



**AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION, (WA DIVISION) INC.
DELEGATES' MEETING**
Held at Sports Association WA,
Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley
Tuesday 17th July 2012 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES**1. OPEN MEETING**

John Curtis opened the meeting and welcomed delegates and proxies.

2. PRESENT

Jason Pember, Melville

James Strong, Patron

Peter Osborne, ORSSC

Joe Horvath, OSAC Perth Beach Branch

John Crompton, Esperance Surf Casters

Pat McKeown, Northampton

George Homan, SCAC

Terry Fuller, SCAC

Paul Frzop, HYC

Richard Siudak, Independent Delegate

John Curtis, President

Diane McDonough, Secretary/Treasurer

3. APOLOGIES

Peter Stoeckel, Marcia & Peter Pekaar, Russel Bunce, Don Cox, Kevin Murphy, Martin Humbert, Malcolm Cruickshank, Pat Shinnick,

4. VISITORS

Nil

5. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES

Mark Hansen, Beachcombers

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Joe Horvath and seconded by George Holman that the minutes of the June 2012 Delegates meeting be accepted as an accurate record.

7. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS FROM MINUTES

Nil

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

At the last meeting it was agreed that the old Dry Casting trailer be disposed of. Since that time the boating subcommittee have advised that they may have be able to convert it to a mobile cool room. Therefore its disposal will be put on hold until a decision is made.

9. CORRESPONDENCE**INWARDS (BY MAIL)**

WASF	ANZSLA Conference
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OUTWARDS (BY MAIL)

All clubs	Minutes & Agendas
Family of Patricia Wade	Sympathy card from AAAWA
Family of Con Costa – RFW	Sympathy card from AAAWA

INWARDS (BY EMAIL)

	From	Subject	Received
	Tara Delaney	Your membership renewals	13/07/2012 2:47 ...
	Graeme Dawber	NZACA Secretarial Jottings July (a-b)	13/07/2012 12:5...
	Marine Reserves	Public comments invited on new Commonwealth Marine Reserves [SEC=U...	12/07/2012 8:41 ...
	Graeme Richardson	Australian anglers point system	12/07/2012 5:57 ...
	John Curtis	Sale of old AAA trailer	12/07/2012 12:1...
	Pat McKeown	Fw: Club Marine Mandurah Boat Show	11/07/2012 2:47 ...
	South East Marine Plan	Draft management plan for the South-east Commonwealth Marine Reserve...	11/07/2012 1:54 ...
	Pat Shinnick	Application for Aquatic Event for AAAWA State Boat Championships on the...	10/07/2012 3:37 ...
	iiNet Limited Billing Te...	Payment confirmation	10/07/2012 4:06 ...
	John Curtis	Angler of the year awards night	7/07/2012 1:17 P...
	John Curtis	Packing Slip for Trailer	7/07/2012 10:30 ...
	Cheryl Poustie	Sportsview - Issue 20	6/07/2012 4:42 P...
	iiNet Limited Billing Te...	Low credit	6/07/2012 12:08 ...
	John Curtis	Re: AAAWA ACCOUNTS FOR 2011/2012	5/07/2012 9:30 A...
	Yvette Guy	FW: DSR Acquittal	4/07/2012 4:03 P...
	Coby Pearson	AGM (22 July 2012) Order of Business: HYC 2012 AGM AGENDA, PREVIOUS ...	4/07/2012 1:08 P...
	Terry Fuller	Re: Online AAAWA Westpac BANK STATEMENT FOR JUNE 2012	4/07/2012 7:13 A...
	malcolm cruickshank	Change of email address	3/07/2012 5:27 P...
	Coby Pearson	Compass Flyer - July 2012	3/07/2012 3:03 P...
	Robert Smith B.M.	Re: Vale Mrs Patricia Wade	3/07/2012 3:01 P...
	Terry Fuller	Re: Online AAAWA Westpac BANK STATEMENT FOR JUNE 2012	3/07/2012 7:10 A...
	Terry Fuller	Re: Online AAAWA Westpac BANK STATEMENT FOR JUNE 2012	2/07/2012 5:39 P...
	John Curtis	Re: RECONCILIATION TO RFW	2/07/2012 5:13 P...
	Recfishwest communi...	Recfishwest joins Rex Hunt to Keep Australia Fishing	2/07/2012 10:11 ...
	John Curtis	Re: RECONCILIATION FOR RFW	29/06/2012 3:31 ...
	Western Australian Sp...	Sportsview Alert - June 2012	29/06/2012 3:29 ...
	richard lee	FW: insurance	29/06/2012 3:09 ...
	John Curtis	State Drycasting Record	28/06/2012 1:28 ...
	Mettam, Libby	FW: Opportunity to be part of the DSR Augusta - Margaret River Club Ment...	27/06/2012 5:00 ...
	Ellen Smith	Recfishwest Annual Report	27/06/2012 9:08 ...
	John Curtis	Notice of AGM	27/06/2012 8:39 ...
	John Curtis	Minutes June Delegates Council Meeting	26/06/2012 7:21 ...
	Carmel LANGDON	June minutes	25/06/2012 4:07 ...
	Cheryl Poustie	Sportsview Alert - Issue 19	22/06/2012 4:34 ...
	Terry Fuller	RFW report for minutes of June Delegates meeting	22/06/2012 3:08 ...
	Medianet Operations	Big Fine For Breaching Demersal Species Bag Limits	22/06/2012 2:29 ...
	iiNet Limited Billing Te...	Low credit	21/06/2012 2:20 ...
	Bluewater Workshop	RE: Stop the Super Trawler CommunityRun- Please passon and sign	20/06/2012 12:5...
	Bluewater Workshop	FW: Stop the Super Trawler CommunityRun- Please passon and sign	20/06/2012 11:3...

