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AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION (WA DIVISION) INC.

MINUTE'S OF DELEGATES' COUNCIL MEETING

Held at WA Sportsmen's Association Headquarters, Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley
Tuesday 16 July 2013

1. OPEN MEETING

President John Curtis declared the meeting open and welcomed all delegates at 7:40 pm.

2. PRESENT

Eric Leigh, ORSSC	Peter Stoeckel, Beachcombers
Pat Shinnick, LAAC	Wilf Core, Melville
Denis Loran HYC	Russell Bunce FAAC
Joe Horvath, OSAC Beach	Martin Humbert OSAC Mt Barker
Terry Fuller, SCAC	John Curtis President
Richard Suidak, Independent Delegate & Treasurer	

3. APOLOGIES

Peter Osborne, ORSSC	Pat McKeown, Proxy Northampton
Mark Hansen, Beachcombers	Malcolm Cruickshank, South Coastal
Jim Strong, Patron	George Holman, SCAC
Jason Pember FAAC	Peter Pekaar, Proxy Geraldton
John Crompton, Secretary, Proxy Esperance Surf Casters	

4. VISITORS

Nil

5. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES

Nil

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 18 JUNE 2013

Moved: Russell Bunce; Seconded; Joe Horvath; "That the minutes of the previous meeting, as tabled, be accepted as a true and accurate record."
Motion carried.

7. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS FROM MINUTES

Terry Fuller noted an error for 2014 Calendar Events Cape to Cape which should read May and not September.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil



9. CORRESPONDENCE

INWARDS (BY MAIL)

Number	From	Subject	Action
26 Feb 13	Allianz	Remittance payment	Treasurer
29 May 13	Trophy Choice x 2	Rock & Beach Event	Treasurer
25 Jun 13	WASF	Change of Chairman	filed
2 Jul 13	Dept. Env. & Conserv.	Bushland News issue 18	Filed
22 Jun 13	The West Australian	Death Notice Receipt	Treasurer
17 Jun 13	Telstra Account	Account In Credit	Treasurer
2 July 13	Jason Pember	Fees for Rock & Beach	Treasurer

OUTWARDS (BY MAIL)

Number	From	Subject	Action
24 Jun 13	Secretary	Sportsmens' Association of Australia WA Division	Sent

INWARDS (BY EMAIL)

Number	From	Subject
19 Jun 13	ANZSLA	Doping issues in sport and the ACC Report - 8 July 2013
20 Jun 13	QAFCA	Fees for Early Registration for AAA Championships
21 Jun 13	Pat Shinnick	Equipment Requirements: Barrier Mesh, Mag White Board, Banner, Signage and Species board
21 Jun 13	Henry Boogaard	Species tubs, cool room for fish storage & transport also to store gear, fold up tables and chairs.
26 Jun 13	Yvette Guy	Recfishwest Funding Agreement
27 Jun 13	Beachcombers	Request funding to Recfishwest
28 Jun 13	Hayley Gebbie	Recfishwest now has a new Logo
28 Jun 13	Terry Fuller	Draft Aquatic Resources Management Bill 2013 is out for comment for 30 days - replacement for FRMA
28 Jun 13	Medianet	New fish trafficking offence and new tier of infringements
1 Jul 13	Dennis Loran	Request for 2 AAWA T- Shirts
1 Jul 13	Laurie Birchall	2013 July Fish Tales Magazine
2 Jul 13	Recfishwest	Recfishwest E-News Edition 15
5 Jul 13	James Florisson	Recfishwest Information night
5 Jul 13	James Florisson	Recfishwest small grants applications
8 Jul 13	Dept of Commerce Associations Branch	Associations Newsletter 10, Communications Survey and Associations Online
8 Jul 13	Hayley Gebbie	Recfishwest New Logo update
9 Jul 13	Garry Cunningham	2013/2014 State Boat Angling Championships
10 Jul 13	Pat Shinnick	Minutes for July 9 meeting and Agenda for Monday 19 August
10 Jul 13	Warren Eaton	State and National Record Query
11 Jul 13	Carmel Langdon	Boating sub-committee minutes / charter proposal
11 Jul 13	Carmel Langdon	AAA Boating sub-committee tournament rules & nomination forms
11 Jul 13	Shaun Murphy	State and National Records
11 Jul 13	Richard Siudak	State and National Records

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12 Jul 13	AAAWA Secretary	Query on Yokine Reserve Booking 27 October 2013
12 Jul 13	Stirling Shire	Booking details and Tax Invoice account
12 Jul 13	NZACA Secretary	July Secretarial Jottings

OUTWARDS (BY EMAIL)

Number	To	Subject
16 Jun 13	To all Affiliated Clubs	Delegates Council Agenda
19 Jun 13	Midwest Times Geraldton	S-Bend results sent to Midwest Times in Geraldton by Russell Bunce
27 Jun 13	Recfishwest	Beachcombers request for funding
4 Jul 13	To all Affiliated Clubs	Delegates Council Meeting Minutes 18 June 2013
14 Jul 13	To all Affiliated Clubs	Delegates Council Agenda 16 July 2013

10 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Fisheries Department, Medianet Release: – Terry Fuller addressed the meeting about the possible ramifications of the new laws for finfish bag limits.

