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DELEGATES' MEETING



Held at Sports Association WA, Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley
Tuesday 20th December at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

1. OPEN MEETING

The meeting opened at 7.40 pm and president John Curtis welcomed delegates and visitors.

2. PRESENT

James Strong, Patron
Pat McKeown, Proxy – Northampton
George Holman, SCAC
Joe Horvath, OSAC Perth Beach
Marcia Pekaar, Assistant Secretary
Peter Pekaar, Proxy Geraldton Angling Club
Don Cox, Melville

Kevin Murphy, MAAC
Paul Frzop, HYC
Terry Fuller, SCAC
Peter Stoeckel, Beachcombers
Richard Siudak, Independent Delegate
John Curtis, President
Diane McDonough, Secretary/Treasurer

3. APOLOGIES

Paul Longo, Jason Pember, Pat Shinnick, Malcolm Cruickshank, John Crompton, Russell Bunce, Martin Humbert

4. VISITORS

Mark Hansen

5. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES

- John Curtis welcomed Pat McKeown, the new proxy delegate for Northampton.
- John Curtis also welcomed a new affiliate club - Fremantle Recreational Fishing Club.

It was moved by Joe Horvath and seconded by Richard Siudak that Fremantle Recreational Fishing Club's affiliate status be ratified. Motion Carried Unanimously

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by George Holman and seconded by James Strong that the minutes of the November meeting be accepted as an accurate record. Motion Carried

7. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS FROM MINUTES

Nil

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Pat Shinnick has commented on the motion passed at the November 2011 meeting, which read:

It was moved by Russell Bunce and seconded by John Crompton that nomination fees for all AAABA events be made by cheque or money order by clubs or individuals by no later than the Wednesday prior to the event. Motion carried.

Pat has suggested that this motion apply only to Beach, Rock and Estuary events only, as Boating and Dry Casting have their own rules regarding the payment of fees.

It was moved by George Holman and seconded by Joe Horvath that the above motion be rescinded.
Motion carried unanimously.

It was further moved by Don Cox and seconded by Peter Pekaar - "that payment of nomination fees for Beach, Rock and Estuary events be made by cheque or money order by clubs or individuals by no later than the Wednesday prior to the event."

Motion carried unanimously.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

INWARDS (BY MAIL)

1. Dept Env & Conservation	Management Plan for Dryandra Woodland 2011
2. Matthew Mercieca	National Record Application Mack Tuna Fillet?
3. Adrian Salter	National Record application for John Dory
4. Perth Offshore Boat Angling Club	State Boat Champs Sponsorship – donation with proviso for fish species
5. Hillarys Yacht Club	Compass December 2011
6. Kalbarri Offshore & Angling Club Inc	AAAWA State Boat Champs – 3-5 March 2012

INWARDS (BY EMAIL)

1. Jenny – RFW	Reel News Issue 36 – Recfishwest Mid-West Tour Announced
2. Jenny – RFW	New funding boost for shark mitigation
3. Medianet Operations	Ban on the Possession of Plastic Bait Bands at Sea
4. Jenny – RFW	\$2.2 million to make Ningaloo Reef access safer
5. LAWRENCE BIRCHALL	Fish Tales
6. Jenny – RFW	Recfishwest Supports State's First Artificial Reef Trial
7. Daniel - RFW	Recfishwest Photo Competition Reminder!
8. Richard Lee	Owen Thomas
9. Tim Hose - AAA Victoria	Casting Trailer
10. John Curtis	Re: Fw: Casting Trailer
11. Cheryl Poustie	Sportsview Alert - Issue 35
12. John Curtis	Minutes of November Meeting
13. John Curtis	Mailing addresses for clubs
14. John Curtis	Re Owen Thomas
15. Daniel - RFW	Reel News Issue 37 - Do you want to be a Fishing Instructor for RFW?
16. AAAWA	AAAWA Minutes of Delegates Meeting 15th November 2011
17. Murchison Boat Hire	Please add event
18. Murchison Boat Hire	Re: Please add event
19. Pat Shinnick	RE: AAAWA Delegates Meeting 15th November 2011
20. John Curtis	Boating Sub-Committee Representation at Delegates Council
21. Pat Shinnick	FW: Owen Thomas
22. Pat Shinnick	RE: Boating Sub-Committee Representation at Delegates Council
23. Daniel - RFW	Frank Prokop to Step Down as CEO of Recfishwest
24. WA Sports Federation	Sportsview Alert - November 2011
25. Daniel - RFW	New Changes for the Upcoming Marron Season
26. chizzy66@bordnet.com.au	Northampton Angling Club Delegate
27. Robert Weir	FW: Message from "Ricoh3501"
28. Pat Shinnick	FW: LAAC letter template
29. alandma@westnet.com.au	State Estuary Championships 26 & 27th November 2011 results
30. Medianet Operations	Cockburn Sound crab stocks continue to recover
31. Cheryl Poustie	Sportsview Alert - Issue 36
32. Pat Shinnick	AAAWA State Boat Event 3rd March 2012 (REPLY ALL GOOD)
33. Ellen Smith - RFW	Calendar request
34. Cheryl Poustie	Sportsview Alert - Issue 37
35. John Curtis	Fwd: Invoice for A A A Public Liability Insurance
36. John Curtis	Fwd: Calendar request to be sent to all clubs with request for information
37. Pat Shinnick	Invoices to advertisers for State Boating Championships

