



AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION, (WA DIVISION) INC.

DELEGATES' MEETING



**To be Held at Sports Association WA, Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley
Tuesday 16th February 2010 at 7.30 pm**

MINUTES

1. OPEN MEETING

Pat Shinnick welcomed everyone, particularly Gary Evans from Mindarie & Districts SSC and Gerard Murphy from Marmion Aquatic & Angling Club and introduced them to other delegates.

2. PRESENT

James Strong, Denmark AC & Patron
Jason Pember, Melville
Gary Evans, Mindarie & Districts Sea Sports Club
Kevin Murphy, MAAC
Joe Horvath, OSAC Perth Beach Branch
Terry Fuller, SCAC

George Holman, SCAC
Marcia Pekaar, Northampton AC
Peter Pekaar, Geraldton AC
Pat Shinnick, Lancelin AC & President
Russell Bunce, FAAC
Diane McDonough, Secretary/Treasurer

3. APOLOGIES: Chas Riegert, Ian Cook, Don Cox, John Crompton

4. VISITORS: Nil

5. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES: Nil

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

7. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS FROM MINUTES: Nil

It was moved by James Strong and seconded by Joe Horvath that minutes be accepted.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

See Notice of Motion under "General Business"

9. CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS (BY MAIL)

Recfishwest	Funding Agreement – (\$5500) – signed and returned
Surf Casting & AC of WA Inc	Reel Talk Feb 2010

10. CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS (BY EMAIL)

1. Chas Riegert	ASF State Casting Competition
2. Pat Shinnick	RE: ASF State Casting Competition
3. Jenny Travis	Deployment of Acoustic Telemetry Buoys Hillarys Boat Harbour Vicinity
4. Guthrie, Darryl	State Record Query
5. Pat Shinnick	Prizes for AAWA State Boats
6. Ian Cook	RE: State Record Query
7. iiNet Limited	iiNet Limited Invoice: #22228554
8. Pat Shinnick	RE: Gwenyth AAA raffle
9. Jenny Travis	Issue 82 of "Casting Around the Internet with Recfishwest".
10. Medianet Operations	Hefty fines handed out to illegal abalone fishers
11. Jenny Travis	Fisheries-Woodside education partnership puts students in the swim: and Hefty fines handed out to illegal abalone fishers

12. Pirtek Fishing Challenge	FW: 2010 PIRTEK FISHING CHALLENGE - JVC CLUB CHALLENGE
13. SANDY	grant clifford
14. Jenny Travis	Issue 83 of "Casting Around the Internet with Recfishwest".
15. Pat Shinnick	State Boat Booklets are ready
16. Recfish CEO	Essential viewing for those interested in pesticides in aquatic ecosystems
17. Chas Riegert	Re: FEBRUARY DELEGATES MEETING
18. Carmel LANGDON	Jan State Boat minutes
19. Pember, Jason	RE: BEACH & ROCK EVENT JURIEBAY
20. Ian Cook	RE: FEBRUARY DELEGATES MEETING

11. CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS

Delegates & Clubs	Minutes & Agendas
Various Clubs	Reminder notices for unpaid Affiliation Fees

12. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

- Joe Horvath queried email No 3 and Pat Shinnick explained the Telemetry Buoys at Hillarys
- ***Email No 13: if anyone knows of the late Grant Clifford ("Diamond Jack" Clifford) and has any photographs of him or where they can be obtained from, please contact the AAWA Secretary.***

It was moved by George Holman and seconded by Joe Horvath that the correspondence be accepted

13. TREASURERS REPORT

General Account Balance \$16223.25	Carnival Account Balance \$1223.68
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Income for February:

Fremantle Amateur AC Club	Nominations for Estuary Championships	\$150.00
Total		\$150.00

Accounts for payment January

Diane McDonough	Secretariat	\$500.00
linet	Annual charge for sub-domain service paid by B-Pay	40.00
Woolworths	Copy Paper	6.81
Telstra	Phone account	38.12
Total		\$584.93

It was moved by Peter Pekaar and seconded by Russell Bunce that the treasurer's report be accepted and the accounts passed for payment.

14. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

President's Report

- Some people are finding the new recreational fishing rules difficult to work out but Pat believed that people were slowly being educated.

Estuary, Rock and Beach Report

- Jason Pember has contacted the caravan park at Jurien to confirm bookings and they will advise closer to the day where everyone will actually be located.
- Geraldton Angling Club has indicated they will enter some teams. It is close for them and its good to seem them becoming involved in the event.
- All participating clubs should send in their member names ASAP as Jason expects to be away for a period and would appreciate early nominations. Forms are available on the AAWA website.

