



**AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION, (WA DIVISION) INC.
DELEGATES' MEETING
Held at Sports Association WA,
Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley
Tuesday 21st February 2012 at 7.30 pm**

MINUTES

1. OPEN MEETING

Vice President George Holman welcomed delegates, including new MAAC delegate Darlene Shepherd.

2. PRESENT

James Strong, Patron
Richard Siudak, Independent Delegate
Terry Fuller, SCAC
George Holman, SCAC
John Crompton, Proxy Surfcasters Esperance
Pat McKeown, Proxy – Northampton
Peter Stoeckel, Beachcombers
Malcolm Cruickshank, OSAC South Coastal

Joe Horvath, OSAC Perth Beach
Marcia Pekaar, Assistant Secretary
Peter Pekaar, Proxy Geraldton Angling Club
Don Cox, Melville
Kevin Murphy, MAAC
Darlene Shepherd, MAAC
Pat Shinnick, Lancelin Amateur Angling Club
Diane McDonough, Secretary/Treasurer

3. APOLOGIES

John Curtis, Russell Bunce, Jason Pember.

4. VISITORS

Nil

5. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES

Nil

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

All delegates were posted or emailed minutes of the January 2012 meeting.

7. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS FROM MINUTES

Nil

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil. It was moved by Peter Pekaar and seconded by Joe Horvath that the minutes of the January meeting be accepted as an accurate record. Motion carried.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

INWARDS (BY MAIL)

1. Esperance Surf Casters FC	Letter Declining hosting of National Championships
2. Kalbarri OSAC	Letter acknowledging sponsorship & offer to supply a banner or promotional items
3. Recfishwest	Call for expression of interest for grants to fund projects aimed at enhancing recreational fishing
4. Shire of Broome	Opportunities for partnerships within the Shire of Broome
5. MAAC	Letter regarding change of delegates.
6. Recfishwest	Letter requesting the names of AAAWA delegates who want 10 free Recfishwest memberships
7. Quinns Rocks FC	Letter clarifying payment of affiliation fees & Boating sponsorship

OUTWARDS (BY MAIL)

1. All clubs	Minutes & Agendas
2. Shire of Dandaragan	Details of Rock and Beach event at Jurien Bay

INWARDS (BY EMAIL)

1. Carmel LANGDON	Carmel LANGDON	AAA Boating Sub Committee Nov minutes
2. Water Based Activities	AAAWA	your inq re the Rock & Beach event at Jurien
3. John Curtis	AAAWA	Letter to Kalbarri Club re competition
4. Russell Bunce	AAAWA	letter to clubs
5. John Curtis	AAAWA	Re: MEETING ATTENDANCE BOOK
6. Pat Shinnick	'AAAWA'	FW: INCOME FOR STATE BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012
7. Pat Shinnick	'Terry Fuller'	AAAWA Boating
8. Water Based Activities	AAAWA	AAAWA STATE BOATING CHAMPS
9. Pember, Jason	AAAWA; Terry Fuller	Jurien state beach comp info
10. Carmel LANGDON	Carmel LANGDON	AAA Boating sub committee Jan minutes
11. LAWRENCE BIRCHALL	Undisclosed-Recipient::;	Fish Tales
12. chizzy66@bordnet.com.au	AAAWA	National Angling Championships
13. Pat Shinnick	Phil.Whybrow@clubmarine.com.au	AAAWA State Boat Paraphernalia
14. Medianet Operations	aaawa@iinet.net.au	Decision to Suspend Comm Fishing Lic
15. Pat Shinnick	'AAAWA'	RE: ROCK & BEACH EVENT FLYER
16. Terry Fuller	Australian Anglers Association WA	Fwd: Fishing club contact list
17. iiNet Limited Billing Team	aaawa@iinet.net.au	iiNet Limited Invoice: #34603461
18. Fruh, Hans	aaawa@iinet.net.au	your assistance
19. Jenny Travis	Diane McDonough	Recfishwest media releases
20. Bryon	aaawa@iinet.net.au	WA fishing records
21. Pat Shinnick	MOFSC@email.impactdata.com.au	Enquiry regarding Mandurah fishing spots
22. John Curtis	bryons_mail@yahoo.com.au	query re AAWA Fish Record Claim Form
23. Bryon	John Curtis; aaawa@iinet.net.au	query re AAWA Fish Record Claim Form
24. Terry Fuller	Australian Anglers Association WA	Re: Fishing club contact list
25. Murchison Boat Hire	AAAWA	Re: AAWA logo for classic booklet
26. WASF	aaawa@iinet.net.au	Sportsview Alert - January 2012
27. Richard Siudak	mathew.skorupa@defence.gov.au;	AAA National Angling Records
28. Richard Siudak	AAAWA	email re National Record question
29. Richard Siudak	adrian@deepseacharters.com.au;	John Dory - National Record application
30. Jaimi Rumbold -DSR	Undisclosed recipients:	Policy 13 Forum 10 TH February
31. Russell Bunce	AAAWA	email address
32. John Curtis	Terry Fuller	Fw: AAWA logo for classic booklet
33. John Curtis	lasue@wn.com.au	AAAWA Logo
34. Russell Bunce	AAAWA	state beach & rock Jurien Bay
35. Russell Bunce	AAAWA	WA State Beach and Rock Champs.
36. Con Costa	AAAWA	FW: 2012 Sports Medicine Australia Courses
37. John Curtis	aaawa@iinet.net.au	Fwd: AAA Fishing and Angling Competitions
38. Russell Bunce	AAAWA	public liability cover
39. Paul Yong (YLL)	aaawa@iinet.net.au	Nobby - Yellowtail Kingfish
40. Jenny Travis	Diane McDonough	Fisheries Minister Norman Moore to Retire
41. John Curtis	AAAWA	Re: LETTER TO SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN
42. Paul Yong (YLL)	'AAAWA'	RE: Nobby - Yellowtail Kingfish
43. Russell Bunce	AAAWA	Shire of Dandagan Re Beach & Rock event
44. Russel Bunce	'AAAWA'	RE: public liability cover
45. Brady Knight	'aaawa@iinet.net.au'	Certificate of Currency
46. WATSON Stephen	AAAWA	comment on Draft Policy 13, 2012
47. Murchison Boat Hire	Undisclosed-Recipient::;	Kalbarri Sports Fishing Classic Info a-d
48. iiNet Limited Billing Team	aaawa@iinet.net.au	Account reminder
49. Joachim Azzopardi	Diane McDonough	Reel News 42 - Expressions of Interest
50. iiNet Limited Billing Team	aaawa@iinet.net.au	Payment confirmation

