



AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION, (WA DIVISION) INC.

DELEGATES' MEETING

**Held at Sports Association WA, Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley
Tuesday 21st December 2010 at 7.30 pm**

MINUTES

1. OPEN MEETING

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

2. PRESENT

John Curtis, President
Russell Bunce, FAAC
Don Cox, Melville AAC
James Strong, Denmark AC
John Crompton, Surfcasters Esperance
Terry Fuller, SCAC

George Holman, SCAC
Marcia Pekaar, Northampton AC
Peter Pekaar, Geraldton AC
Chas Riegert, OSAC Mt Barker
Pat Shinnick, LAAC
Diane McDonough, Treasurer/Secretary

3. APOLOGIES

Paul Longo, Perth OS Boat AC, Paul Frzop, HYC Peter Stoeckel, Beachcombers, Ian Cook, SCAC, Jason Pember, Melville AAC, Joe Horvath, OSAC Beach, G Evans, MDSSC

4. VISITORS

Geoff Kirk, MAAC

5. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES

Mark Hansen, Proxy for Beachcombers

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

7. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS FROM MINUTES

Nil. It was moved by Don Cox and seconded by James Strong that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Further discussion on dates for events affected by the Queens Birthday public holiday change from Monday 3 October to Friday 28 October 2011 (due to CHOGM). Dry Casting competition for 2011 has been shifted to 25th September. Beach, Rock and Estuary event to be confirmed – see Beach, Rock and Estuary Report.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

INWARDS (BY MAIL)

Surf Casters & Angling Club WA	Reel Talk Dec 2010
Xmas Card	Marmion Angling & Aquatic Club
WASF	Notice of reconvening of AGM due to irregularity with Board elections – new meeting on 15 Feb 2011
Post Office	Letter re increased charges for PO Box rental

INWARDS (BY EMAIL)

1. Medianet Operations	Roadside Check Snares Alleged Out of Season Marron Fisher
2. John Curtis	Fw: Metal Objects Left on Yokine East Reserve - From Sunday 31 October.
3. Jenny Travis	Media Statements
4. gazroe22@bigpond.net.au	Fishing clubs and facilities

5. Marcia Pekaar	Northampton club response
6. Con Costa	Reel News Issue 16 - Recfishwest elects new board members
7. Reserves	RE: BOOKING
8. russell bunce	state estuary
9. jcurtis@iinet.net.au	Re: DRY CASTING BOOKING
10. Julie Taylor	Hillarys Yacht Club E Letter attached for November
11. Terry Fuller	RFW report for minutes of Nov Delegates meeting as requested
12. Terry Fuller	Summary:- AAAWA State Championships during 2011/12 for your use if required.
13. Reserves	RE: BOOKING
14. Medianet Operations	Hedland Fishing Cases Lead to Big Fines
15. Pat Shinnick	Throphy Choice Inv
16. Terry Fuller	Typo corrected 2010 State Dry Casting report for distribution, please
17. Marcia Pekaar	Surfcasters Estuary Registration Forms
18. Joshua Brown	Fisheries research
19. Jenny Travis	Reel News Issue 18 Wanted: Cockburn Sound Crab Fishers
20. John Curtis	Re A A A W A Involvement in Fisheries Research
21. Marcia Pekaar	Re: Surfcasters Estuary Registration Forms
22. John Curtis	Letters outwards from last meeting.
23. John Curtis	Letter to Peter Walpole re Dry Casting photos
24. Recommendations 4	Re: AAAWA NOVEMBER DELEGATES MEETING
25. Ian Cook	RE: RECORD QUERY
26. Yvette	Survey to check Peel Harvey Estuary for pest crab species
27. Yvette	Local Recreational Fishers Work to Protect Fish Stocks
28. John Curtis	Re: Stirling Shire - Pegs on the Field
29. Yvette	2011 Young Future Leaders Program
30. Yvette	WA Must Embrace Artificial Reef Technology
31. Jenny Travis	Media Release - West Coast Zone abalone season has ended
32. Medianet Operations	Fisheries Investigating Artificial Reefs to Improve Fishing
33. Jenny Travis	Media Release - Fisheries investigating artificial reefs to improve fishing
34. John Curtis	General info
35. Pember, Jason	State Beach Flier
36. Jenny Travis	Cockburn Sound crab fishers reap benefits from revised management system.
37. John Crompton	Past 1996 Hard Copies - AAA Minutes
38. Terry Fuller	Re: Beach and rock championships forms and species list are on the AAA website
39. Carmel LANGDON	attachment Nov minutes
40. Terry Fuller	Re: Flyer for Rock and Beach Championships is on AAA website
41. Jenny Travis	Recfishwest Reel News Issue 19 - Facebook
42. Medianet Operations	New quad bikes improve Fisheries' access to metro beaches
43. Yvette	Media Statements - Recfishwest & Department of Fisheries
44. Ots, Gerard	Proposed Commercial Tourism Operations, Bramley National Park
45. Julie Taylor	Hillarys Yacht Club E Letter Dec 2010
46. Robert Smith B.M.	SWR.8 Social Prog, ETC
47. Reserves	RE: BOOKING
48. Yvette	Merry Christmas from Recfishwest
49. John Curtis	Letters