38. Jenny - RFW	Reel News Issue 38: South-west Artificial Reef Trials
39. Jenny - RFW	Media Release: Licence fees fund recreational fishing initiatives.
40. Jenny - RFW	Reel News 39 - Licence Funding Going Back Into Recreational Fishing
41. Pat Shinnick	FW: AAAWA Invoices for Boat Booklet
42. Pat Shinnick	Info from Jurien Bay re AAAWA State Boat Championships
43. Cheryl Poustie	FW: Draft Minutes - WASF Annual General Meeting

OUTWARDS (BY MAIL)

1. All clubs	Minutes & Agendas
2. All Clubs	Request for support for State Boat Championships

OUTWARDS (BY EMAIL)

1. Curtis, John	Inquiry
2. Curtis, John	Contact details
3. Fuller, Terry	Fw: Beachcombers Angling Club of WA
4. Curtis, John	Fw: owen thomas
5. Curtis, John	Fw: Casting Trailer
6. John Curtis	Re: Mailing Addresses for clubs
7. All Clubs	AAAWA Delegates Meeting 15th November 2011
8. Murchison Boat Hire	Re: Please add event
9. Curtis, John	Kalbarri
10. Curtis, John	Fw: AAAWA Delegates Meeting 15th November 2011
11. Curtis, John	Fw: Liquidation Sale - Fishing & Camping Liquidation Sale
12. chizzy66@bordnet.com.au	Re: Northampton Angling Club Delegate
13. Robert Weir	Alteration to listing of MAAC Delegates to AAAWA
14. Pember, Jason (Melville)	Fw: State Estuary Championships 26 & 27th November 2011 results
15. Fuller, Terry	Results of State Estuary Championships
16. alandma@westnet.com.au	Re: State Estuary Championships 26 & 27th November 2011 results
17. Malton, Laurie KOAC	Affiliation Fees
18. skirting@optusnet.com.au	Affiliation With AAAWA
19. Curtis, John; Shinnick, Pat	Correspondence inwards relating to State Boat Championships

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

- Discussion followed about incoming emails which contain only first names and do not identify people or their organisation, e.g. "Jenny", "Ellen" and "Daniel" from Recfishwest. The secretary will attempt to rectify this and has requested that Recfishwest provide sender's name details in their emails.
- Ellen Smith, Regional Policy Officer at RFW has requested that her email regarding a calendar for forthcoming club events be forwarded to country clubs. This has been done.

John Curtis read out a letter from the Perth Offshore Boating and Angling Club of WA (Inc), offering a \$200 donation to the State Boating Championships in 2012 on the proviso that AAAWA fish species are returned to the list of eligible species and not selectively restricted. Comments from delegates included:

- It is up to the Boating subcommittee to run their event and choose their species list as they see fit;
- POBAC could possibly consider having their delegate attend Delegates Council and Boating subcommittee meetings in order to put forward their suggestions or comments on eligible fish species, rather than make threats to withdraw financial support

John Curtis also read out a letter from Kalbarri Offshore AC, regarding the their Annual Kalbarri Sports Fishing Classic on 3-4 March 2012, which clashes with the AAAWA State Boating Championships. Traditionally, the AAAWA has held its competitions on the last weekend of the month and John believes that the AAAWA has erred in changing the dates to earlier in the month. He will write to Kalbarri OSAC to apologise and, as a gesture of goodwill, offer a \$200 donation towards their event.