51. Pat Shinnick	kim.edwards@transport.wa.gov.au	AAA State Boat Champs Application 2012
52. Murchison Boat Hire	aaawa@iinet.net.au	KOAC club membership
53. Sally Russell	AAA	Hosting of National Angling Championships
54. Joachim Azzopardi	AAAWA	Gorgon Pipeline - offshore activities
55. John Curtis	aaawa@iinet.net.au	February Delegates Council Meeting
56. Recfishwest	Australian Anglers Assn (WA)	Recfishwest E-News edition 4
57. Russell Bunce	AAAWA	FAAC DELEGATES REPORT

OUTWARDS (BY EMAIL)

1. Curtis, John	AAAWA	Fw: AAA fishing and angling competitions
2. Pat McKeown	AAAWA	INFORMATION FOR NORTHAMPTON CLUB
3. All clubs	AAAWA	Fw: AAA Boating Sub Committee Nov minutes
4. wba@mofsc.com.au	AAAWA	your inquiry regarding the Rock & Beach event at Jurien
5. Curtis, John	AAAWA	ROCK & BEACH EVENT AT JURIEN
6. Curtis, John	AAAWA	BOATING COMP
7. Curtis, John	AAAWA	MEETING ATTENDANCE BOOK
8. Shinnick, Pat	AAAWA	INCOME FOR STATE BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012
9. Russell Bunce	AAAWA	Re: letter to clubs
10. wba@mofsc.com.au	AAAWA	AAAWA STATE BOATING CHAMPIONSHIPS
11. Siudak, Richard	AAAWA	NATIONAL RECORD APPLICATION
12. All clubs	AAAWA	Fw: AAA Boating sub committee Jan minutes
13. Curtis, John	AAAWA	MINUTES OF AAWA MEETING 17TH JANUARY 2012
14. Siudak, Richard	AAAWA	NATIONAL RECORD ENQUIRY
15. Shinnick, Pat	AAAWA	Enquiry regarding Mandurah fishing spots
16. Curtis, John	AAAWA	Fw: WA fishing records
17. Terry Fuller	AAAWA	Re: Fishing club contact list
18. Murchison Boat Hire	AAAWA	Re: AAWA logo for classic booklet
19. Russell Bunce	AAAWA	Re: email address
20. Richard Siudak	AAAWA	Re: email re National Record question
21. John Curtis	AAAWA	address for Joe Horvath
22. Paul Yong (YLL)	AAAWA	Re: Nobby - Yellowtail Kingfish
23. mail@gskinsurance.com.au	AAAWA	CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE
24. Russell Bunce	AAAWA	Re: public liability cover
25. Russell Bunce	AAAWA	LETTER TO SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN
26. John Curtis	AAAWA	Re: LETTER TO SHIRE OF DANDARAGAN
27. mail@gskinsurance.com.au	AAAWA	CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE
28. Brady Knight	AAAWA	Re: Certificate of Currency
29. Bunce, Russell	AAAWA	Fw: Certificate of Currency
30. Curtis, John	AAAWA	Fw: Hosting of National Angling Championships
31. MAAC	AAAWA	AAAWA DELEGATE
32. Humbert, Martin	AAAWA	LETTER TO CLUBS RE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
33. Curtis, John	AAAWA	Fw: FAAC DELEGATES REPORT