OUTWARDS (BY MAIL)

Affiliate Clubs	Minutes of November delegates meeting
Recfishwest	Letter of support re AGM; Xmas greetings from AAAWA
Peter Walpole	Letter of appreciation for photos - Dry Casting Champs
Richard Bennet – Magic Nissan	Letter of appreciation – Dry Casting sponsorship

OUTWARDS (BY EMAIL)

1. Reserves	BOOKING
2. Curtis, John	DRY CASTING BOOKING
3. Reserves	Re: BOOKING
4. Fuller, Terry	RFW REPORT
5. Curtis, John	Fw: Fisheries research
6. Marcia Pekaar	Re: Surfcasters Estuary Registration Forms

7. Curtis, John	MINUTES - NOVEMBER MEETING
8. John Curtis	Re: Letters outwards from last meeting.
9. John Curtis	Re: Letter to Peter Walpole re Dry Casting photos
10. Cook, Ian	RECORD QUERY
11. Bunce, Chris	Fw: RECORD QUERY
12. John Crompton	Re: Past 1996 Hard Copies - AAA Minutes
13. Pember, Jason	Re: State Beach Flier
14. John Curtis	Answer to your questions
15. Fuller, Terry	STATE ROCK & BEACH CHAMPIONSHIP 2011
16. gazroe22@bigpond.net.au	Re: Fishing clubs and facilities
17. Reserves	Re: BOOKING
18. John Crompton	Re: Past 1996 Hard Copies - AAA Minutes
19. John Curtis	LETTERS
20. Curtis, John	LETTER TO MAGIC NISSAN

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards by mail

- WA Sports Federation – AAAWA currently has no delegate.

Inwards by email

- No 13 and 37 refer to Dry Casting bookings for 2011. City of Stirling will confirm early in 2011.
- No 25 refers to a record query on a shovel nosed ray from Chris Bunce
- No 46 refers to a circular from Rob Smith re AAA Nationals SW Rocks, NSW

It was moved by Russell Bunce and seconded Marcia Pekaar that the correspondence be accepted.

11. TREASURERS REPORT

General Account Balance \$15,998.61	Carnival Account Balance \$1524.83
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Income for Dec 2010

Ocean Reef Sea Sports	Affiliation Fees 2010-2011	\$200.00
Northampton District AC	Affiliation Fees 2010-2011	\$50.00
PP & MK Pekaar	Nomination Fees For State Estuary Comp	\$31.00
PL & SW Wessel	Nomination Fees For State Estuary Comp	\$50.00
Melville Amateur AC	Affiliation Fees 2010-2011 (Balance)	\$150.00
Fremantle Sailing Club	Affiliation Fees 2011-2011	\$200.00
Fremantle Amateur AC	Nomination Fees For State Estuary Comp	\$231.00
Chris Bunce	Record Application – shovel nose ray	10.00
Peter Pekaar	State Dry Casting Record – Men's Artificial Bait	7.00
Total		\$929.00

Accounts for payment Dec 2010

Department of Commerce	Mandurah 500 Family Fishing Competition	\$75.00
Trophy Choice	Medals, Trophies, Engraving State Estuary Competition	\$467.00
Trophy Choice	Dry Casting engraving	42.00
Diane McDonough	Secretariat	\$500.00
Woolworths	Copy paper	6.81
Eric Parker	Manufacturing dry casting sinkers for 2010 state comp	\$54.00
Total		\$1144.81

Delegates discussed the payment to the Department of Commerce – Mandurah 500 Family Fishing Competition. It has not been used since 2003 and non payment will result in the name lapsing. Delegates queried whether the name could be on-sold, however Terry Fuller believed that on-selling is not allowable. The Secretary will write to the Mandurah Offshore Fishing & Sailing Club and advise that AAAWA will let the registration of the name lapse, if they wish to apply for it.

It was moved by Mark Hansen and seconded by Marcia Pekaar that the Treasurer's report be accepted..

12. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

President's Report

- John Curtis indicated his desire for the respective Chairs of the AAAWA subcommittees to meet in late January, with a view to planning future AAAWA competitions and setting calendar dates. He will also discuss with subcommittee chairs a range of AAAWA policies, for example smoking and discrimination policies. John will email details to subcommittee heads.
- John will be absent for the January meeting and George Holman will run it as Vice President.