Boating Report

- The State Boating Angling Championship booklet is completed, and Pat distributed some to delegates. One will be distributed per skipper at the competition.
- Raffle tickets and prizes have been organised.
- A meeting will be held at the MAAC on 17th February
- Financials are all done. Club Marine has donated \$1200 as well as a \$500 voucher. Ranger Camping and Engel have donated prizes and all sponsors will be given plenty of signage
- Pat encouraged everyone to visit the event
- People will be required on the day to assist with weigh-ins and a volunteer sheet will be sent out to clubs participating

Dry Casting Report

- George Holman is prepared to organise the next Dry Casting event in October. He is checking the trailer and will draw up a list of equipment required (hose reels, sinkers, etc) and will call a meeting in due course to start planning the event
- George will contact Richard Siudak again regarding a motion to address eligibility issues at Dry Casting events. Other states are also finding it difficult to achieve new records and Robert Smith, National President, is in favour of the motion being put forward at the next Mid Term Meeting on 26th July 2010 (date to be confirmed) at South West Rocks, NSW (**not** Queensland as was printed in the last minutes). In due course the AAAWA will have the opportunity to put forward notices of motion.
- George Holman suggested that himself and the Junior Vice President, Peter Pekaar, attend the Mid Term Meeting as this would be valuable experience for Peter to get to know contacts in other states. Delegates agreed that George and Peter represent WA, costs of which will come from the Carnival Account.
- The Secretary will inform Margaret Riddell AAA Secretary who the AAAWA delegates are.
- George suggested that Estuary, Rock, Beach and Boating groups should consider competing in the Mid Term Conventions.

Fishing Clinic Report

- Terry Fuller will be unavailable for much of May and June and therefore unable to assist on the proposed dates (3rd, 10th and 17 June). He reminded delegates that providing community education such as fishing clinics is an obligation under the terms of the grants received by RFW/DSR.
- Country clinics are not favoured due to accommodation and travel expenses and have failed in the past.
- Russell Bunce suggested a whole day clinic, say 11 am to 4 pm on a Saturday, if a suitable venue can be obtained at the right price, which would be better than stretching it over 3 weeks and possibly easier to get people to commit to just one session rather than three.
- The bulk of the work is in securing sponsors and arranging the clinic
- Speakers are not favoured as they expect payment
- Inside "theory" clinics are preferred to outside "practical" clinics because of risk and insurance issues and an inside clinic can still cover aspects such as filleting, rigs, knots, etc
- Pat will make inquiries to see if Hillarys is available on a Saturday

Recfishwest report for AAA Delegates Meeting 16 February 2010



1. Recreational Fishing from Boat Licence.

A Recreational Fishing from Boat Licence will be introduced from 2 March. Applications can be made online at Dept of Fisheries website, at Australia Post outlets and at any Dept of Fisheries office. Licences will not be available online or at Australia Post until 2 March. Applications before 2 March must be at a Dept of Fisheries office. See

<http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/pub/RecFishArrange/page06.php> or
<http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/pub/FishingFromBoat/index.php?0102>

2. Fishing for mako sharks still not resolved.

Recreational anglers fishing for mako sharks are warned that despite a 'backdown' by the Federal Government on a ban on the fishing of the species, severe restrictions still apply from 29 January.

No recreational fishermen is allowed to catch and take mako sharks in Commonwealth waters. The listing of the three shark species as migratory species under national environmental law is a mandatory legal requirement until the Act is changed.

3. Tackle shops offered payment for display of fishing rules brochures.

An initiative developed in partnership with Recfishwest to boost general public awareness and compliance with fishing rules will give easier access to updated fishing education material, fishing brochures and fish ruler stickers.

Retail outlets selling recreational fishing tackle may tender for the new paid service arrangement, website publicity, window signage, display stand and supplies to display in a high-profile location in the store.

4. Recfish Australia nearly at end of the financial road.

Recfish Australia's funding and financial situation is extremely poor and the organisation may cease operations to avoid trading while unfinancial. The Commonwealth Government is being asked to restore funding under one of several programs.

5. Recfishwest recognised as the WA Peak Recreational fishing body.

Changes to consultation arrangements confirm that Recfishwest is the Peak Recreational fishing body charged with giving advice to the Minister, after consulting with recreational anglers and the Department of Fisheries. These changes were initiated and driven by the Minister for Fisheries.