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Nil. It was moved by Don Cox and seconded by James Strong that the correspondence inwards and outwards by mail and email be accepted. Motion carried.

11. TREASURERS REPORT

General Account Balance \$16,259.96

Carnival Account Balance \$807.20

Income for Feb 2012

Geraldton Angling Club	Affiliation Fee 2011/2012	200.00
Kalbarri OSAC	Affiliation fees 2011/2012	200.00
Quinns Rocks FC	Sponsorship State Boats Comp	100.00
Mindarie & Districts SSC	Affiliation fees 2011/2012	200.00
Melville Amateur AC	Nomination fees – State Estuary competition	88.00
TOTAL		\$788.00

Accounts for payment Feb 2012

Australia Post	Renewal of post office box Marmion	223.00
Diane McDonough	Secretariat, stationery	504.00
Ilnet	Website fees	40.00
Telstra	Telephone account	40.08
Recfishwest	Annual renewal	275.00
TOTAL		\$1082.08

It was moved by Richard Siudak, and seconded by Don Cox that the Treasurer's report be accepted and the accounts passed for payment. Motion carried.

12. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

President's Report

John Curtis provided the following report prior to the meeting via email:

- John Curtis and Alan Jones have gone through the contents of the new Dry Casting Trailer (ex Victoria AAA) and prepared an inventory
- Alan Jones and Malcolm Head from SCAC will go through the 300 odd markers that are not currently suitable for use and refurbish them.
- The trailer registration needs to be transferred from Victoria to WA
- If clubs wish to use any of the equipment, they can either purchase it outright or hire it from the AAAWA, which will assist in recouping some of the cost of the transfer costs.
- John requested notification from clubs about their willingness to assist with the state hosting either the 2015 or 2017 National Championships and Convention (see General Business)

Estuary, Rock and Beach Report

- Don Cox advised that a meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd.
- Approval has been given by the Dandaragan Shire and DEC regarding the competition at Jurien.
- Participants should note that camping is prohibited at Beekeepers Reserve (between Cervantes and Black Point) and rangers will be active in the area.
- George Holman encouraged all clubs to participate and support the event organisers

Boating Report

- Pat Shinnick advised that plans for the Boating Championships in March are proceeding well
- Support has been received from the local community and council, football club and sea rescue group
- Prizes are organised
- Volunteers have come forward to assist on the day.
- Pat Shinnick will be the contact person for police or emergency matters and senior first aid officers will be present
- The management plan has greatly assisted in the organisation of the event.
- George Holman wished Pat and his organisers all the best with the event.

Please note: Since the meeting on 21st February, Pat Shinnick has advised that the Boating subcommittee wishes to run the State Boat Championships event on the 6th of April 2013 at Mindarie, hosted by the Quinn's Rocks Fishing Club.

Dry Casting Report

- George Holman advised that the recently received Victorian AAA trailer will require new tyres, a jockey wheel and new wiring
- He believed it was a better unit than the existing trailer and included a quantity of rope which can be purchased or obtained for a donation.
- Sinker moulds can be loaned to clubs
- The existing trailer can be sold as is and the new trailer needs to be licensed, which will require it going over the pits.
- Peter Stoeckel suggested that a cover be put over the trailer when not in use
- George will hold a meeting shortly to start planning for the next Dry Casting event

It was moved by Peter Stoeckel and seconded by Peter Pekaar that delegates approve the purchase of a new jockey wheel and a new set of tyres (and a spare if required) for the new Dry Casting trailer. Motion carried.

Recfishwest report for AAAWA Delegates Meeting



21 February 2012

State-wide management proposals for recreational fishing

A Fisheries Management Paper (FMP) covering the Department of Fisheries' proposals for recreational fishing throughout WA was released on Wednesday 22 February.

Recfishwest has not yet formed a position on this proposed management approach, but has been requested, as the Government recognised Peak Body for Recreational Fishing in WA, to provide consolidated, independent advice to the Department of Fisheries in a single document based on the views expressed in community consultations to be run after the release of the FMP.

