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



**To be Held at Sports Association WA, Stancliffe Street,
Mt Lawley on Tuesday 19TH July 2011 at 7.30 pm**

AGENDA

1. OPEN MEETING

John welcomed delegates and visitors.

2. PRESENT

Gary Evans, MDSSC
Kevin Murphy, MAAC
Terry Fuller, SCAC
Don Cox, Melville
Jason Pember, Melville
Ian Cook, Recorder
Peter Stoeckel, Beachcombers
Russell Bunce, Fremantle AAC
George Holman, SCAC

John Curtis, President
Diane McDonough, Secretary
James Strong, Proxy Denmark
Marcia Pekaar, Proxy Northampton
John Crompton, Proxy Esperance
Surfcasters
Peter Pekaar, Proxy Geraldton
Chas Riegert, Proxy Delegate Mt Barker

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Paul Longo, Pat Shinnick, Joe Horvath.

2. VISITORS

Richard Siudak, Chairman ARA; Martin Humbert, President O S A C (Beach)

3. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES

Nil

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS FROM MINUTES

Nil.

It was moved by Don Cox, seconded by Peter Stoeckel that the minutes as tabled be accepted as a true and accurate record. Motion carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

6. CORRESPONDENCE

INWARDS (BY MAIL)

Dept Environment & Conservation	Bushland News
SCAC	Reel Talk July 2011

INWARDS (BY EMAIL)

1. fishing@beachcombersanglingclub.com.au	State Dry Casting
2. fishing@beachcombersanglingclub.com.au	Affiliated Members Listing
3. Fred Sharp	trying to contact Ron Moore formerly of Lancelin
4. Ian Cook	Drycasting records

5. Ian Cook	Yellowtail Kingfish details
6. Ian Cook	State fish capture records Web site update
7. Jenny Travis	RFW submission to SW C'wealth Marine Network Proposal
8. Jenny Travis	FW: Healthy Club Sponsorship Summer 2011/12 Now Open
9. Jenny Travis	Department of Fisheries Update
10. Jenny Travis	Notice to Mariners - FREMANTLE PORT INNER HARBOUR
11. Jenny Travis	Media Releases
12. John Crompton	Keep Western Australia Fishing
13. John Curtis	Re: AAWA PROPERTY REGISTER
14. John Curtis	AAA Addresses for Fisheries Department
15. John Curtis	Re: FREIGHT COSTS OF GEAR TO PORT MACQUARIE
16. John Curtis	Re: ANNUAL AAWA AUDIT
17. John Curtis	Re: Fw: Clubs Addresses
18. John Curtis	Re: ANNUAL AAWA AUDIT
19. John Curtis	Fwd: CARNIVAL ACCOUNT
20. John Curtis	State Flag and A A A Banner
21. John Curtis	Re: June Delegates Council Meeting
22. John Curtis	Re: Minutes of June Meeting.
23. John Curtis	Content for incl in minutes of June Delegates Council Meeting
24. John Curtis	Minutes of June Meeting.
25. John Curtis	Freedom of Information
26. LAWRENCE BIRCHALL	Club Addresses
27. LAWRENCE BIRCHALL	Offshore Club Beach Branch Cheques
28. Margaret Riddel	2011 AAA AGM FEM & SPECIAL MEETING 31 JULY 2011
29. Mel Harvey	HYC E Letter July 2011
30. Pat Shinnick	RE: State Flag and A A A Banner
31. Pat Shinnick	FW: RECEIPTS FROM STATE BOATS COMP
32. Pember, Jason	RE: Offshore Angling Club Cheques
33. Rebecca Austic	AUDIT OF AAWA ACCOUNTS
34. Richard Siudak	RE: RECORD INQUIRY
35. Robert Smith B.M.	Fw: Boating regulations for AAA SWR
36. SW_Marine_Plan	Marine Bioregional Planning Program Update
37. Terry Fuller	Editing cells containing formula in AAWA financial spreadsheet
38. Terry Fuller	Formatting AAWA Excel financial spreadsheet as requested
39. Terry Fuller	Exp of Interest for Membership of the Recreational Fishing Account Advisory Body
40. Terry Fuller	Fixing errors in AAWA Excel spreadsheet as requested
41. Terry Fuller	Excellent Martin Salter video relating to the marine parks debate
42. Terry Fuller	Updated version Notice to Clubs State Dry Casting 2011 info
43. Terry Fuller	Recfishwest report for minutes of the June Delegates meeting
44. John Curtis	Keep Western Australia Fishing

OUTWARDS (BY MAIL)

All clubs	Minutes & Agendas
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OUTWARDS (BY EMAIL)