6. Instructors wanted for RFW Fishing Clinics.

RFW are always on the lookout for additional fishing clinic instructors to help run their fishing clinics. At times we have had to cancel clinics, as instructors are not available due to their own work commitments.

Any people from any sporting/social clubs who love fishing and would enjoy teaching children the art of fishing on a regular basis should contact Yvette Guy, Fishing Clinic Co-ordinator, on 9246 3366 who will explain how the clinics are run, payment, etc.

7. 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 2010 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

- Terry added that a salt works at Exmouth Gulf is not being proceeded with, a win for environmentalists, commercial and recreational fishers.
- Pat Commented that there are many clubs whose members are professional fisherpersons and that the new licence for Recreational Boat Fishers should also apply to them. They have showed concern that they will also not be allowed to fish with their family on a recreational boat. He advised that under Regulation 123-2 a commercial fisherman can get a recreational fishing licence for south west freshwater fishing and Marron. The Act appears ambiguous and even though it says a licence cannot be granted, for other Recreational catches, the Recreational Fishing from Boat Licence can be obtained by a professional. Pat has had legal advice confirming this information. However, it clearly states that commercial fisherman cannot be granted a netting, crayfish, or abalone licence.
- It was commented that a commercial fisherman should have the same recreational fishing rights as any other citizen and an example was provided of where a professional snapper fisherman could not take his child out fishing in a commercial vessel; the rules stipulated it had to be a private and recreational boat
- Terry Fuller commented that the Minister wants simplification of the fishing rules, the ramifications of which will mean losses for many areas statewide. He believed this would be put forward for public consultation in due course.
- Pat went fishing over the Christmas period and released many good sized dhufish in an hour's fishing, and has received similar reports form other fisherpersons.
- Terry commented that the stock must be protected and that season closures would be inevitable

Recording Officer Report

No report

WARCO REPORT

George Holman reported that the current Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act and Regulations are to be revised. The relevant minister has given six months for a committee to review the Act and George will provide further information on this when it is available.

What is WARCO?

The Western Australian Recreational Campers Organization Incorporated (WARCO) was formed in March 1999, with the aim of re-establishing and maintaining the traditional right of Western Australians to enjoy free outdoor recreation in an environment of their choice. WARCOs current membership is comprised of the following organizations:

- Australian Anglers Association Inc.
- Western Australian Caravan Clubs Association Inc.
- Lapidary Association of WA Inc.
- Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (WA) Inc.
- Australian Campers Alliance Inc.
- Western Australian 4WD Association Inc.
- Campervan and Motor home Club of Australia Ltd.
- Australian National 4WD Council Inc.

WARCO is administered through a Board of Management and is committed to working with all levels of government, along with the camping, caravanning and tourism industries in a spirit of dialogue and cooperation

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

Notice of Motion

At the January Delegates meeting George Holman moved that:

“the eligible age for Veterans be 60 years of age and over from 1st August to conform with the National Association”. Motion seconded by Terry Fuller.

George provided information that the age used to be 60 and it was then dropped back to 55 and there are now more veterans than younger people coming through. The change has been brought in incrementally in other states over the years and this move will bring the AAAWA into line with the National Association. If adopted, it would apply as from 1st August. Delegates to discuss this motion with their clubs and vote on it at the March meeting.

AAAWA Trophies & Records

- Jason Pember would like to get the information on trophies put onto the website. Pat advised that Terry Bell was doing this and he will chase him up to forward the information to Jason and Terry fuller.
- George stressed the importance of having all AAAWA competitions, Angler of the Year, etc information on the website
- Terry suggested that a national AAA website could contain similar information, but there is no website. Possibly this should be raised at the next Mid Term Meeting.
- Pat believed that the way records were handled could be improved as the National Records Authority takes a great deal of time to organise meetings and provides very little information. Pat will follow this up and suggested that postal/email communication would speed up and simplify the records process.
- Pat reassured James Strong as to the whereabouts of the Patron’s Cup and other trophies

Swan Fish

- George wished Melville club all the best for their coming Swan Fish competition

16. CLOSE MEETING. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th March 2010 at 7.30 pm.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010-2012

2010	
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beach and Rock event Jurien Bay 13th & 14th March – Greenhead Jetty to Cervantes Jetty. Forms are available on the AAAWA website www.aaawa.iinet.net.au • State Boating Championships hosted by Mandurah Offshore Fishing Club on the 27th of March 2010 with the 28th March as a backup date.
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAAWA Fishing Clinics to be held at Hillarys Yacht Club on the 3rd, 10th 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.
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 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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