Report

The first meeting of the Fishing Clinic subcommittee was held recently. There is now a plan to move forward on these and hopefully the clinics will be scheduled for June or July next year. Pat Shinnick will make inquiries to the Hillarys Yacht Club as a venue.

PS: Hillarys Yacht Club has been confirmed as dates for the 2010 Fishing Clinics. 3rd, 10th and 17th June.

Estuary Report

About 78 people attended the estuary event, fishing was reasonably poor and the best bag was 4 species, a low result. However, it was good to see Ocean Reef SSC with more than 20 members participating.

It was suggested that a debrief date be planned for after the event, but Jason didn't favour this as he doesn't have time and knows only a handful of people would turn up. If anyone has feedback about the running of the event, please contact Jason Pember on 9455 5337 or Jason.pember@fpc.wa.gov.au. Or send to aaawa@iinet.net.au for forwarding to Jason. Most comments to date are positive, including:

- Prizes aren't big as with the bigger competitions
- Presentations were somewhat informal
- Trophy giving could have been improved upon, some were incorrect

Discussion followed about the distribution of species lists and fishing rules. They are on the AAawa website, but in future club captains could distribute these to participants.

Pat Shinnick congratulated Don Cox and Jason Pember for running the event so well.

Beach & Rock Report

Beach and Rock event Jurien Bay 13th & 14th March at the Jurien Bay Tourist Park. Boundaries are Greenhead Jetty to Cervantes Jetty. Contact Jason Pember on 9455 5337 or Jason.pember@fpc.wa.gov.au. Registration documents will go out with the minutes.

Don has perpetual trophies for Rock, Beach and Estuary at his home. He will have them engraved and hand them to Pat Shinnick for storage.

TROPHIES

Some perpetual trophies are missing. If anyone knows the whereabouts of any perpetual trophies, please contact Jason Pember: 9455 5337 or Jason.pember@fpc.wa.gov.au

Boating Report

Meeting will be held at Mandurah OSFC on 16th December.

Dry Casting Report

- A debrief was held on 8th Dec at Chas Riegert's house. Chas asked that the meeting not be recorded, which made it difficult for the minutes to be taken. However Marcia Pekaar has collated some feedback sheets and prepared a report. Pat thanked Marcia for this.
- After next year's event the debrief must be minuted and the notes handed to the following year's committee to assist them
- The debrief was mostly attended by Surf Casters and Offshore – it would be good if other clubs were better represented.
- Terry Fuller pointed out an error in the minutes, which should have read: “**easy** access to the AAAWA dry casting rules had been removed from the AAAWA website”. Marcia will alter the minutes and send a copy to secretary.
- An overwhelming criticism was that it was organised too late.
- It is imperative that a written procedure be prepared on how to run the event.
- An information pack will be given to clubs prior to the next competition with diagrams of rigs, requests for designated helpers, advice of a debrief with a representative from clubs.
- The trailer needs to be prepared before the event. It was left in a mess and someone should volunteer to pack it up at the end of the event.
- Having measurements done would speed things up a bit – Pat will offer to loan his “Disto meter”
- The person doing the marking should do the measuring
- Someone should be appointed to collect the perpetual trophies, have them engraved and then returned them to the care of the trophy officer
- Terry commented that there was also comments at the debrief re safety (riot) shields could be considered to prevent participants from sinker injury, Terry has looked into this but has not had a lot of time to follow up
- The booking has been made for the 2010 event, and confirmed by the Stirling City Council.

Recfishwest report for AAAWA Delegates Meeting 15 December 2009

1. West Coast demersal and other fishing rules

December 16 marks the reopening of West Coast demersal fishing and some changes to the fishing categories and bag limit rules which will affect many recreational and club fishermen. These were listed in my September report.

Department of Fisheries has prepared an updated West Coast Fishing Guide and a comprehensive set of frequently asked questions and answers. See <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/pub/RecFishArrange/index.php>

2. Requirements for release weights when fishing for demersal fish

Regulations for fishing in the West Coast have been amended in Gazette 228, to apply from 16 December. “**Release weight** means a weight that:- (a) for the purpose of returning to the seabed a live fish that has been taken, is able to be attached to the fish; and (b) is able to be detached from the fish when it reaches the seabed;

(3) If a person is fishing for demersal scalefish from a boat, other than a fishing boat, in the West Coast Region by means of a line, the master of the boat must ensure that there is a release weight on the boat. Penalty: \$2,000.”

There is a similar requirement for commercial boats in the commercial West Coast Demersal Scalefish (Interim) Managed Fishery to carry a release weight.

3. Dhufish boat limits

Also in Gazette 228 “(3E) The master of a boat, other than a fishing boat, being used for taking fish in the West Coast Region must ensure that the number of West Australian dhufish on, or attached to, the boat, and any tender or other vessel operating with or attached to the boat, at any one time:- (a) if the boat is a charter boat - is not more than 6; or, (b) if the boat is other than a charter boat - is not more than 2. Penalty: a fine of \$10,000 and the penalty provided in section 222 of the Act.”

