

Minutes of AAA Delegates' Meeting 16th January 2007 @ 1955hrs (7.50pm)

Pat Shinnick offered to chair the meeting with the Paul Frzop in the chair of Treasurer on the table
All Accepted

Present: Brian Walton Northern Districts AC, Terry Fuller Surf Casting and Angling Club, Jim Strong Denmark Angling Club, Rick Cameron Offshore AC South Coastal, Joe Horvath Offshore AC Beach, Martin Humbert Offshore AC Mt Barker, Don Cox Melville Amateur AC, Pat Shinnick LAAC, Terry Bell Ocean Reef Angling Club, Andy Cass Ocean Reef Angling Club & Chairperson of Boating Sub Committee, Bob Jones Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club, Darren Lockhart Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club.

Apologies:

Nick Allsworth, Ian Cook,

Notification of Proxies:

Minutes of Previous Delegates' Meeting

Minutes had been prepared by Pat Shinnick, verified by Nick Allsworth, and Terry Fuller before being put to print.

Moved Jim Strong **Seconded** Joe Horvath that the minutes of the previous meeting are true.
Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes.

Nil, good report given

Correspondence Inwards.

Pat Shinnick read the list.

By Post	In From	Subject		
Recfishwest		Letter about AAA subscription to RFW (Actual Tax Invoice to follow).		
Ricoh		Inv for \$351.76		
Not For Profit NETWORK		Invite to subscribe		
Not For Profit NETWORK		Booklet		
Swan Catchment Council		Newsletter		
Telstra		Phone Bill OVERDUE		
Dept Of Environment & Conservation		Draft of Biodiversity Conservation Strategy for Western Australia		
Dept of Consumer and Employ Protection 13-12-06		Review of Associations Incorporations Act 1987		
Swan River Trust		Newsletter		
Reel talk		Newsletter		
Westpac		Bank Statements		
Email SCAC		Voting on Action of activities		
Outgoing Correspondence.				
Posted	Out To:-	Subject		
	Delegates and clubs	Minutes and Agenda		

Business Arising from Correspondence:-

Paul Frzop queried the Overdue charges by Telstra and will report in the treasurers Report

Moved Jim Strong **seconded** Bob Jones that inwards and outwards correspondence be accepted – carried.

Treasurers Report.

Paul Frzop gave a comprehensive report and indicated in the positive that all accounts have been paid

Business Arising from Treasurer’s Report.

All Payments due are to be paid, All delegates agreed

Moved Jim Strong seconded Don Cox that Treasurer’s report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment - Carried.

Income Received

Inwards	For	Amount		
Offshore A.C.-South Coastal	State Estuary Fees	60.00		
Fremantle Amateur Angling Club	State Estuary Fees	73.00		
Offshore Angling Club	State Estuary Fees	84.00		
Melville AAmateur Angling Club	State Estuary Fees	238.00		
Cash	State Estuary Fees	117.00		
Cash	State Estuary – Food/Drink Sales	125.50		
Quinns Rocks Fishing Club	2006/2007 Affiliation Fees	200.00		
Bunbury Angling Club	2006/2007 Affiliation Fees	50.00		
Cockburn Power Boating Ass.	2006/2007 Affiliation Fees	200.00		
Bunbury Angling Club	Dry Casting Fees	99.00		
Offshore Angling Club	Dry Casting Fees	88.00		

Accounts previously paid:

Pay to	For	Amount \$	Paid	Via
Ricoh Finance	Photocopier	175.88	05/01/07	Chq
Telstra	Phone Account – November/Decembe	69.26	05/01/07	Chq
Graham S Knight	Insurance	417.00	05/01/07	Chq
Trophy Choice	State Estuary	418.75	05/01/07	Chq
Troy Park	State Estuary – Hall Hire	160.00	05/01/07	Chq
John Ward	State Estuary – Prizes	50.00	05/01/07	Chq
Scott Rolls	State Estuary – Food	63.05	05/01/07	Chq
Don Cox	State Estuary - Sundries	36.00	05/01/07	Chq
Dennis Wise	State Estuary	250.00	?	Cash
Carnival Acct				
Gwarda Sports	Sports Tracksuits	869.00	17/12/06	Chq

Accounts for Payment				
Pay to	For	Amount \$	Paid	
Telstra	Phone Account – December/January	26.00	19/01/07	
Ricoh Finance	Photocopier	175.88	19/01/07	

Bank Account Balances.

General Account Westpac Bank	\$15168.14 (Statement Amount \$13605.98)
Carnival Account Westpac Bank	\$2,557.05 (Statement Amount \$2560.87)

Business Arising from Treasurer's Report.

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Moved Jim Strong seconded Don Cox that Treasurer's report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment - Carried

Estuary, Rock and Beach Report

Nil Comments only that the monies have been paid to all, Terry Bell had made the reports and had printed them out for all to see, a copy of results will be forwarded with the minutes.