It was moved by Richard Siudak and Seconded by Peter Stoeckel that AAAWA make a donation to Kalbarri OSAC to support their March 2012 event. Motion carried

It was moved by George Holman and seconded by Joe Horvath that the correspondence inwards and outwards by mail and email be accepted. Motion carried.

11. TREASURERS REPORT

General Account Balance \$16,678.87

Carnival Account Balance \$806.50

Income for Dec 2011

Perth Offshore Boat Angling Club	Sponsorship 2012 State Boat Championships	200.00
Fremantle Amateur AC	Entry fees – State Estuary Competition	150.00
Esperance Surfcasters	Affiliation Fees 2011-2012	100.00
Mindarie & Districts Sea Sports Club	Sponsorship – State Boats Champs 2012	100.00
Fremantle Recreational Fishing Club Inc	Affiliation fees 2011-2012	200.00
Hillarys Yacht Club	Affiliation fees 2011-2012	200.00
TOTAL		950.00

Accounts for payment Dec 2011

Graham S Knight & Assoc	Public Liability Insurance	712.00
Trophy Choice	Medals, trophies, engraving – State Estuary	736.50
Telstra	Telephone Account	40.08
Diane McDonough	Secretariat	500.00
Kalbarri Offshore & Angling Club	Donation towards the 26 th Annual Kalbarri Sports Fishing Classic March 2012	200.00
Total		2188.58

It was proposed by James Strong and seconded by Joe Horvath that the Treasurers report be accepted and the accounts passed for payment. Motion carried.

12. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

President's Report

Competition Results

John Curtis requested that competition organisers forward results to Terry Fuller as soon as practicable after events, so that Terry can put them on the AAAWA website. Competitors expect to see this information very shortly after events.

National Championships

John is drafting a letter to clubs seeking their feedback on hosting a National Championships and Convention in WA in either 2015 or 2017. So far he has not received much encouragement or support from clubs.

Insurance

John is still attempting to get this data compiled with a view to sending a letter to clubs. Materials are yet to sent from the broker

Estuary, Rock and Beach Report

Don Cox reported that the paperwork from the recent Estuary event had been completed and results have been put on the website.

Boating Report

Pat Shinnick reported via email:

- Booklet is complete
- Invoices have been sent to advertisers
- Trophies have been ordered, including knife prizes
- A venue has been booked and confirmed
- Afternoon and evening meals with refreshments have been confirmed and booked
- Awaiting confirmation from Lions Club of Jurien regarding assistance with breakfast
- Aquatic Event registration has been done, Pat will follow up with Department of Transport

- Pat has sent comments to both Perth Offshore Boats and the Kalbarri Fishing Clubs regarding their correspondence (see above).

Dry Casting Report

- All trophies have been engraved
- John Curtis has updated the trophy records list, which now includes photos
- Venue is booked for last the weekend in October 2012
- AAA Victorian Branch has offered their trailer to WA as they are winding up. Equipment includes 200 m steel tape, sinker moulds, helmets, pegs, discs, CB radios. Cost for transportation to WA is \$1300. Existing AAWA trailer needs rust repaired, tail light rewiring and three new tyres.

It was proposed by Peter Pekaar and seconded by Richard Siudak that the trailer be transported from Victoria at a cost of \$1300.00. Motion carried.

13. Recfishwest report for AAAWA Delegates Meeting 20 December 2011



Recfishwest change of physical address

Recfishwest has moved office to Unit F2, 45 Northside Drive, Hillarys. Postal and email addresses and phone numbers have not changed.

Proposed sites for artificial reef in Geographe Bay

Since the announcement of Government support for a trial, Recfishwest has been working with the local community with input from the Department of Fisheries to determine some preferred locations for reef deployment. The Artificial Reef Reference Group, which is composed of local recreational fishers of all ages, backgrounds and experience, held a workshop in Busselton on 29 November, and three priority locations were agreed upon. These are the area of the original tyre reef near Quindalup; an area north west of the wreck of the Lena near Bunbury and an area north of Abbey boat ramp. Considerations included:-

Placement in waters accessible to small to medium sized vessels to support safe boating.

