



**AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION, (WA DIVISION) INC.  
DELEGATES' MEETING**  
Held at Sports Association WA,  
Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 7.30 pm

**MINUTES**

**1. OPEN MEETING**

John Curtis opened the meeting and welcomed delegates.

**2. PRESENT**

James Strong, Patron  
Terry Fuller, SCAC  
George Holman, SCAC  
Kevin Murphy, MAAC  
Pat McKeown, Northampton  
Joe Horvath, OSAC Perth Beach Branch

Martin Humbert, OSAC Mount Barker Branch  
Peter Osborne, ORSSC  
Richard Siudak, Independent Delegate  
John Curtis, President  
Diane McDonough, President/Secretary

**3. APOLOGIES**

Pat Shinnick, Paul Longo, Marcia Pekaar, Peter Pekaar, John Crompton, Paul Frzop, Malcolm Cruickshank, Don Cox, Russell Bunce

**4. VISITORS**

Nil

**5. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES**

Nil

**6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

**7. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS FROM MINUTES**

Nil.

**8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

George Holman commented on the professional presentation by Recfishwest at the last meeting.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**INWARDS (BY MAIL)**

Dept Environment & Conservation	Perup Management Plan 72 2012
Town of Cambridge	Invitation to Public Meeting - Beach User Forum
Dept Environment & Conservation	Shark Bay Terrestrial Reserves and Proposed Reserve Additions Management Plan
Hillarys Yacht Club	Compass June 2012
AAA	AGM Agenda / Federal Executive Agenda

## OUTWARDS (BY MAIL)

All clubs	Minutes & Agendas
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## INWARDS (BY EMAIL)

	From	Subject	Received
	Marcia Pekaar	Apologies for Peter & Marcia Pekaar	19/06/2012 1:31 ...
	John Curtis	Re: Fw: Shooters and Fishers Party WA	19/06/2012 11:1...
	L Bircahall	Fish Tales	19/06/2012 10:0...
	Paul Longo	FW: Shooters and Fishers Party WA	19/06/2012 8:17 ...
	Terry Fuller	Payment for dry casting ropes and winding reel for Surf Casting and Anglin...	18/06/2012 3:43 ...
	Pete Fletcher	Record fish	18/06/2012 8:31 ...
	Pat Shinnick	RE: AAAWA DELEGATES MEETING 19TH JUNE 2012	18/06/2012 5:38 ...
	AAAWA	AAAWA DELEGATES MEETING 19TH JUNE 2012	17/06/2012 10:2...
	John Curtis	Re: Accommodation for AAA National Meetings	16/06/2012 6:04 ...
	Recfishwest communi...	Recfishwest disappointed with Commonwealth Marine Park	15/06/2012 3:56 ...
	Marine Reserves	Announcement of the Final Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Prop...	14/06/2012 8:22 ...
	John Curtis	Fwd: Accommodation for AAA National Meetings	12/06/2012 4:52 ...
	Qafca	Re: Vale Pat Wade	12/06/2012 7:16 ...
	Robert Smith B.M.	Vale Mrs Patricia Wade	10/06/2012 7:59 ...
	Qafca	AAA AGM Accommodation	8/06/2012 6:54 A...
	AAAWA	BEACH AND AQUATIC USE AT FLOREAT AND CITY BEACHES	5/06/2012 12:18 ...
	John Curtis	Re: MAIL ITEM	5/06/2012 10:44 ...
	John Curtis	Association trailer and Airfares & Accom for Nationals	1/06/2012 5:05 P...
	John Curtis	Re: Fw: insurance	30/05/2012 3:06 ...
	richard lee	insurance	29/05/2012 5:02 ...
	John Curtis	Re Public Liability Insurance	25/05/2012 9:38 ...
	Terry Fuller	Recfishwest's presentation to AAAWA, May minutes are on the AAAWA we...	25/05/2012 8:21 ...
	shazzamatazz@virginb...	Re: MINUTES OF AAAWA DELEGATES MEETING 15TH MAY 2012	24/05/2012 8:59 ...
	John Curtis	Fwd: RE: MINUTES OF AAAWA DELEGATES MEETING 15TH MAY 2012	24/05/2012 3:54 ...
	Andrew Rowland	RE: MINUTES OF AAAWA DELEGATES MEETING 15TH MAY 2012	24/05/2012 12:1...
	AAAWA	MINUTES OF AAAWA DELEGATES MEETING 15TH MAY 2012	24/05/2012 10:1...
	John Curtis	Minutes of May Meeting	23/05/2012 12:1...
	John Curtis	Letter re Insurance to Perth Offshore Boat Angling Club	23/05/2012 10:4...
	Ocean Reef Sea Sports ...	RE: ORSSC Delegate	23/05/2012 10:1...
	John Curtis	Letter from Perth Offshore Boating Club re Insurance	22/05/2012 10:1...
	Ocean Reef Sea Sports ...	ORSSC Delegate	22/05/2012 12:2...
	Medianet Operations	New Web Resources Boost WA Marine Environment Education	22/05/2012 12:0...
	L Bircahall	June Fish Tales	21/05/2012 3:34 ...
	John Curtis	Presentation to AAA (WA Division) Inc last Tuesday	18/05/2012 4:55 ...
	Terry Fuller	Re: PRESENTATION BY RECFISHWEST at May Delegates meeting	18/05/2012 1:49 ...
	Terry Fuller	Re: Website link to AAAWA SUBMISSION to FMP 252 as requested	18/05/2012 1:45 ...
	John Curtis	Agenda Items for 2012 AAA National AGM and Federal Executive Meeting	18/05/2012 11:5...
	John Curtis	Re: ORSSC DELEGATE	17/05/2012 9:25 ...
	AAAWA	MEMBER PROTECTION INFORMATION OFFICERS COURSE - DEPARTMENT ...	17/05/2012 5:11 ...
	John Curtis	Fwd: MPIO Course - 6 June	17/05/2012 4:16 ...
	John Curtis	Re: Delegates Meeting 15/5/2012	16/05/2012 3:51 ...