4. Bans on catching mako sharks

On 29 January 2010, the porbeagle, shortfin mako, and longfin mako shark species will be included in the list of migratory species under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC). The listing will mean killing, injuring or taking these in a Commonwealth marine area is prohibited, and actions that have, will have, or are likely to have a significant impact on the species as a whole are also prohibited. A complicated 4 page brochure has been prepared by Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) and is available from <http://www.environment.gov.au/coasts/species/sharks/publications/fs-three-sharks.html>

It says “It will not be permitted to target the three species. If the taking, killing or injuring of the shark is the result of an unavoidable accident, not caused by negligence or recklessness, it is not an offence under the EPBC Act. If the shark is alive it must be released without any further harm. It will be permissible to tag an accidentally caught shark prior to release, provided the tagging is done in a way so as to avoid further injury.

If the shark is not alive it must still be released, as retaining the shark is not permitted. There is a requirement to notify the Secretary of DEWHA within seven days if a shark (which is a member of a listed migratory species) has been taken, injured or killed. Failure to do so is an offence punishable by a fine of up to \$11,000 for individuals.”

Recfish Australia is seeking comments on the similar listing of scalloped and other hammerhead sharks, oceanic whitetip, sandbar and dusky sharks and northern bluefin tuna which could eventually lead to similar bans. See http://www.recfish.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=87

5. Recfishwest Membership

Recfishwest is the peak body representing the interests of recreational fishers in Western Australia. In 2008 when the organization was under threat, recreational fishers supported Recfishwest, but **we need you to continue that support.** Decisions to be made in 2009 and beyond will affect future fishing opportunities for your children and grandchildren. Recfishwest intends meeting these challenges and assures you that we will be the most effective vehicle for getting your views heard in these crucial years.

Recfishwest is **your** public voice whenever decisions which affect our fisheries, or access to them, are being made. We want you to become a member of Recfishwest or to renew your membership. Membership costs only \$20 a year per person, \$40 for families and \$10 for seniors.

Please contact the office on (08) 9246 3366, email to recfish@recfishwest.org.au or apply at the Recfishwest website, <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/MembershipDet.htm> Together we can make a difference!!

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

In response to delegate's questions:

- The \$30.00 Recreational Fishing Licence commences in March 2010
- A Commonwealth Marine Area is outside state waters

Recording Officer Report

(Received in an email, but not read out at the minutes)

- Certificate for Bass Groper was sent to Kasey Leong for Bass Groper
- Costs associated to be presented at next Delegates meeting

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion took place on the age groups for AAAWA competitions. The AAAWA competition year runs from 1st August – 31st July the following year. Age groups are

Mini Juniors	under 12 between 1 st August – 31 st July
Juniors	over 12 years between 1 st August – 31 st July
Ladies & Men's	over 16 years between 1 st August – 31 st July
Veterans	over 55 between 1 st August – 31 st July

It has been suggested in the past that the age of veterans be changed from 55 years to 60 years. Since the meeting, Terry Fuller has searched copies of minutes going back to July 2005, and although this has been suggested and discussed on several occasions, there is no record of any motion in the minutes to formally change the age for veterans.

Joe Horvath queried a fishing ban at Cottesloe Groin. Terry believed that only the Department of Fisheries can impose fishing bans, not City Councils (with the exception of private jetties)

17. CLOSE MEETING NEXT MEETING Tues 19th January 2009 at 7.30 pm.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010-2012

2010	
January	Denmark Boating & Angling Club Rainbow Coast Angling Competition. 16 & 17 July 2010. Register at Ocean View between 11.30 am and 1 pm on Saturday 16 th January. Weigh at 12 noon on 17 th January. Inquiries to : Nicole Upton on 0428 452 092 or nicole.upton@bigpond.com
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beach and Rock event Jurien Bay 13th & 14th March – Greenhead Jetty to Cervantes Jetty State Boating Championships hosted by Mandurah Offshore Fishing Club on the 27th of March 2010 with the 28th March as a backup date.
June	AAAWA Fishing Clinics to be held at Hillarys Yacht Club on the 3 rd , 10 th and 17 June
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dry Casting Competition Sunday 31st October 2010 at Yokine Reserve
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estuary event 27th / 28th November. Swan & Canning Rivers/Cockburn Sound.
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March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5th, 6th & 7th March. Beach and Rock event at Cheynes Beach Caravan Park, boundaries Bremer Bay river mouth to Albany Harbour Jetty. State Boating Championships hosted by Marmion Aquatic and Angling Club on the 26th March 2011.
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beach & Rock event at Port Gregory. Boundaries Kalbarri to Bowes River Mouth.

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

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