OUTWARDS (BY EMAIL)

	To	Subject	Sent
	John Curtis	Re: Sale of old AAA trailer	15/07/2012 2:38 PM
	Cruickshank, Malcolm	EMAIL	11/07/2012 12:29 PM
	Curtis, John	AAAW ACCOUNTS FOR AUDIT	4/07/2012 11:49 PM
	Curtis, John	AAAWA ACCOUNTS FOR 2011/2012	4/07/2012 11:45 PM
	Terry Fuller	Re: Online AAAWA Westpac BANK STATEMENT FOR JUNE 2012	4/07/2012 10:17 PM
	Robert Smith B.M.	Re: Vale Mrs Patricia Wade	3/07/2012 9:43 AM
	Fuller, Terry	BANK STATEMENT FOR JUNE 2012	2/07/2012 4:51 PM
	Curtis, John	RECONCILIATION TO RFW	30/06/2012 10:16 AM
	Curtis, John	Fw: insurance	30/06/2012 10:00 AM
	Curtis, John	Fw: insurance	30/06/2012 9:59 AM
	Curtis, John	RECONCILIATION FOR RFW	29/06/2012 1:30 PM
		AAAWA DELEGATES MEETING JUNE 2012 / NOTICE OF AGM	28/06/2012 3:31 PM
	john Curtis	Fw: Recfishwest Annual Report	27/06/2012 10:26 AM
	John Curtis	Re: Notice of AGM	27/06/2012 10:25 AM
	Curtis, John	NOTICE OF AGM	26/06/2012 7:32 PM
	Curtis, John	MINUTES	25/06/2012 10:15 PM
	Curtis, John	Fw: Stop the Super Trawler CommunityRun- Please passon and sign	22/06/2012 11:03 AM
	Curtis, John	Fw: Stop the Super Trawler CommunityRun- Please passon and sign	22/06/2012 11:03 AM
	Curtis, John	Fw: Shooters and Fishers Party WA	19/06/2012 8:29 AM

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

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

10. TREASURERS REPORT

General Account Balance \$17602.80 Carnival Account Balance \$808.60
Income for July 2012

Westpac	Interest Carnival Account	.70
Westpac	Interest General Account	17.10
Melville Amateur AC	State Rock & Beach nomination fees	\$175.00
Morgan Keet	State Dry Casting Record	7.00
		\$199.80

Accounts for July 2012

Telstra	Telephone account	40.96
linet	Internet service provider	40.00
Diane McDonough	Secretariat	500.00
Diane McDonough	Owed from Angler of the Year Expenses 2011 (discovered during recent audit)	25.00
Stationery		8.99
Sports Association of Aust WA Div Inc	Membership x 12 members	\$660.00
Aylmore & Assoc	Audit 2011-2012	539.00
TOTAL		\$1813.95

The Treasurer advised delegates that the annual audit had been completed by Aylmore and Associates and that the balance sheets and disbursement documentation had been forwarded to Recfishwest as part of the funding arrangement with DSR. It was moved by Joe Horvath and seconded by James Strong that the Treasurer's report be accepted and the accounts for payment be passed.

11. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

President's Report

- With the AGM approaching, John Curtis requested that subcommittees to prepare a brief report on the activities for the year. (Submit directly to John Curtis).
- John urged delegates to consider all positions at the AGM and seek approval from nominee prior to completing nomination forms.
- John Curtis and George Holman will be travelling to Queensland in August to attend the AAA AGM and mid term Conference. He will also discuss insurance with Pam Crone in Qld, plus strategic planning issues at National.

