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AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION, (WA DIVISION) INC. DELEGATES' COUNCIL MEETING

Held at Sports Association WA, Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley
Tuesday 15 January 2013 at 7.30 pm

1. MEETING OPENED:

John Cutis, President welcomed all attendees and declared the meeting open at 19:35.

2. PRESENT

The following attendees signed the attendance register;
Russell Bunce, F A A C George Holman, SCAC
Peter Osborne, ORSSC Terry Fuller, SCAC
Joe Horvath, OSAC Beach Paul Frzop Hillarys Yacht Club
Kevin Murphy, MAAC Jim Strong, Patron
Joe Horvath, OSAC Beach
Pat McKeown, Proxy Delegate Northampton
John Crompton Secretary & Proxy Esperance Surf Casters
Richard Suidak, Independent Delegate & Treasurer
John Curtis President AAA WA Division

3. APOLOGIES

Were received from the following persons;
Jason Pember, F A A C
Malcolm Cruickshank OSAC South Coastal
Martin Humbert OSAC Mt Barker
Don Cox, Melville
Pat Shinnick, LAAC
Mark Hansen, Beachcombers
Peter Pekaar Geraldton A/ Club

4. VISITORS:

There were no visitors or observers present at the meeting. Nil

5. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES

Received written advice from Beachcombers Club that Mark Hansen will not be available and that Peter Stoeckel was their alternative delegate.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of December 2012 Delegates Council Meeting had been distributed via mail and email to all delegates and clubs.

Moved George Holman- Seconded Joe Horvath: "That the minutes as tabled be accepted as a true and accurate record." Motion carried



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7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There was no business arising.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

INWARDS (BY MAIL)

| Number | From | Subject | Action |
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| 8-Dec-12 | Perth Offshore Boat Angling Club | Affiliation fees 2012/2013 | Club / Website details updated - Filed |
| 19-Dec-12 | CGU Insurance Ltd. | Business Package Insurance | |
| 25-Dec-12 | Department of Environment & Conservation | Bushland News Issue 84 | |
| 14-Jan-13 | Sport Jobs Australia | Sport, Recreational and Fitness Interests | |
| 14-Jan-13 | Denmark Boating & Angling Club | Club details updated | Club / Website details updated - Filed |
| 17-Jan-13 | Kalbarri Offshore Fishing Club | Kalbarri Sports Fishing Classic | Event to be held on 1 st - 3 rd March 2013 |
| 17-Jan-13 | Westpac Cheque Account. | General / Carnival Cheque Statement | |

OUTWARDS (BY MAIL)

| Number | To | Subject |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 24-Dec12 | Six Associated AAAWA Clubs | Request to update Club Details, one return received from Denmark Fishing Club |
| 2-Jan-13 | Affiliated Clubs | Minutes Of Delegates Council Meeting 18 Dec 12 |
| 2-Jan-13 | Offshore (Beach) – | Letter re Affiliation sent by AAAWA President |
| 11-Jan-13 | Henry Boogaard | Get Well Card from the AAAWA Delegates |

OUTWARDS (BY EMAIL)

| Number | To | Subject |
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| 2 Jan-13 | Affiliated Clubs | 18 December Delegates Council Meeting Minutes |
| 11-Jan-12 | Recfishwest | AAAWA 10 Memberships to Recfishwest |
| 13-Jan-13 | Affiliated Clubs | 13 January Delegates Council Meeting Agenda |
| 13-Jan-13 | Affiliated Clubs | 15 January Delegates Council Meeting Agenda |
| 16-Jan-13 | Robbie Riches | Requested to use AAAWA Record Data Permission refused |