1. Curtis, John	Fw: Keep Western Australia Fishing
2. Fred Sharp	Re: trying to contact Ron Moore formerly of Lancelin
3. Shinnick, Pat	Fw: trying to contact Ron Moore formerly of Lancelin
4. Cook, Ian	Fw: trying to contact Ron Moore formerly of Lancelin
5. John Curtis	AAWA PROPERTY REGISTER
6. Curtis, John	Fw: Club Addresses
7. Terry Fuller	Formatting cheque and receipt cells in AAWA Excel spreadsheet
8. Curtis, John	FREIGHT COSTS OF GEAR TO PORT MACQUARIE
9. info@aylmore.com	RE AUDIT OF AAWA ACCOUNTS
10. Terry Fuller	Re: Fixing errors in AAWA Excel financial spreadsheet as requested
11. To all Clubs & Delegates	Exp of Int Membership of the Rec Fishing Account Advisory Body
12. mikeandmarg@iprimus.com.au	Re: Offshore Angling Club Cheques

13. John Curtis	Re: ANNUAL AAWA AUDIT
14. Pember, Jason (Melville)	Fw: Offshore Angling Club Cheques
15. John Curtis	Re: ANNUAL AAWA AUDIT
16. Curtis, John	Fw: Clubs Addresses
17. Curtis, John	ANNUAL AAWA AUDIT
18. Curtis, John	CARNIVAL ACCOUNT
19. LAWRENCE BIRCHALL	Re: Offshore Club Beach Branch Cheques
20. Cook, Ian	RECORD INQUIRY
21. reisenweber2@bigpond.com	RECORD ENQUIRY
22. Siudak, Richard	RECORD INQUIRY
23. Curtis, John	Fw: Affiliated Members Listing
24. John Curtis	Re: Minutes of June Meeting.
25. Pat Shinnick	RECEIPTS FROM STATE BOATS COMP
26. John Curtis	Re: Club Contact Details
27. To all Clubs & Delegates	Public Forum to be held at Marmion Angling & Aquatic Club
28. To all Clubs & Delegates	STATE DRY CASTING 2011 INFORMATION FOR CLUBS

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

It was moved by Peter Pekaar and seconded by Russell Bunce that the correspondence inwards be accepted and the outwards be endorsed. Motion carried.

7. TREASURERS REPORT

General Account Balance \$19108.72 Carnival Account Balance \$1689.42

Income for July 2011

General account	Transfer to Carnival account from General Account	1100.00
MAAC	Sponsorship State Boats 2011	500.00
Jeff Mouritz Gas & Air	Sponsorship State Boats 2011	250.00
PP & MK Pekaar	Nominations – State Rock & Beach 2011	\$19.00
PL & SL WESSELLS	Nominations – State Rock & Beach 2011	\$24.00
MT BARKER OSAC	Nominations – State Rock & Beach 2011	\$126.00
OSAC OF WA	Nominations – State Rock & Beach 2011	\$202.00
MELVILLE AMATEUR AC	Nominations – State Rock & Beach 2011	\$105.00
DENMARK BOATING & AC	Nominations – State Rock & Beach 2011	\$60.00
SR & J BATT	Nominations – State Rock & Beach 2011	\$12.00
OSAC OF WA	Nominations – State Rock & Beach 2011	\$26.00
OSAC WA STH COASTAL	Nominations – State Rock & Beach 2011	\$86.00
PP & MK Pekaar	Nominations – State Rock & Beach 2011	\$19.00
PL & SL WESSELLS	Nominations – State Rock & Beach 2011	\$24.00
Cash	Nominations - State Rock & Beach 2011	150.00
Total		\$2703.00

Accounts for payment July 2011

Telstra	Telephone account	40.40
Carnival Account	Transfer from General Account to Carnival acc	1333.28
George Holman	Refund of deposits held in Carnival account	1100.00
Diane McDonough	Secretariat & stationery	515.98
Ozflex Australia	Freight of gear to NSW national competition	101.07
WA Sports Federation	Annual renewal	99.00
Sports Assoc of Aust (WA Div Inc)	Ordinary membership x 12 @\$50	600.00
George Holman	Refund of dishonour fee charged to him	8.00
J Curtis	Postage reimbursement	17.35
Marcia Pekaar	\$1000 donation towards SW Rocks Conv exp	1000.00
Total		4815.08

It was moved by Peter Pekaar and seconded by Peter Stoeckel that the Treasurer's report as presented be accepted and accounts for payment be passed. Motion carried.

1. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

President's Report

- John Curtis is still working on insurance and seeking quotes. A concern is fishing from rocks - 80 people die fishing Australia, usually from rocks. Insurance will not cover fishing from rocks.
- Subcommittees have been asked to put in budgets for the next financial year – estimates will suffice. John suggested that subcommittees look at the last few years' costs as a guide and add any anticipated additional expenses

Estuary, Rock and Beach Report

- Jason apologised for his absence and the lateness in getting cheques in from the Rock & Beach event earlier in the year.
- State Estuary competition is to be held in Walpole on the last weekend in November. Forms will be prepared and put on the AAABA website.
- A subcommittee meeting will be held at Pekaar's residence 3 Holden Street Carlisle on Tuesday 30th August at 7.30 pm to discuss the next few competitions and a calendar of events.

Boating Report

- Kevin Murphy advised a boating debrief was held last month. He is not sure if the Offshore Boating branch will assist in the running of the State Boats Comp at Jurien in March next year.

Dry Casting Report

- State Dry casting notices have gone out
- Updated competition rules are on the AAA website and will be available on the day.
- Entries to be finalised on the Friday before the event.
- NSW convention participants had a meeting early in the month with 11 people going
- T-shirts have been presented, rod tubes have been transported
- Accommodation and transport has been arranged.
- Queensland is expected to run the next Convention

It was moved by George Holman, seconded by John Crompton that AAABA contribute \$1000 for bus fuel and amenity expenses of the group going to NSW. Motion carried.

Recfishwest report for AAABA Delegates Meeting 19 July 2011



Proposed standardisation and simplification of fishing rules

Further to my report for the June Delegates meeting, Fisheries have now provided RFW with a document so that RFW can prepare a considered formal response which could include requiring changes. The scope of the document is more than standardisation and simplification of fishing rules.

Recfishwest has written to the Department and asked for clarification of some important items. The RFW Board will meet on Saturday 23 July to discuss the paper and direct RFW's initial response.

As I reported in June, the challenges include keeping the end result simple, easily understood and supported by fishermen, yet ensuring sustainability which is in every fisherman's long term interests. And no, once again I haven't given any details, for the very good reasons as discussed at the June Delegates' meeting.

Recfishwest draft comments on South west marine plans and proposals

The draft of RFW's response to the Commonwealth South west marine plans and proposals has been posted on the Recfishwest website.

As previously advised, and as delegates may have seen in the media, conservation groups are very disappointed with the proposals and are strongly agitating for lots of public comments on the proposals

to get much larger areas protected closer to the coast and population centres. This would inevitably increase the impact on recreational fishing.

Please take five minutes out of your day to have your say on Commonwealth Marine Reserves. It could have a great impact on recreational fishing's future. Anglers may consider RFW's comments and adapt or use them in personal comments if they wish. Comments close 8 August.

Community representatives on Recreational Fishing Account Advisory Body

Recfishwest is asking for applications for two additional community representatives of the Recreational Fishing Account Advisory Body (RFAAB) to develop priorities for the expenditure of available portions of the recreational fishing licence revenue via the Recreational Fishing Account (RFA) and ensure that projects meet the strategic needs of the recreational fishing sector.

Positions will be for a two year term. Further information and expression of interest forms are available by contacting Jenny Travis, Executive Officer RFAAB, on 9246 3366 or jenny@recfishwest.org.au Expressions of interest close Monday 25 July 2011

Capturing catch and effort data for recreational fisheries

Recfishwest recommends investment in the development of an electronic data capture system. Such a system would facilitate engagement and consultation with recreational fishers.

Recfishwest proposes that the amount of \$25,000 be made available for:

- Defining the project scope
- Research of products and suppliers
- Administration of the application process

Recfishwest further proposes to investigate the use of mobile technologies such as Smart phones and tablet PCs, and their integration into a data collection program. The structural framework of any data collection system will need to be finalised following consultation with the Department of Fisheries Research Division about the data requirements to complement their iSurvey and other projects.

Recfishwest Communications Officer

Recfishwest's Communications Strategy identified a need to engage professional expertise on Recfishwest communications. The 2011/12 budget contains an allowance for a Communications Officer, and Recfishwest will commence the recruitment process.

Recfishwest Research Facilitator (tagging).

Recreational tagging in a planned and considered manner can provide valuable information for fisheries management, at the same time providing enormous stewardship for the resource. The use of recreational fishers as robust collectors of data is increasing in importance as traditional methods of relying on commercial catch returns as a data source diminishes as the resource shifts to the recreational sector. Recfishwest is proposing to host a part-time Tagging Coordinator to facilitate recreational fisher engagement in research. Position would attempt to link in with Murdoch University Honours student.