Deployment in depths between 20 and 30 metres.

Placement outside of the proposed Ngari Capes Marine Park (i.e. outside State waters or 3 nautical miles) as the Marine Parks and Reserves Authority does not support artificial reefs.

Placement of reefs outside the South-west Trawl Fishery, so as not to disrupt operation of the fishery.

Changes in the WA Marine Parks and Reserves Authority

Prominent Western Australian scientist Tom Hatton has been appointed chairman of the Marine Parks and Reserves Authority. Other appointments are Kellie Pendoley, executive director and principal scientist with Pendoley Environmental and Jeff Cooper, manager of marine studies at the Kimberley Training Institute as the recreational fishing representative. One further vacancy is still to be filled. These replace former chairman Eric Streitberg, Angus Horwood, Dr Trevor Ward and Emeritus Professor John Penrose.

An article in Monday's West Australian said *"In his first interview as chairman of the Marine Parks and Reserves Authority, Tom Hatton said "There's enough potential merit in (sanctuary zones) from place to place that they should be seriously considered," Dr Hatton said. "But they need to be based on the best available scientific evidence and an understanding of potential impacts on recreational and commercial fishing and other users."* Not surprisingly, the article also reported:- *"Conservation Council of WA executive director Piers Verstegen said the appointments could weaken the resolve of the MPRA to establish marine parks with sanctuary zones."* One can only wonder what possible problems there can be with using *"the best available scientific evidence..."*?

Recreational Fishing Licence Grants - call for applications

Recfishwest has been working very hard to get a point where recreational fishing licence funds are going to be directed back towards initiatives supported by the recreational sector.

The Hon Norman Moore, Minister for Fisheries and Recfishwest launched the recently established Recreational Fishing Account Advisory Board (RFAAB), with the intention to delegate approximately \$1.2 million per year in recreational licence funding commencing in June 2012. Funding will be injected into community initiatives such as habitat enhancement, stock enhancement, research and data collection, and development of socio-economic benefits in recreational fishing.

The RFAAB will provide advice on the distribution of recreational licence money, prioritise project applications, call for expressions of interest against strategic priorities, ensure the most effective expenditure of funds, and identify gaps and future needs for the recreational fishing account.

Applications for funding are now open and will close for assessment by RFAAB on 15 February 2012.

Instructors wanted for Recfishwest fishing clinics

Due to the growing demand and popularity of Recfishwest's fishing clinics, Recfishwest is looking for more fishing instructors. See Reel News issue 37 or contact Yvette Guy on 9246 3366 or yvette@recfishwest.org.au

Business Arising from RFW Report

- Terry Fuller advised that updated proposals for "standardised and simplified" revised WA fishing regulations have not yet been advised by Dept of Fisheries
- Terry and John Curtis attended a briefing by the Minister at Hillarys recently, with valid comments being made by various participants. John believes AAAWA will be asked in the near future to assist in activities such as restocking and artificial reef structuring. He believes the AAAWA and affiliate clubs should be proactive in assisting to enhance our resources.

Recording Officer Report

- Two national applications have been passed on to Richard Siudak (a 4.1 kg John Dory and a Coronation Trout)

Competitions Officer Report

- No report

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Nil

15. CLOSE MEETING

President John Curtis thanked delegates for their support throughout 2011. The meeting closed at 9.00 pm. The next Delegates meeting will be held on Tuesday 17TH January 2012.

AAAWA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012-2015

2012	
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Boat Championships 3rd, 4th & 5th (Long weekend) March at Jurien Bay • Kalbarri Offshore & Angling Club - Kalbarri Sports Fishing Classic 2nd 3rd and 4th March 2012 • Beach & Rock event 24th & 25th March at Jurien Bay
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Drycasting Championships - Yokine Reserve Yokine - 28th
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estuary Event – Swan / Cockburn Sound
2013	
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rock & Beach event – S Bend (long weekend)
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estuary Event – Blackwood River Augusta
2014	
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rock and Beach Event – Cape to Cape
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estuary Event – Walpole
2015	
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rock and Beach event – Cheynes Beach – long weekend

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

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