Finances for the Carnival

Income	For	\$
Offshore A.C.-Sth.Cstl	Entry Fees	60.00
Fremantle A.A.C.	Entry Fees	73.00
Offshore Angling Club	Entry Fees	84.00
Melville A. A. C.	Entry Fees	238.00
Cash	Entry Fees	117.00
Cash	Food/Drink Sales	125.50
		697.50

Expenses	For	\$
Trophy Choice	Trophies	418.75
Troy Park	Hall Hire	160.00
John Ward	Prizes	50.00
Scott Rolls	Food	63.05
Don Cox	Sundries	36.00
Dennis Wise	State Estuary	250.00
		977.80

Profit/(Loss) (\$280.30)

Boating Report.

No meeting of the boating subcommittee was held in December a meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th January Terry Bell also indicated that the Booklet was nearing completion,

The MAAC and ORSSC were the predominant members of the subcommittee, with members from HYC, CPBA and the MOFSC, always in attendance, Terry Bell to Follow up on United Oils WA,s offer of sponsorship.

The event will be held in March and All clubs are encouraged to attend.

Bob Jones will supply coordinates for his good spots for the newsletter.

Dry Casting Report.

Nil report but discussed the National Championships.

A request to assist Victoria in the Finances to run the event, and all delegates agreed to assist in the donation from the carnival account of \$200.

A meeting on the 29th Jan will be held at Georges house.

Terry Bell discussed the reports required to be completed for the dry casting event, Terry indicated that the Surf Casting and Angling Club had nominated 5 people for the Veterans teams, but the actual number should have been a maximum of 4. The scoring software only allowed for 4, with the top 3 to count. Terry asked for guidance on how to select 4 from the 5 names. The Surfcasters had nominated two full veteran's teams but no other club had a team. The team selection is only likely to change the scores but not the overall results of winners. The delegates asked Terry to rectify it and send the report to Pat for all to see, in the minutes if they can be produced in time, if not they will be put on the Web for all to find.

National Championships.

As above.

Recfishwest Report.

Terry Fuller advised that there had not been a RFW Board meeting for January, however two items had been added to the minutes of the December meeting as "Stop Press" items since that Delegates Meeting. He gave some more details.

Outcomes of the Commercial Wetline Fishing Review. The Minister for Fisheries, Hon Jon Ford, released his proposed decisions for the future management of the West Coast and Gascoyne commercial 'wetline' fisheries. Details <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/mp/mp221/index.php?0206>

Proposals for allowing a small "recreational" take of finfish by commercial fishers who do not get a licence to wetline fish strike a balance between unrestricted catches, and the approach for many other managed fisheries where if a person did not get a licence then he was not allowed to take **any** of that species from a commercial boat. Example:- Rock Lobster.

Terry Fuller said that the proposed outcomes were aimed at managing to a sustainable commercial catches. Catches had been up to 57% over the target catches for many years, and this raises concerns about a considerable cumulative reduction in fish stocks.

Obviously, stock levels are very important to recreational fishermen, particularly boat Angling clubs and their members. It is important that the clubs and members put in their comments on the proposals for the commercial wet line review, even if the comments are limited to supporting the general principles.

The commercial peak fishing body WAFIC supports these proposed changes in principle. As can be expected, some commercial fishermen who will be affected do not agree with the proposals and can be expected to put in their comments hoping to get some changes.

The community owns these fish resources. Comments in support of what is being proposed will help the Minister come to a decision which is in the best interests of sustainability and use of a community resource.

It is also interesting to note the Fisheries Minister's comments about his preference for some separate recreational fishing zones. The sting for recreational fishermen would be in his comments that this will allow him to better manage the recreational take of fish, and that can only mean tighter controls and more restrictions on recreational catches, but these are all necessary for sustainability.

It is quite clear that the fishing pressure in the metropolitan area is unsustainable, and tighter fisheries management must come for many species.

Rottnest Island No Fishing Zones.

The Minister for Tourism issued a media release on 27 December about the Rottnest Island no fishing zones and said that under the plan new sanctuary zones would be created at Green Island, West End and Armstrong Bay and existing zones at Parker Point and Kingston Reef would be extended.

All that has been given is a set of statements about changes and some small maps, but the exact details are not clear at all. The maps are not of a large enough scale to be able to see where the new boundaries actually are on the ground.

One change mentioned, but with no real details, is that the West End zone is no longer a sanctuary zone, but is now called a “demersal zone,” with a note that trolling is allowed. Trolling is defined as fishing with a lure behind a moving boat. This leads to questions like does it allow casting a lure from a stationary boat while other people on the boat might be fighting a fish? If it allows using lures from a boat in this whole area, why does not it allow using lures from the shore in exactly the same area? If not, why not? Because that's certainly an inconsistency, and shows the lack of identification and management of actual risks to whatever it is they are trying to protect.

There's heaps of potential for plenty of unpleasant surprises and inconsistencies in the details of what's banned.

Previous experience has been that the Rottnest Island authority has not been open about all this, and there is no indication that that approach has changed. The current proposals are being presented as “a Cabinet decision”, with few details published on the Rottnest Island Authority website which still shows the now out of date proposals from 2006.