Small Community Grants

The Department of Fisheries has approved \$50,000 per annum towards a recreational fishing small community grants scheme. Recfishwest will take the running of this scheme and is currently finalising the application process. This scheme is to provide funding for small projects to benefit the recreational sector which would normally fall outside of the Department's core business. This scheme will provide a replacement to the \$5000 grants which the regional RFAC had allocated each year for small initiatives.

Community perceptions of fisheries compliance

Recreational fishing compliance was raised as a matter of high importance amongst fishers at RFW public meeting in Karratha. Fishers in this region have a strongly held belief that the Department needs to improve compliance activities in relation to recreational fishing. This view is particularly widespread in Pilbara communities which are experiencing rapid population growth. Recfishwest has written to the Department of Fisheries and offered to work with the Department in addressing this perception and has

requested a meeting to discuss some potential solutions. We believe that it is an important step towards improving the community's confidence in the Department's abilities to effectively control the exploitation of fisheries resources.

Other topics from the July RFW Board meeting.

Revised policies have been adopted covering Pastoral Access; Spearfishing; Catch and Release Fishing; Vehicular Beach Access; Fish Stocking and Translocation.

Peel-Harvey resource sharing Catch sharing discussions have been held between RFW, WAFIC and other relevant stakeholders. Recfishwest have recently been informed of the Department's intention to move the West Coast Estuarine Fishery to a fully managed fishery over the next 12 months.

Recfishwest Advisory Bodies Since the new consultation arrangements and the disbanding of RFAC, Recfishwest has taken over the running of the Recreational Freshwater Fisheries Stakeholder Subcommittee (RFFSS). This group has proven invaluable in providing continued advice on the management of the trout and marron fisheries. The establishment of specific groups to provide considered advice and recommendations to the Recfishwest Board of Management on a range of recreational fishing related issues could have multiple benefits for the organisation.

DoF/RFW World Recreational Fishing Conference bid Offers Perth as the venue for the 7th World Recreational Fishing Conference to be held in 2014.

Monitoring the status of the West Coast demersal scalefish resource

<http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/macs/research/FishFrameNewsletterMay2011.pdf> Report dated May 2011 on research during 2009/10 on the 623 dhufish, 484 snapper and 311 baldchin frames received from recreational fishers, 1,718 frames from commercial fishers.

Proceedings of the workshop on reallocation mechanisms Fisheries Occasional Publication No. 94 <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/op/op094/index.php?00>

Recreational Rock Lobster catch share options

Recfishwest has raised concerns for some time that the western rock lobster recreational fishery has been catching significantly below its formal Integrated Fisheries Management allocation of 5%. The current management arrangements in the recreational fishery do not allow its allocated share to be reasonably achieved, and recent management decisions have further restricted the recreational catch. These decisions have clearly been inconsistent with the guiding principles of Integrated Fisheries Management.

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

- John Curtis encouraged everyone to use the RFW draft comments on the South West marine plans and proposals as a template for a submission
- Fish frames are still wanted for research and Fisheries will arrange collection – refer to <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/macs/research/filletedframesNews.php>

Recording Officer Report

A Yellowtail kingfish record was received last month and Ian Cook has contacted Adam Eastman to clarify some questions regarding it. It was moved by Ian Cook and Seconded by Peter Stoeckel that the Yellowtail Kingfish record be ratified by delegates. Motion carried.

Competitions Officer Report

No report

2. GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION

Reference:- Section 2 (c) of the minutes of the AAA (W A Division) Inc. Planning Meeting held 5 April 2011.
Code of Conduct / Competition Rules: The Association is not prepared to accept poor behaviour from

participants at any event run by the Association. There have been some instances at recent events where the behaviour of some participants has been inappropriate. Due to the occurrence of these incidents, it was resolved to amend the AAA Competition Rules to add a clause concerning the behaviour of persons acting inappropriately, aggressively or affected by alcohol or drugs. It should be possible for persons to be disqualified from the event and restrictions placed on future participation.

Notice of Motion 1

Amend the words "removal from the venue" to read "a request to leave the venue" so that the motion will read:-

*"The behaviour at the event of any persons acting inappropriately, aggressively or affected by alcohol or drugs shall be considered by the Disputes Committee and immediate action shall be taken to deal with the behaviour. Action may extend to disqualification from the event and **a request to leave the venue** and may include a recommendation about barring from participation in future events for some period. The decision of the Disputes Committee about action on the day or days of the event shall be final."*

Reason for the proposed amendment:- The replacement words better describe the intentions of the motion. If a person is requested to leave the venue and refuses, then further action could include a request for Police assistance.