A review panel of representatives from the Department of Fisheries and Recfishwest will consider the submissions received to ensure all issues are taken into consideration.

The Minister will consider this advice along with advice from the Department of Fisheries before making decisions on the future management of recreational fishing. Here are some links:-

Dept of Fisheries Media release "Simplifying WA's fishing rules to meet future challenges"

<http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/media/index.php?0000&mr=860>

Fisheries Management Paper No. 252 (the full details of the proposals) "A Resourced-based Management Approach for Recreational Fishing in Western Australia 2012 - 2017" <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/mp/mp252/index.php?0706>

Recfishwest media release "Submissions sought for proposed fishing changes" www.recfishwest.org.au/content/media-releases/

The "Have Your Say" document will be printed and delivered in booklet form to tackle stores throughout the State. An online version of the survey can be accessed from the RFW website Home page or directly at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/recfishwesthaveyoursay>

There are many details, and first media reports contained some significant mistakes. Please do not believe everything you read on the internet or in the media, see on TV or hear on radio.

Although Peak Recreational Fishing body Recfishwest will be running the community consultations, it is stressed that the proposals come from the Department of Fisheries, NOT from Recfishwest, and RFW will use community comments in deciding its response to the proposals.

As reported in the West Australian:- *WA's recreational fishing lobby Recfishwest was cautious in its response to the review, saying it supported simplifying current arrangements but had reservations about some of the proposed restrictions. Recfishwest's acting chief executive Andrew Rowland hinted the group might seek to challenge some aspects of the plan, urging fishers to submit feedback during the review's two-month consultation period.*

Retirement of Fisheries Minister Norman Moore

Mr Moore has announced he will retire from State Parliament on 21 May, 2013 when his current Legislative Council term concludes. As Fisheries Minister, he has been a strong supporter of the recreational fishing community, and peak body Recfishwest is looking forward to continuing to work closely with the Minister during the remainder of his term on numerous exciting projects which will have long-term benefits for recreational fishing in WA.

Small community grants

Three extra Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) will be deployed off the WA coast between Cervantes and Jurien Bay, funded by recreational fishing licence funds. RFW is pleased funding has been granted for projects from Esperance right through to Kununurra and is hoping to call for another round of projects in the next few months.

Recreational large fishing grants for in-depth projects

More than \$1 million in revenue raised by recreational fishers purchasing licences, such as recreational fishing from boat and rock lobster licences, will be used to fund large projects to enhance recreational fishing.

Recfishwest encourages incorporated individuals, research institutions, fishing clubs and community groups to apply for the grants. Applications which demonstrate the support of local recreational fishers will be given preference while

funding will be provided to projects that are beneficial and cost effective to the recreational fishing community. Applicants can apply for a grant of up to three years duration and projects are expected to commence on July 1, 2012. Forms are available at www.recfishwest.org.au

Western Rock Lobster Reference Group

Recfishwest has sought expressions of interest from recreational fishers to hold positions on a reference group for the recreational western rock lobster fishery. The reference group will provide advice on the management of recreational fishing rock lobster.

Appointments will run for three years on the group that will comprise eight members, including one Recfishwest board member and a chairman nominated by Recfishwest. Members must be able to make clear and concise recommendations to Recfishwest as well as provide advice on the management and mitigation of these issues.

One of the main objectives of this group is to give advice on how recreational fishers would like to see the recreational catch best managed within its allocation under Integrated Fisheries Management.

Another reference group provided advice on management of the Marron fishery for 2012. Reference groups for other recreational fisheries are likely to be established under proposals for RFW in its role as the Government recognised Peak Body for Recreational Fishing in WA.

Identifying the health and well-being benefits of recreational fishing. Fisheries Research and Development Corporation Project 2011/217

Delegates will be aware that official funding for and recognition of sports and activities sometimes depends on the benefits or returns which can be expected, and supporting research is often required. An extensive review of published literature revealed virtually no research that quantified the health and well-being benefits of recreational fishing.

Recreational fishing is a popular form of outdoor recreation enjoyed by Australians, and is one of the few forms of nature-based recreation that can be enjoyed throughout childhood, adolescence, adulthood and into the senior years. Of recreational fishers aged 50 years and over, 75% have been fishing for longer than 30 years amassing a wealth of skills, techniques and knowledge build over the years of participation.

As a part of this project, researchers from the Centre of Excellence for Science, Seafood and Health contacted many stakeholders in recreational fishing in order to collate a considerable amount of anecdotal evidence supporting the positive influence recreational fishing has on health and well-being.