We have noted that RIA's letter said:- "The Rottnest Island Marine Management Strategy release is planned for the 1st July 2007, when the legislation for the Sanctuary Zones comes into effect." We hope that doesn't mean that the public won't get any of the details of the final management plan until July 2007, but based on the past history of the Rottnest Island Authority, we fully expect that's exactly what it means.

Until we find out more about what is actually proposed it is hard to comment on or question the details.

Recfishwest has asked for a meeting with the Tourism Minister.

So the question is "**where to from here on Rottnest?**" Terry Fuller said the best thing that recreational anglers can do is to support Recfishwest in this and all the other work they do. He advised that application forms for membership of Recfishwest were available at this meeting or from the Recfishwest website at http://www.recfishwest.org.au/Membership_Application_Form.pdf Membership costs only \$22 a year, which to put in perspective, was the same cost as a couple of blocks of mulies, a couple of decent lures, or 100 yards of fireline.

Business Arising from RFW Report.

George Holman congratulated Terry on comprehensive reports he prepares about Recfishwest activities. He said he is continually impressed by the number of different issues that Recfishwest gets involved in, and the professional and effective way they handle them in the interests of all recreational anglers.

Pat Shinnick commented that the wet line review proposed outcomes were exactly what recreational anglers have been asking for for many years, and it was important that recreational anglers supported the Minister's approach at this time. Pat also commented on the professionalism and efforts of Recfishwest in so many areas.

Notices of Motion.

Motion 1. Amend section 38 from "38. The presence of twelve delegates representing no less than four Affiliated Associations and including either the President or Vice-President or General Secretary shall constitute a quorum."

to read:-

"38. The presence of eight delegates representing no less than four Affiliated Associations and including either the President or Vice-President or General Secretary shall constitute a quorum."
End of Motion 1. (Section 38 refers to the monthly Delegates meetings.)

Voted on and the vote was in the positive as a Unanimous decision.

Motion 2.

Amend section 20. from "The presence of twelve delegates representing no less than six Affiliated Associations and including either the President or Vice President or the General Secretary shall constitute a quorum at the Annual Delegates Council meeting."

to read:-

"20. The presence of eight delegates representing no less than four Affiliated Associations and including either the President or Vice President or the General Secretary shall constitute a quorum at the Annual Delegates Council meeting."
End of Motion 2. (Section 20 refers to the Annual General Meetings.)

Voted on and the vote was in the positive as a Unanimous decision.

Terry Fuller moved that this meeting, having a legal quorum, endorses the rules added at the October 2006 Delegates meeting. These rules are section 3.1.3 "Decline or Cancellation of Nominations" and section 3.10. "Selection of Members for National Teams". Motion seconded by Jim Strong. There was discussion on moving new motions to add these rules now that the requirements for a quorum for Delegates' meetings had been legally reduced as decided tonight. It was very likely that future meetings will easily have a quorum, so that the complete process of notice of motion, discussion and voting could all be done at meetings each with legal quorum. It was agreed that it was desirable for this meeting, having a legal quorum and with extra clubs represented, to take this opportunity to express its opinion on the rules to give them support particularly considering the implied threat of a complaint and/or legal action over the lack of a quorum at recent meetings.

The motion was carried.

WARCO Report

George gave a comprehensive report, and I'm sure he does it to make me spend a lot of time typing with my one finger.

"One of the groups the association is involved with is the WARCO group which was formed to deal with the Caravan and Camping Act and represents eight Associations.

As was reported early in January in the West Australian, "we are losing Caravan Parks at an alarming rate_ there is now only one Caravan Park on the coast between Perth and Bunbury after early May. The shires are rating the parks on current land values making it difficult for them to survive and we now see a trend to villa type holiday homes which means a real set back to fishers and campers and other groups who use the parks.

One of alternatives was to encourage "Nature Based Parks" (a lesser facility park) to offset the trend and cater for the travelling public but section 49 of the act is on the way out and along with it the nature based parks.

Main Roads are making off road areas but they will not be all weather so they can't be advertised as 24 hour stopping points.

Coral bay can say no to other caravan parks being established too closed.

CALM is restricting camping to 4WD clubs

CALM acquisition of station properties means bans on amateur fossicking for the lapidary groups.

A report the main roads indicated that the rest areas are being overwhelmed by caravans.

1 Facilities for tiredness

2 Facilities for necessity of stopping place still limited by 50klm limits for 24hr stops.

The caravan Association are changing accommodation for regular income as they are not seeing the majority of caravans and motor homes that are being sold, except at holiday periods.

There are also a lot of other regulations that the WARCO group are dealing with, sufficient to say bureaucracy is making life difficult where some commonsense would help achieve.

A small group of people are putting in a lot of work on our behalf.

General Business.

Secretary, George to follow up suggested that the Secretary be made an independent delegate. It was mentioned that previous Secretaries had full voting rights, but what the Association is looking for at present is just a person to do secretarial work, (some under direction) and not to get involved in the management decisions of the Association.

Meeting closed @ 2115hrs (9.15pm)

**Next Meeting Tuesday 20th February 2007, at WA Sports Association,
Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley.**