Moved by Terry Fuller, seconded by Marcia Pekaar. Amendment carried.

Chas Riegert read out an email from Mt Barker Offshore Angling Club, which suggested the wording be changed to "antisocial behaviour" instead of "acting inappropriately, aggressively or affected by alcohol or dugs".

Chas Riegert moved an amendment, seconded by Peter Stoeckel, that the wording be changed to "antisocial behaviour" instead of "acting inappropriately, aggressively or affected by alcohol or dugs" would cover the intent. Delegates voted 3 in favour and 8 against and the amendment was defeated.

Therefore the original wording as amended above stands. Motion then put and carried.

Notice of Motion 2

Add to follow the words added in motion 1.

*"Any recommendation from the Disputes Committee for barring the person from participation in some future events for some period shall be presented to the Delegates Council meeting for decision. The presentation shall be made by one or more representatives nominated by the Disputes Committee. The person shall be given written notice of the recommendation and his **or his representative's** right to make a verbal or written statement to the Delegates Council meeting. Any decision by the Delegates Council meeting shall require a simple majority of the Delegates Council present and voting, in accordance with Section 41 of the Constitution."*

Moved by Terry Fuller and seconded by James Strong. Delegates voted 12 in favour and 1 against. Motion carried

It was moved by Terry Fuller, seconded by Marcia Pekaar, that

"The third paragraph in Dry Casting Rules Section 3.1.1, Protests, be amended to read:-

A Disputes Committee of each Club Captain from the participating clubs or their nominated representative from that club, not including the Officer of the Day, to be responsible to settle any protest lodged.

Should any Club not nominate a person for the committee, or if the person cannot be found at the venue for notification of the meeting or does not attend the Committee meeting, the remaining members of the Disputes Committee shall decide any protests, provided at least three are present.

Currently this paragraph in Section 3.1.1 reads:- *A Disputes Committee of three participants, not including the Officer of the Day, shall be selected from separate participating clubs to be responsible to settle any protest lodged.* "

Reason for the motion. To increase the number of clubs represented on the Disputes Committee. This means the Disputes Committee for the Dry Casting event will have a similar composition to the Disputes Committee

for the Boating event. The second paragraph is to permit the Committee to operate if for any reason not all clubs are represented when the Committee must meet to decide a question.

The Dry Casting event is a different environment with people moving around over a large area, with the possibility of the need to call a meeting at any time at short notice, whereas Boating, Rock & Beach and Estuary generally do not come together until the weigh in when all clubs are present.

It is recommended that the Rock & Beach and Estuary group consider a similar amendment to the second paragraph of Section 6.4 of their rules.

OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

- Delegates to discuss the outstanding nomination fees by Melville AC regarding the last Dry Casting event. This will be resolved between George Holman, John Curtis and Jason Pember.
- Delegates discussed the collection of nomination fees at AAAWA events. The treasurer has requested that event organisers should provide the Treasurer with a reconciled statement from each event, including nomination fees received and event costs together with receipts. It is not the responsibility of the Treasurer to chase up outstanding nomination fees after the event.
- Delegates discussed the August AGM / Angler of the Year. George Holman suggested that the AGM proceed as usual in August and that the Angler of the Year awards be held in September.

Moved George Holman, seconded Peter Stoeckel that the Angler of the Year presentations be held in September. Motion carried.

- Jason Pember offered to assist the Competitions Officer to perform the calculations to determine winners
- Notice of AGM has been distributed
- George Holman wished the group travelling to the NSW Convention an enjoyable trip and reward for effort.
- George Holman wished to record the Association's thanks to the President of the Offshore Angling Club (Mount Barker), Mr Trevor McMahon, for his positive contribution to the discussion and proposed amendments to the motion relating to the formation of the Disputes Committees at AAAWA events. His input and comments on the issue were taken on board and form the basis of the amendment.

AAAWA Asset Register

- Delegates discussed the AAAWA Asset Register and this will be updated to include property not on the list and to remove property which is obsolete or no longer used. Delegates to notify president or secretary if other property is identified and not listed. It was moved by George Holman and seconded by James Strong that the AAAWA Asset Register be accepted as updated.

CLOSE MEETING

The next **Delegates Meeting and AAAWA AGM** meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th August 2011.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011-2012

2011	
July-Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Championships at South West Rocks, NSW 26 July-11 August 2011. Casting Mon & Tues 8th & 9th at Port Macquarie.
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dry Casting Competition Sunday 25th September
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estuary event 26th & 27th at Walpole
2012	
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long weekend in March 2012 State boat champs Jurien Bay. • March 24th & 25th Beach & Rock event at Jurien Bay

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

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