INWARDS (BY EMAIL)

| Number | From | Subject |
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| 2 Jan 13 | John Curtis | Copy of letter to OSAC (Beach) re Affiliation |
| 7-Jan-13 | Laurie Birchall | Fish Tales Magazine |
| 7-Jan-13 | Medianet | Marron season opening. |
| 13-Jan-13 | Carmel Langdon | AAA Boating Sub Committee January minutes |
| 14-Jan-13 | Graeme Dawber | New Zealand ACA Secretarial Jottings |
| 14-Jan-13 | Beachcombers Club | Mark Hansen apology, Peter Stoeckel to replace. |
| 14-Jan-13 | Marine Reserves | Draft management plans for Commonwealth Marine Reserves comment period closing 14 Feb 2013. |
| 14-Jan-13 | D of F (Sue Reid) | Posters and new recreational fishing guide info |

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| 14-Jan-13 | Keith Burbridge | Request for support to regain access to Garden Island for recreational angling. |
| 15-Jan013 | Laurie Birchall | Request for copy of minutes of October Delegates Council Meeting |
| 15-Jan-13 | Coby Pearson Hillary's Yacht Y C | e-Letter for 2013 |
| 16-Jan-13 | Robbie Riches | Request for permission to use AAAWA record chart information. Request denied as AAAWA would have no control over usage. |

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Letter re Garden Island.

Keith Burbridge has requested support to lobby State and Federal politicians for the return of public access to Garden Island particularly for recreational fishing. There are some battles that will never be won and this is one of them. He is an individual seeking support from several organizations.

Garden Island to be added to the lost structures and venues list.

Marine Parks

Request received from DEC (national) via email seeking public comment on draft management plans for the South-west, North-west, North and Temperate East Commonwealth Marine Reserves Networks and the Coral Sea Commonwealth Marine Reserve. Comments on the draft plan close on the 14 February 2013

Copies of the draft management plans, advice on providing comment and information on transitional management arrangements are available from the department's website:

www.environment.gov.au/marinereserves.

Get well card

Card sent to Henry Boorgaard of Quinns Rock angling club. He is a long serving 'behind-the-scenes' worker for the AAAWA and on the Fish Records Committee. A member of the Boating Sub-committee and recently underwent transplant surgery.

Moved Pat McKeown - Seconded Jim Strong "That the correspondence inwards be accepted and the outwards endorsed". Motion carried

10. TREASURERS REPORT

General Account Balance \$ 15,738.54 Carnival Account Balance \$ 810.25

Income for January 2013

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| Affiliation fees 2012/2013 | Perth Offshore Boat Angling Club | \$200.00 |
| Peter & Andrew Pekaar | State Estuary Championships | \$ 30.00 |

Accounts for payment December 2013

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| John Crompton | December Honorarium | \$300.00 |
| Secretary's Float | Stamps & Get Well Card | \$ 41.00 |
| Telstra | Association Telephone Number Yearly Account | \$132.00 |
| CGU Insurance Ltd. | Business Package Insurance includes public liability insurance. | \$725.00 |

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM TREASURERS REPORT

Business Package Insurance

Includes our Public Liability Insurance which was due for renewal last December.

Telstra account: Annual fee to divert telephone service for 12 months

Moved Joe Horvath - Seconded Jim Strong "That the Treasurers Report as tabled be accepted as a true and accurate record." Motion carried

12. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

President's Report

Recfishwest Rock Fishing Safety Strategy

Safety Awareness:

Received document from Ellen Smith of Recfishwest. A Strategy for rock fishing safety. Terry Fuller commented that he had also received a copy and responded. This document was not acceptable given only 24 hours notice to read and approve. It is a complex document and it does not give enough time to consult with Clubs or Delegates. As presented the Draft is considered **not** ready to be given to the Government. Following a phone call to Recfishwest it was indicated that they want to put a proposal to Government, using this draft. There are funds currently available and they will continue working on it to put it in order.

In addition, **all clubs** who wish to have their club logo placed on the report indicating their support for this initiative are asked to send a high resolution copy of it to the President at www.aaawa.iinet.net.au

Information Update from Recfishwest

A meeting with Recfishwest has been proposed as we are still concerned with the lack of communication from Recfishwest. President has spoken with both Chairman of the Board and the Executive Director, The proposed meeting will include some Delegates and Executive members along with Recfishwest Board members in a round table discussions. A date to be set probably in March dependent upon workloads.