All Clubs and Delegates - See Attachment at End of Minutes.

Moved - Joe Horvath; – Seconded Peter Stoeckel, “That the correspondence inwards be accepted and the outwards endorsed”.
Motion carried

11 TREASURERS REPORT-

General Account Balance \$10,103.04 Carnival Account Balance \$ 810.92
Income for July 2013

Richard Siudak	AAAWA Polo Shirts x 1	30.00
John Curtis	AAAWA Polo Shirts x 1	30.00
Dennis Loran	AAAWA Polo Shirts x 2	60.00
George Holman	State Team Polo Shirt x 3	105.00
John Curtis	State Team Polo Shirt	35.00
Marmion Aquatic & Angling Club	Rock & Beach Fees	275.00
Geraldton Angling Club	Rock & Beach Fees	160.00
P.S Wessels – SCAC	Rock & Beach Fees	30.00
Ken Howells – SCAC	Rock & Beach Fees	15.00
Melville Amateur Angling Club	Rock & Beach Fees	75.00
Offshore Angling Club	Rock & Beach Fees	90.00
Jesse Ghasseb	Application for Record Fish Capture	10.00
Allianz Insurance	Donation to 2013 State Boat Champ's	1200.00
Terry Fuller	Dry Casting cone	20.00
		\$2135.00

Accounts for payment July 2013

John Crompton	July Honorarium	300.00
Stationery	Stamps and certificate frame	18.00
John Curtis, Recorder	Postage	5.80
City of Stirling	Yokine Reserve State D/Casting oval booking	144.80
		\$467.00

Moved: Richard Siudak; Seconded: Joe Horvath;
“That the Treasurers Report as tabled be accepted and accounts for payment be paid.”
Motion carried.

BUSINESSES ARISING FROM TREASURERS REPORT

Nil.

**12 INDIVIDUAL REPORTS
PRESIDENT'S REPORT:
A G M:**

Reminder to Clubs and Delegates that September is the Annual General Meeting

A/g Chair for August Meeting:

Due to the absence of President and V /Pres attending National Championships in Caloundra, chair for the August Delegates Meeting will be Russell Bunce

Address for Ted Hayman:

Secretary had been unable to obtain information from club re address for Ted Hayman. Thanks to Pat Shinnick for obtaining the correct address so that condolence card could be sent.

RECFISHWEST Funding Agreement:

Received an email from Recfishwest re application for funding. Paperwork finalised and returned on 28th.

Recfishwest Information Night:

President attended an information night where Recfishwest provided an update on what is happening with RFIF funding. Several restocking projects currently underway including; the restocking of fingerling mulloway. There have been 20 000 released in the Dongara / Greenough region, 600 into the Swan River which were released by the Minister, 1400 released at Mandurah and a further 3000 at Hillarys on the June Long weekend at the Recfishwest Family Fun Day. All mulloway released have been tagged. Anyone catching a tagged juvenile mulloway is requested to report it to Recfishwest.

It was a very beneficial night with a lot of information passed out about the activities being undertaken by various groups of researchers from Murdoch, Curtin and UWA, the WAFF and TAFE. Other projects underway included, snapper, black bream, prawns and squid. The Association and clubs may be called on to provide assistance in the form of volunteers to assist researchers with monitoring and collecting samples etc. One project where club members can assist researchers is by helping drag prawn nets and then sorting prawns in the Swan River in November / December. Training will be provided by the researchers to anyone volunteering to be involved.

All of this activity is of direct benefit to recreational angling.

Terry Fuller suggested that Recfishwest should publicise on their website, details of what the public should do when they catch a tagged mulloway.

Public Meeting in Albany re Rock Fishing Safety:

Received an email from Recfishwest regarding attendance at a stakeholder meeting on at the Department of Fisheries, Albany. This information was passed on to the local clubs at Denmark, South Coastal and Mount Barker. Copies were also sent to the delegates representing those clubs. Have not received any further information from these clubs or delegates.