The study found that considerable health and well-being benefits can be gained through involvement in recreational fishing. Encouraging young children, youth, adults and families to fish offers a cost effective and healthful outdoor recreational activity that can be enjoyed throughout life. Benefits were evident for individuals and groups. Recreational fishing was also noted to provide significant benefits to children and youth with behavioural and mental health issues. Finally, educational strategies that focus on how to minimise the environmental impacts of recreational fishing can ensure today's and tomorrow's recreational fishers are aware of sustainable fishing practices.

The report will be available on the CESSH website <http://www.cessh.curtin.edu.au>

Recfishwest staff development

Recent RFW appointees Ellen Smith (Regional Policy Officer) and Joachim Azzopardi (Communications Officer) have both been successful in their applications for this year's National Seafood Industry Leadership Program. This program is funded by the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation on a competitive basis and RFW are very fortunate to have two representatives from the recreational sector.

This program is very well regarded and is focused on professional development in the context of aquatic resource management which will provide a great return to Recfishwest. Other graduates have gone on to apply their skills to a wide variety of areas including regional network development, regional and state industry association boards and reference committees and effective business management.

Info about this program <http://www.ruraltraininginitiatives.com.au/home/programs/seafood>

Rock Fishing Safety Working Groups

Matt Gillett attended the first meeting of this DEC instigated working group. Nominating an independent chair is one of the priorities. They asked Recfishwest to Chair it but RFW doesn't have the capacity to take that on at present.

Recfishwest Strategic Plan

A Strategic Plan has been developed to identify the major strategic regional and state wide issues for Recfishwest over the next 2 years.

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

- Pat Shinnick queried what consultation anglers will have with Recfishwest as part of the statewide management proposals for recreational fishing and Terry Fuller reassured him that there would be briefings and a two month consultation period with plenty of opportunity to argue against the Fisheries Management Paper
- Pat argued that ordinary people would not be listened to and that only RFW and other professional bodies would have a say. He also believed that many of the changes would affect boat fisherpersons who would prefer angler limits to boat limits. He stated that everyone wanted an opportunity to consult and asked that as a board representative, Terry Fuller represent AAAWA effectively.
- Terry Fuller responded that RFW is a government recognised peak body and will do community consultation such as meetings, internet surveys, etc.

The following delegates indicated their interest in the 10 Recfishwest subscriptions included in the AAAWA membership fee:

Darlene Shepherd	Joe Horvath	Peter Stoeckel	John Crompton	Don Cox
Peter Pekaar	Jason Pember	Russell Bunce	Richard Siudak	Pat McKeown

Recording Officer Report

- No report

GENERAL BUSINESS

George Holman asked delegates to indicate their clubs' responses to the proposal that AAAWA hold the AAA National Championships in either 2015 or 2017. Some clubs sent formal written responses and other clubs indicated via their delegates the following:

FAAC	No
Esperance	No
OSAC Beach	No
Northampton	No but would assist
Geraldton	TBA
Surfcasters	Yes
MAAC	No but would assist if taken up by Esperance, Augusta or Albany clubs
Beachcombers	No but would assist
LAC	No but would assist
Boating subcommittee	Would assist if held at Esperance or Augusta
Melville	No but would assist

- George reminded delegates that there would need to be significant drivers to run the competition and to coordinate an organising team.
- Eastern states teams have been asked how many would be interested in participating but they have not made any commitment.
- SA is putting the pressure on because if WA doesn't run 2015 they will have to. AAAWA could still considered 2017.
- As everyone knows, the Victorian branch has folded, having been reduced to 55 members.

CLOSE MEETING

The next Delegates meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th March 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
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAA National Convention mid-term meeting at Caloundra in Queensland
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Dry Casting Championships - Yokine Reserve Yokine - 28th
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Estuary Event – Swan / Cockburn Sound
2013	
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Boating Championships 6th April 2013 to be held at Mindarie and hosted by the Quinn's Rock Fishing Club
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Rock & Beach event – S Bend (long weekend)
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Anglers Association 33rd National Angling Championships and Convention Sunshine Coast, Queensland,
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Estuary Event – Blackwood River Augusta
2014	
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Boats Championships – TBA
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Rock and Beach Event – Cape to Cape
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Estuary Event – Walpole
2015	
March *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Boat Championships, hosted by Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club at Ocean Reef - long weekend
March *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Rock and Beach event – Cheynes Beach – long weekend

* These events are booked for the last weekend of the month, and there is a clash of dates between the events and also a potential clash with Kalbarri Offshore Classic again.

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

Australian Anglers' Association (WA Division) Inc

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