Fisheries Department Communications

Delegates from several clubs have raised concerns about the lack of information coming from the D of F relating to matters of recreational interest.

There have been several (at least 3) instances prior to the Minister making a press release recently where Fisheries inspectors were divulging information prior to the Minister's announcements. If they have been briefed prior to the release of information they should not be pre-empting the Minister and causing concern amongst recreational anglers about rule changes.

Fishing Brochures:

Stocks of the current fisheries brochures for the West Coast ran out in October / November. D of F have been issuing the new brochures in lieu, but they do not come into effect until Feb 1, 2013. They have now run out of the new brochures and it appears that there will not be a reprint until mid to late February which will "*incorporate some minor corrections*".

Asian Paddle Crab information

There has been minimal information passed out to recreational anglers relating to the Asian Paddle crab. This pest has the potential to cause major damage to the blue swimmer crab and prawn populations in the Swan and Canning estuary as well as the Peel Harvey estuary at Mandurah. There has been no communication from the department apart from the Brochure and the information that is on their web site. Temporary signs are to be erected at various ramps around the river and seemingly very low response from D of F over this matter. It was felt that this situation required television and radio adverts and a more proactive response from the D of F. Some people have caught them and put them back in the river thinking they were juvenile mud crabs.

Definition in Regulations of ganged / snelled hooks:

AAAWA wrote to the Minister, the Executive Director of D of F and Recfishwest with a recommendation to reword the regulations to clarify the definition of ganged / snelled hooks. At this stage we have not received any response from the D of F, even to the extent

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that the letter has not been acknowledged. The Minister wrote back requesting that we direct the request to Recfishwest. Recfishwest have presented the case to D of F and action is under way but slowly.

Demersal Fishing Review for West Coast Bio-Region:

A review was undertaken last year into the West Coast Bio-Region Demersal Fishery and a report was to have been released prior to the new regulations being put into place. At this stage the report hasn't been released and doesn't appear likely to be released. Any changes now to the fishery would mean that all brochures would be redundant and would have been an expensive and time consuming waste.

Potential for Prosecution of Recreational Anglers:

Glen Jakovich's column in the Saturday West Australian recently indicated that there was the potential for anglers carrying demersal fishing gear during the demersal fishing closure to be fined or prosecuted or both. An enquiry to the D of F regarding this matter and seeking clarification has again not been responded to.

It was resolved that a letter be written to the Executive Director of the Department of Fisheries seeking clarification of these issues. A drop copy to be sent to the Executive Director of Recfishwest.

Jetties, Fishing Platforms and Access to Structures

Access to fishing Structures is basically a collection of concerns; Garden Island will be added to it. Carnarvon Jetty to be investigated further prior to submission to Recfishwest Russell Bunce reported that all that is left of the Hamlin Bay jetty are the pylons. This will be added to the list.

Introductory letter to new clubs.

A question was asked concerning information for new Clubs. It was resolved that the Secretary and President will draft and develop an Introductory letter for use as and when required.

National Championships and Convention Caloundra Queensland in August 2013:

The Committee room at the W A Sportsmen's Association has been booked for Monday the 4th of February at 7:30pm for a meeting of all persons interested in travelling to Caloundra to participate.

This is a general meeting for anybody who is interested in Rock Beach, Estuary, Offshore Boat or Dry-casting. Anyone is interested in going to Caloundra is requested to advise the President. He is keeping a register of interested people to ensure adequate distribution of information.

There is a lot of information on the AAAWA website at <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/> This includes maps of all locations, the social calendar, competition calendar and there are also ninety plus photographs of the fishing locations.

Peter Osborne has offered to attend any Club and make a presentation and discuss background information as he grew up in Brisbane and regularly fished the Noosa region.

ESTUARY, ROCK AND BEACH REPORT Russell Bunce

Next event will at S-Bend on the June long weekend 2013.