Estuary, Rock and Beach Report

- Jason Pember advised a subcommittee meeting will be held in September.
- A venue needs to be organised for the State Estuary event and Jason may contact Cockburn Power Boats or Fremantle Sailing Club regarding this.
- Jason commented that calculations for Anglers and Club of the Year have been done. However, these calculations are made difficult when some categories (Mini Juniors/Juniors) participant in other age groups. He felt there was a lack of understanding by some clubs on how scores are calculated and this could result in some entrants missing out on awards
- Jason will organise trophies for the Angler of the Year Awards (September 2012)
- Richard Siudak offered to assist Jason with score calculations.

Boating Report

- John Curtis attended the recent Boating subcommittee meeting. They are on track for the next competition, to be run out of Mindarie by Quinns Rock club.

Dry Casting Report

- George Holman advised that nomination forms are ready to go.
- A meeting is to be held at George's on 6th August.

- Trailer is almost complete.
- George is still negotiating with the City of Stirling re dry casting venue.
- John Curtis has spoken to an officer at the City of Stirling and requested that if Yokine Reserve is not available, that an alternative venue be offered. This is progressing
- There is a quantity of rope and dry casting cones that is excess to requirement and are available for purchase by clubs at a very nominal cost.

Recfishwest report for AAAWA Delegates Meeting July 2012



The Recfishwest Board meeting for July has been deferred until Wed 18 July.

Commonwealth Marine Parks - areas open to recreational fishing

After all the hoo har about the effect on recreational boat fishing of the recently announced Commonwealth Marine Parks and their Sanctuary zones, a map has been prepared which shows the areas which are still open to recreational boat fishing in Commonwealth waters, which start 3 nautical miles from the shore, generally.

<http://www.environment.gov.au/coasts/mbp/reserves/pubs/map-national-recfishing.pdf> is a coloured PDF map of Australian waters which can be expanded enormously to show the detail of the areas where recreational fishing is affected.

The map tells a story. Look at the map online and you be the judge. Do the white areas deserve the description "Locked out of vast areas?" Vast areas which are actually used by recreational boat fishermen?

Some types of commercial fishing are affected more, and in more areas than shown in this map.

Keep Australia Fishing Campaign

The recent announcement of Commonwealth Marine Parks has disappointed some recreational fishing people. The recreational fishing sector spent considerable time and resources providing input into the planning process and received some assurances which were not met.

Extract from the map showing Mid west and South west. The line is 100 km from shore.

Campaigns by the conservation sector during the comment period led to some areas important to recreational fishing being closed off. Some decisions by the Commonwealth appear to have been based on politics rather than science. The final proposal released by the Government is now in a 60 day comment period.

Earlier this year Recfishwest attended a breakfast meeting at Parliament House in Canberra. This was organised by the Australian Fishing Trade Association and Recfish Australia, and was one of the largest of its type attended by parliamentarians, senior bureaucrats, the tackle industry and representatives from key angling organisations, trying to deliver a united recreational fishing front to these decision makers. A campaign was planned if the recreational fishing sector was affected by the Commonwealth decisions.

The Keep Australia Fishing campaign was launched on Saturday 30 June with a full page advertisement on the back page of the Australian Newspaper. Rex Hunt is spearheading the campaign. It is planned for the KAF campaign to become very active in mid-August.

State-wide management proposals for recreational fishing

RFW is preparing a summary and will be proposing some alternatives to the proposals from the Dept of Fisheries, using the opinions provided to RFW during the recent public consultation period.

These recommendations will be discussed at the July Board meeting.

Simplification and standardisation of fishing rules State wide was never going to be easy, and Recfishwest now has a very difficult job to avoid exchanging the current set of complex rules for a different set which still has some complex parts.

Con Costa

Long time Recfishwest employee Con Costa passed away recently from cancer. Con was a stalwart in the Recfishwest office and was always a friendly and willing contact who could handle almost anything presented to him, always with a big smile. He will be greatly missed.



RFW Board structure

Changes to the RFW Constitution have been drafted in consultation with lawyers and will be discussed at the July Board meeting. There are significant changes to allow for the reduced size and changes in the focus of the Board. The new Constitution will need to be voted on at a Special General meeting. If adopted, all current Board members' terms will expire at the 2012 AGM, expected to be held in September. New members will be called "Directors" to reflect their changed responsibilities.

The Associations such as AAAWA will no longer be able to nominate people to be elected as Association Board members of Recfishwest. However AAAWA and other members of RFW will still be able to nominate and vote for individuals to be independent Directors on the new Board, but any person nominated by AAAWA could not be considered to **represent** AAAWA.