Estuary, Rock and Beach Report

- The recent Estuary Competition had 90 competitors, with 1st and 2nd placegetters being Stuart Collier and Jason Pember respectively. It was a good event, all went smoothly and trophy presentation was completed by 12 pm. It was suggested that the Secretary send a letter to the Cockburn Power Boats Club to thank them for the use of their facilities on the day.
- The Estuary, Beach & Rock subcommittee have submitted their 2011-2012 calendar as follows:
 - 2011 March 5th, 6th & 7th March. Beach and Rock event at Cheynes Beach Caravan Park
 - 2011 November 26th & 27th Estuary event at Walpole
 - 2011 October Beach & Rock event at Port Gregory – CANCELLED
 - 2012 March 24th & 25th Beach & Rock event at Jurien Bay
 - 2012 November Estuary event Swan and Canning Rivers
- Pat Shinnick suggested combining both at the Boating and Beach & Rock events at Jurien for long weekend in March 2012. Both Boating and Rock & Beach subcommittees will discuss this proposal and report at the next meeting.
- John Curtis commented that Jurien is an ideal location to hold a composite competition. He also praised those who ran the recent estuary competition for a job well done.
- Discussion took place on the forthcoming Beach & Rock event, regarding the compulsory briefing at 12 noon as it presents a problem for participants getting there by 12 noon, as well as the 4 pm weigh-in, which makes it difficult for people who are camping. Don Cox believes that the compulsory briefing is necessary as it prevents participants from staking out the beach for fishing spots before official "lines down". Other suggestions included a Captain's meeting, which relies on an honour system and reduction of boundary size. Russell Bunce and the organisers will consider these suggestions and report back to the next meeting.
- Mark Hansen suggesting moving the Walpole event to Mandurah or Australind, which would be closer for some participants. Russell Bunce responded that in the past these closer venues had not been well attended; also that it is not necessary to have a boat to fish at Walpole.

Boating Report

- Pat Shinnick reported that plans for the Boating Championships for 2011 are proceeding to plan and the necessary approval applications have gone in to Dept Planning and Infrastructure. Pat will shortly give letters to the Secretary for distribution to participating clubs.

Dry Casting Report

- James Strong presented Dry Casting trophies to the representatives of the respective clubs for on-passing to the winners. The Veteran's Shield has been returned and George will see that the engraving is done to bring it up to date.
- A meeting will be held on 7th February at 8.00 pm at George Holman's residence for those who are travelling to the SW Rocks competitions in NSW in 2011. He is still awaiting confirmation on the program, which will be distributed once received.

Recfishwest report for AAAWA Delegates Meeting

21 December 2010



Wilderness Conservation Areas.

Recfishwest has adopted a policy about Wilderness Conservation Areas as a development of its earlier Wilderness Fishing policy. These protect wilderness values while allowing low impact recreational fishing. Fish can be caught and consumed within the area but not taken away. Recfishwest views Wilderness Conservation Areas as an important management tool in the suite of marine conservation measures. Wilderness Conservation Areas are Marine Protected Areas that offer an extensive level of protection whilst still retaining all recreational amenity values. These are not seen as a replacement for IUCN Strict Nature Reserve Category 1a (sanctuary zones). Rather they are a complementary zoning tool that aims to meet conservation objectives while maintaining recreational fishing values in a given area. IUCN Category 1b is the second highest level of protection listed by the IUCN. Such areas would be promoted as alternatives to complete no take Sanctuary

Zones in Marine Parks but only in some suitable places. Wilderness Conservation Areas would be characterised by two principal features:

1. That the populations of fish species would be very close to their natural state before human exploitation, i.e. they would be only lightly exploited. This accords with the International Union for the Conservation of Nature description of “slightly modified” and meets IUCN Category 1b. In order to maintain fish populations at near natural levels, mortality due to fishing must be minimal. Regulations should prevent the accumulation of fish and their removal from the area. Retained catch must only be for personal consumption while in the Wilderness Conservation Area. Any catch over and above this must be carefully released.

2. That Wilderness Conservation Areas should be virtually free of evidence of human development and there should be very few people in the area. In this way very low levels of exploitation will occur. Recfishwest prefers not to be prescriptive with respect to restrictions on numbers of people and methods of access. However the principles should fit the IUCN definition that the area is “without significant and permanent habitation” and should be “managed so as to preserve its natural condition”. It must be clear that the aim is that the area will look natural, it cannot be allowed to become overcrowded, and the minimal take of fish will have a negligible impact on fish populations.

http://www.recfishwest.org.au/data/client/files/1240_wilderness_conservation_areas_policy_december_2010.pdf

Young Future Leaders.

Recfishwest is seeking submissions of interest for the Recfishwest “Young Future Leaders in Recreational Fishing” project to be held in March 2011. It is designed to give younger Western Australians a voice and opportunity to be involved in maintaining the quality of our State’s recreational fishing future.