ESTUARY, ROCK AND BEACH REPORT:

Marine Parks in the South West:

Russell Bunce reported that FAAC had a Cape to Cape field day at the weekend. One member asked what do we know about the Marine Parks in this region. According to Recfishwest's website the Marine parks have not gazetted into legislation by the Government.

Results of State Rock and Beach

Midwest Times in Geraldton asked for a copy of the results of the Rock and Beach Competition held at S-Bend. Results were emailed up to them.

S-Bend Caravan Park

S-Bend Caravan Park is under New Management. Clubs wishing to fish the area are asked to contact the new manager and they will assist with a reduction in accommodation and for clubs.

State Estuary Competition:

The next Estuary Competition is to be held in the Swan and Canning rivers in November. Planning is underway and a location for headquarters / weigh in is being sought.

BOATING REPORT

Pat Shinnick requested feedback from clubs in relation to charter boats proposal from the Boating sub-committee. They have proposed that an AAAWA non-fishing representative be on the charter boats, and that clubs wishing to participate lodge an application to be three months prior to the event. The rules relating to the use of charter boats will be reviewed each competition / location as there are some charter boat skippers who are more knowledgeable and would provide an unfair advantage.

The sub-committee has ruled out the use of any form of powered rods and reels during AAA State boating competitions.

DRY CASTING REPORT

A booking has been made for hire of the Yokine East Reserve for 27th October 2013. The City of Stirling noted that the same 10 conditions from last year still applied to the hire of the oval. Entry forms will be going up on the AAA (W A Div'n) web site shortly.

RECORDING OFFICER REPORT

New State record for Pink snapper 18.064kg Jesse Ghaseb, Bunbury
Two records outstanding from previous recorder not forwarded to National AAARA.
Request to correct / amend a State Junior dry casting record cast at National Championships in 2005.

13 GENERAL BUSINESS

New / Amended Fish Resources Management Act.

Terry Fuller spoke about the new / amended Fish Resources Management Act and quoted from a Fisheries Department media release

"Department of Fisheries Director General, Stuart Smith, wrote to the Western Australian Fishing Industry Council (WAFIC) and Recfishwest requesting that each organisation review the proposed draft Bill and for each to provide a consolidated position for their respective industries. WAFIC has formed a small working group....." See

http://www.wafic.org.au/images/stories/July_2013.pdf

What is happening with Recfishwest?

Submission closes shortly after only a 30 day review period.

14 MEETING CLOSED:

There being no further general business the President declared the meeting closed at 8:45pm.

15 NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 AUGUST 2013

A A A (W A Division) polo shirts (black with gold trim, logo and pocket) are now available. Please advise the Secretary of your shirt size and quantity - \$30.00 each

ACTION POINTS FROM 2013 DELEGATES COUNCIL MEETINGS

Number	Action	By	Status
AP DCM 2/13 # 1	Events Register for All Club events. Please notify Secretary to update Club listings		Ongoing 2013
AP DCM 2/13 # 3	Dry Casting Trailer, Storage (preferably under cover) is required for the Dry Casting trailer.		Ongoing
AP DCM 2/13 # 4	Association Asset Register, Anybody holding Association property is asked to notify the Secretary to ensure that it is on the Asset Register. (Still looking for sinker moulds)	John Crompton	Ongoing 2013
AP DCM 3/13 # 1	Materials to be obtained from Community Grants Scheme: Sections and Clubs are asked to notify the secretary in writing of any requirements for items to be purchased under this scheme so that letters of support can accompany any application.	John Crompton	Ongoing 2013

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2013 - 2016

2013

August 5 - 22	AAA 33 rd National Angling Championships & Convention, Caloundra, Qld
October	State Dry Casting Sunday 27 th October 2013, Yokine East Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue Yokine
November	State Estuary Event –Swan River 23-24 November 2013 Swan and Canning Rivers Boundaries Upstream of the Fremantle Traffic Bridge Saturday, 23 November 2013, 11.00am Briefing with 1.00pm Start Sunday, 24 November 2013, 11am Weigh- In

2014

March 22 2014	State Boat Angling Championships – Location Hillarys Marina hosted by the Hillarys Yacht Club
May 2014	State Rock and Beach Event – Cape to Cape Boundaries - Augusta River Mouth to Busselton Jetty South Briefing 11am Saturday, 17 May - Lines Down 1.00pm Weigh In 12.00pm Sunday, 18 May 2014
September 2014	State Rock and Beach Event - Port Gregory Boundaries – Kalbarri River Mouth to Bows River Mouth Briefing 11.00am Saturday, 27 Sept – Lines Down 1.00 pm Weigh In 1.00pm Sunday, 28 September 2014
October 2014	State Dry Casting, Sunday 26 th October 2014