A sub-committee meeting is to be held on **Thursday February 21st at 7:30pm** at the Sportsmen's Association Headquarters in Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley. This is the same location as for the AAA Delegates Council meeting.

BOATING SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT Kevin Murphy

Sub-Committee met last Tuesday and went through the Draft copy of the Booklets. Several items require attention prior to going to print. At the March Boating Sub-Committee meeting there will be a training session for volunteers who will be assisting on the day. The bus and parking is organized. Species prizes have been organized and completed and the prizes for the species comp are ready to go for engraving. It would appear that there may not be sufficient numbers of the new brochures to go into each skippers pack.

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DRY CASTING REPORT George Holman

There is some concern with the City of Stirling in relation to the booking for the last weekend in October for the State Dry-Casting event. The shire have once again indicated that there is reticulation work being undertaken on the oval at this time and we may not be able to use it.

The Dry-Casting trailer needs to be stored preferably under cover. Currently sitting in the President's front yard and this is not satisfactory. Some surplus equipment is also still for sale.

LANCELIN ANGLING CLUB NEWSLETTER

The President reported that in the November issue of the Lancelin Angling Club Newsletter Pat Shinnick was awarded Life Membership to the Lancelin VSSRG for his work in the organization. He has been involved in the group for over twenty years and the President offered his congratulations to Pat upon receipt of this honour and commended him for his efforts and support in regard to this organization.

Recording Officer Report

No report.

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

National Titles in 2017

What are we going to do about that event? George Holman reported that he had had some conversations with Graham Gath President of the Esperance Surfcasters and had looked at the facilities in Esperance. There are several good beaches, but some are well out of town. The estuary event would be a problem however the bay can be used as an alternative. There are good boating facilities and launching ramps available.

There being no further General Business the President thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting at 20:57pm.

The next Delegates Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 February 2013

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| Action points from January 2013 Delegates Council Meeting. | | | |
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| Number | Action | By | Status |
| AP DCM 12/12 # 1 | Events Register of All Clubs, notify Secretary to update Club listings | Secretary | Ongoing - 2013 |
| AP DCM 12/12 # 2 | All Clubs to notify Treasurer or Secretary in writing, of any direct payment made to the AAAWA bank account. | All Clubs | Ongoing - 2013 |
| The Dry Casting Trailer need to be housed | Dry Casting Trailer, Storage (preferably under cover) is required for the Dry Casting trailer. | | Ongoing |
| AP DCM 12/12 # 4 | Association Asset Register, Anybody holding Association property is asked to check with the Secretary to ensure that it is on the Asset Register. | Clubs / Secretary | Ongoing - 2013 |
| AP DCM 12/12 # 5 | Materials to be obtained from Community Grants Scheme: Sections and Clubs are asked to notify the secretary in writing of any applications made for items to be purchased under this scheme. | Clubs / Secretary | Ongoing 2013 |
| AP DCM 12/12 # 6 | Jetties, Fishing Platforms and Access to Structures. Delegates go back to clubs and seek information particularly from older members with regards structures and fishing platforms that are no longer available to anglers as they have been removed or access to them is now banned. URGENT ACTION NEEDED AS REPORT DUE AT END OF JANUARY | John Curtis | Ongoing - 2013 |

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012 - 2015

| 2013 | |
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| March | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Boating Championships 16th / 17th March 2013 Hosted by Quinns Rock Fishing Club and Marmion Angling & Aquatic Club, from Ocean Reef Marina. |
| June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Rock & Beach Championships – S Bend (long weekend) Saturday/Sunday 1ST / 2ND June 2013 |
| August | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AAA 33rd National Angling Championships & Convention, Caloundra, Qld |
| October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Dry Casting Sunday 27th October 2013 |
| November | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Estuary Event – Swan River |

| 2014 | |
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| 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 |
| October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Dry Casting, Sunday 26th October 2014 |
| November | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Estuary Event – Walpole |

| 2015 | |
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| 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 |
| October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Dry Casting Sunday 25th October 2015 |

* These dates need to be reviewed as they clash and also clash with the Kalbarri Classic.

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

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