There are clear requirements for each Director to have the expertise, qualifications and experience appropriate for the needs and management of the business and affairs of RFW at a strategic level; to substantially satisfy the skills, competencies and any other eligibility requirements; to apply independent judgment to Board decisions, and to act in the interests of RFW, not in the interests of any organisation which may have contributed to their election.

This is not a new requirement, however it needs to be clearly understood.

The interests of RFW include to represent and advocate the interests and rights of **all** Western Australian recreational fishers on any issues which affect the participation, development and sustainability of recreational fishing.

My approach as a RFW Board member has always been that decisions made in the best interests of all recreational fishers will also be in the best interests of Club fishers, both during Club events and while fishing independently.

As advised to the June the Delegates' meeting, I do not intend to nominate for a position on the new RFW Board at the AGM in 2012. I say this now so AAAWA Delegates can consider nominating someone.

Trolling in Rottnest West End "Demersal protection" zone

RFW has written to the Department of Fisheries proposing that the definition of trolling should be the process of moving a bait or lure through the water by any means, rather than the current restricted definition which Fisheries have applied, which is that trolling can only be from a boat under power.

Inquiry into the role of science for the future of fisheries and aquaculture

Recfishwest's CEO Andrew Rowland gave a presentation to a public hearing of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Agriculture, Resources, Fisheries and Forestry held recently in Perth.

Terms of reference for the enquiry included:-

- a) the relationship between scientific knowledge of fish species, ecosystems, biodiversity and fish stock sustainability;
- b) fishery management and biosecurity, including but not limited to:
 - the calculation and monitoring of stock size, sustainable yield and bycatch, as well as related data collection;
 - the effects of climate change, especially relating to species dispersion, stock levels and impacts on fishing communities;
 - pest and disease management and mitigation;
 - minimising risks to the natural environment and human health;
 - cooperation among Australian governments on the above;
- c) research, development and applied science of aquaculture, including:
 - transitioning from wild fisheries to aquaculture in individual species;
 - improving sustainability and lifecycle management practices and outcomes;
 - pest and disease management and mitigation;
- d) governance arrangements relating to fisheries and aquaculture, including the implications for sustainability and industry development;
- e) current initiatives and responses to the above matters by state, territory and Australian governments.

This report has been prepared by Terry Fuller, currently 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

- Discussion followed about the Commonwealth Marine Parks.
- Terry stressed that RFW members can still express their point of view, despite the fact that AAAWA will no longer have an elected representation on the board.
- AAAWA will still be proactive in putting suggestions and comments forward to Recfishwest

Recording Officer Report

- John Curtis has received an application for a State Dry Casting Record from Mini Junior, Morgan Keet from SCAC, who cast 98.04m in the Level Line Distance up to 56g. It was moved by Peter Osborne and seconded by George Holman that the record be ratified by delegates. Motion passed.
- A recent record application for spangled emperor has now lapsed, due to the fact that requested information from the applicant has not been received.

Competitions Officer Report

No report

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

- John Curtis, Terry Fuller and Peter Osborne have assisted in drafting a letter to the Minister for Fisheries (copy to RFW) regarding the gang hook/snell issue and John Curtis read the letter to delegates. Richard Siudak suggested the wording refer to hook “and/or swivel” and the letter will be amended to include this.
- It was noted that AAAWA rules may need to be amended once a definition is received from Fisheries
- It was moved by George Holman, seconded Peter Osborne, that the letter to the Minister, subject to amendments discussed, be sent to the Minister on behalf of the AAAWA.
- John read a letter from Warrick Chisholm (Northampton) with his comments on the issue of gangs/snells

13. CLOSE MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm. Please note:

- The next Delegates meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st August 2012
- The AGM will also be held on Tuesday 21st August 2012
- Angler of the Year awards will be held on Tuesday 18th September.

AAAWA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012-2015

2012	
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AAAWA AGM Tuesday 21st August 2012• AAA National Convention mid-term meeting at Caloundra in Queensland
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Angler of the Year Awards 18th September 2012
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 Saturday/Sunday 24/25 November 2012 (TBC)
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 Championships– S Bend (long weekend) Saturday/Sunday 1ST /2ND June 2013 (TBC)
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AAA 33rd National Angling Championships & Convention Sunshine Coast, 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 – 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
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	
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 Calendar by contacting the Secretary: Australian Anglers’ Association (WA Division) Inc PO Box 2200 Marmion WA 6020. Tel: 9403 7383 Email aaawa@iinet.net.au