2015

March 2014	State Boat Championships, hosted by Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club at Ocean Reef
October 2014	State Dry Casting Sunday 25 th October 2015
November 2014	State Estuary Event 29 – 30 November 2015 – Cockburn Sound. Swan and Canning Rivers

2016

March 2016	2016 State Rock and Beach, Cheynes Beach.
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**EVENTS REGISTER 2013
AAA (WA DIVISION) INC**

CLUB	EVENT & DATE
Surf Casting & Angling Club Of WA Monthly Dry Casting Competition	First Sunday of the month i.e. 4 Aug, 8 Sep, 6 Oct, 3 Nov & 1 Dec
Kalbarri Offshore & Angling Club	Kalbarri Sports Fishing Classic 28th Feb, 1st and 2nd March 2014
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Events can be added to this Calender by contacting the Secretary:
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Addendum to Minutes of July Delegates Council Meeting Prepared By Terry Fuller

BEWARE - NEW TIER OF SUMMARY FISHING OFFENCES

New regulations which came into force in June have created a new tier of infringement fines to more effectively deal with mid-range offences without the need to take a matter to court, if the offender accepted the fine.

See Fisheries media release <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/About-Us/Media-releases/Pages/New-fish-trafficking-offence-and-new-tier-of-infringements.aspx> and Fish Resources Management Act Regulations http://www.slp.wa.gov.au/legislation/statutes.nsf/main_mrtitle_1458_homepage.html

The new, second tier of penalties will kick in when more than double the bag or possession limit is detected, **or where the number of totally protected fish exceeds the bag limit.**

People, who receive the new infringements, ranging between \$200 and \$1,000, still have the option of taking their matter to court if they choose to.

What does this mean for ordinary recreational fishers? Well of course, **nothing** if they comply with all bag, size and possession limits. All undersized fish, some species and some large fish are totally protected. See the Recreational Fishing Guide.

But what about people who may mis-identify fish? Well the sting is in the words ***in bold italics*** above.

Imagine, as could have happened on a recent Club field day. Small Australian salmon the size of herring, 200 to 250mm, are around in good numbers, (they were), and someone catches 5 salmon mixed with some genuine herring, easy to do. He confuses the small salmon with herring which have no minimum size, easy to do by inexperienced fishers, thinks he is well within the bag limit for herring (up to 30 if he has no other fish). But now he has more than the bag limit of 4 (sized) Australian salmon, and they are undersized and thus are totally protected since the minimum size for Australian salmon is 300mm, and the words ***in bold italics*** above will apply.

Imagine, as has been seen at AAWA weigh ins. Small pink snapper are around in good numbers, as they are in many areas. Someone catches some snapper, mistakes them for tarwhine, not hard to do by inexperienced fishers. Tarwhine have a minimum size of 250mm, and he makes sure the fish are larger than that, but the fish he caught are undersized pink snapper and thus are totally protected since the minimum size for pink snapper is 500mm south of Lancelin and generally 410mm elsewhere. If he has 3 of these, the words ***in bold italics*** above will apply, since the bag limit on the West Coast is only 2 (sized) pink snapper.

You may say "it is up to people to correctly identify the fish" but many new fishers find this hard and get it wrong.

See <http://www.surfcaster.iinet.net.au/FishingForHerring.htm> "Fishing for herring from the shore" on the Surfcasters' web site for how to identify and distinguish between juvenile Australian salmon and herring.

For other species, see the various fish identification guides on the Department of Fisheries website <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/Fishing-and-Aquaculture/Recreational-Fishing/Recreational-Fishing-Rules/Pages/default.aspx>

Fish trafficking. Also new are regulations covering serious offences. Ten times the bag limit of priority fish species or 100 kilograms of finfish fillets have been set as limits deemed to be a "commercial quantity" that would trigger a charge of fish trafficking for any person not authorised to be in possession of such a large amount of fish. This offence would attract a fine of up to \$400,000 for an individual or \$800,000 for a body corporate and/or up to four years imprisonment.

This will give Fisheries and Marine Officers (FMOs) another effective way of cracking down on black market fish trading in the State and it won't require proof of a sale. The priority species include Roe's, brownlip and greenlip abalone, barramundi, coral trout, WA dhufish, baldchin groper, all rock lobsters and pink snapper. These are the popular, high value, fish species that are most likely to be involved in cases where individuals are in possession of very large quantities.

Article prepared by Terry Fuller.