15 successful candidates from Western Australia and the Northern Territory, aged under 35, will get training at the Abrolhos Islands in the future management of recreational fishing.

Participants would learn how to best apply their skills through community groups, advisory committees, recreational fishing advocacy groups or government agencies.

Application forms are available on the Recfishwest website and must be lodged before 31 December.

http://www.recfishwest.org.au/data/client/files/1233_recfishwestvfl.pdf

Artificial Reefs.

Recfishwest took part in the recent study tour looking at world leading artificial reef and marine fish stocking technology in Korea and China. North Asian countries such as Korea, China and Japan have been at the forefront of research into artificial reef construction, deployment and research. The purpose of the Department of Fisheries delegation to South Korea and China in October/November 2010 was for key decision makers in Western Australia to learn more about the effectiveness of artificial reefs and investigate current research and construction expertise for the possible use of artificial reefs in Western Australia. Recfishwest says it’s time Western Australia seriously considered the benefits of artificial reefs to improve fish stocks for the future and sustainability of the marine environment. Artificial reefs have been used extensively around the world to create additional fish habitat, regenerate damaged ecosystems and enhance catches.

Korea and China, along with a number of other northern hemisphere countries have a long history of developing a variety of purposely designed artificial reef materials that are cost effective, biologically sustainable and environmentally beneficial.

http://www.recfishwest.org.au/content/submissions/files/2644_final_south_korea_china_report.pdf

Western Australian Recreational Boat Fishing Survey 2011

The Department of Fisheries will undertake a Statewide Recreational Boat Fishing Survey starting in January 2011. The most comprehensive study of its kind in Australia, the survey is a joint research project involving the Department of Fisheries, Recfishwest, Edith Cowan University and Murdoch University.

This is the first time boat fishers from all over Western Australia will be surveyed. Previously, surveys have been focused on specific regional areas. The Department will conduct up to 23,000 interviews of fishers during the survey. The survey will consist of the following major elements:

3,000 boat fishers will record their catches until February 2012 via a logbook and share their results with the Department each month. (2000 fishers will be randomly selected from the wider metropolitan area and 1000 from regional areas).

5,000 - 10,000 fishers will be surveyed at boat ramps around the State at the end of their fishing trip.

Information gathered from 5,000 - 10,000 fishers who come into contact with Fisheries and Marine Officers during 2011.

The Department will also record video images of major boat ramps in each region to assist in validating fishing effort over 24-hour periods. <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/pub/RecFishingSurvey2011/index.php?0107>

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@iinet.net.au with any questions or comments.

Business Arising from RFW Report

- John Curtis asked delegates to identify within their own clubs anyone who fits the criterion as a Young Future Leader and to encourage their involvement. The initiative from RFW is an excellent program, and has been adopted by many organisations.
- Terry Fuller and John Curtis attended a seminar about Artificial Reefs at RFW and he John urged people to go and look at these. He also encouraged people to participate in surveys where possible as this is the best way for accurate data to be collected.

Recording Officer Report

- Chris Bunce's application for a shovel nosed and Peter Pekaar's dry casting record are being processed

Competitions Officer Report

- No report

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

- John Crompton has come across some copies of old AAAWA minutes (1996 onwards). Pat Shinnick has offered to store these at his premises, together with the other archived AAAWA records.
- John Curtis recently spoke to Rob Smith at AAA regarding the National Titles at South West Rocks. All is progressing smoothly towards a good competition.
- In July 2009 the minutes recorded a letter from Bob Henderson, recommending that George Holman be nominated for an AAA Certificate of Honour, however this was not followed up. John Curtis would like to see this nomination proceed and although the requirements for a certificate are quite onerous, requiring service at a national level, he believes that George has complied above and beyond with the requirements over 25 years. This needs to go forward as a recommendation if the delegates approve it. It was moved by Pat Shinnick and seconded by Russell Bunce that George Holman be nominated for an AAA Certificate of Honour. The Secretary will pursue the nomination with AAA.
- John thanked delegates for their attendance with Christmas and New Year wishes.

14. CLOSE MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.42. The next Delegates meeting will be held on 18th January 2011.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011-2012

2011	
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, Hillarys, hosted by MAAC.
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20-23 April New Zealand Nationals – Held at Orewa (north of Auckland). More info: nzaca@xtra.co.nz or secretary@nzaca.co.nz
July-Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Championships at South West Rocks, NSW 26 July-11 August 2011. Casting Mon & Tues 1st & 2nd at Port Macquarie.
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dry Casting Competition Sunday 25th September
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estuary event 26th & 27th at Walpole
2012	
March	1 st weekend in March 2012 State boat champs Jurien Bay. March 24 th & 25 th Beach & Rock event at Jurien Bay Discussions to take place on holding both events on the same weekend. - TBA

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

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