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	To	Subject	Sent
	John Curtis	Re: Accommodation for AAA National Meetings	16/06/2012 5:48 PM
	Curtis, John	Fw: Announcement of the Final Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network Proposal [SEC=UN...	14/06/2012 5:13 PM
		BEACH AND AQUATIC USE AT FLOREAT AND CITY BEACHES	5/06/2012 12:17 PM
	Curtis, John	MAIL ITEM	5/06/2012 9:19 AM
	John Curtis	Re: Association trailer and Airfares & Accom for Nationals	3/06/2012 9:59 AM
	John Curtis	Re: Fw: insurance	30/05/2012 9:09 PM
	John Curtis	Fw: insurance	30/05/2012 1:02 PM
	Fuller, Terry	MAY MINUTES FOR WEBSITE	25/05/2012 7:18 AM
	John Curtis	LIABILITY INSURANCE	25/05/2012 7:15 AM
	Fuller, Terry	Recfishwest's presentation to AAAWA	24/05/2012 5:44 PM
	John Curtis	Re: RE: MINUTES OF AAAWA DELEGATES MEETING 15TH MAY 2012	24/05/2012 5:42 PM
	John Curtis	Re: Minutes of May Meeting	23/05/2012 1:57 PM
	orssc@bigpond.com	Re: ORSSC Delegate	23/05/2012 12:02 PM
	John Curtis	Re: Letter from Perth Offshore Boating Club re Insurance	23/05/2012 7:23 AM
	John Curtis	Re: Delegates Meeting 15/5/2012	22/05/2012 5:30 PM
	Curtis, John	MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING MAY 2012	22/05/2012 5:27 PM
	orssc@bigpond.com	Re: ORSSC Delegate	22/05/2012 3:53 PM
	Andrew Rowland	Re: Presentation to AAA (WA Division) Inc last Tuesday	21/05/2012 4:10 PM
	Fuller, Terry	AAAWA SUBMISSION	18/05/2012 1:24 PM
	Fuller, Terry	PRESENTATION BY RECFISHWEST	18/05/2012 12:50 PM
	Recfishwest	CALENDAR OF EVENTS AS REQUESTED	18/05/2012 12:47 PM
	Curtis, John	SWAN YACHT CLUB	18/05/2012 8:40 AM
	John Curtis	Re: ORSSC DELEGATE	17/05/2012 10:15 PM
		MEMBER PROTECTION INFORMATION OFFICERS COURSE - DEPARTMENT OF SPORT AND RE...	17/05/2012 5:11 PM

## BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

- Regarding the notice from the Town of Cambridge, John Curtis commented that clubs who fish from the beaches within the Town of Cambridge need to be proactive with respect to groyne use, fishing and surfing.
- Pat Wade, National Federal Treasurer of AAA passed away recently. A condolence message to be sent c/- the NSW Division.

It was moved by James Strong and seconded by Richard Siudak that the correspondence inwards and outwards via mail and email be accepted. Motion carried.

### 10. TREASURERS REPORT

General Account Balance \$19558.70                      Carnival Account Balance \$807.90  
Income for June 2012

PL & SW Wessels	Registration fees State Rock & Beach	185.00
S M Wignell	Registration fees State Rock & Beach	25.00
Geraldton Angling Club	Registration fees State Rock & Beach	205.00
Surf Casters AC	Sale of rope from new trailer surplus to AAAWA requirements	50.00
TOTAL		\$465.00

#### Accounts for June 2012

Telstra	Telephone account	41.40
G Holman	Trailer expenses (Cable & D Shackles, 3 tyres, 2 tubes)	325.58
Diane McDonough	Secretariat	500.00
AAA	Affiliation Fee 2012/2013	50.00
J Curtis / G Holman	Reimbursement of airfares & accom for Mid Term Meeting Qld	1562.42
TOTAL		\$2479.40

With respect to the reimbursement paid to J Curtis / G Holman, John Curtis advised that fare equalisation no longer applies for delegates' expenses to attend interstate Mid Term meetings. Therefore WA's travel costs will rise considerably. John also advised that he will be using a private car whilst in Queensland at no cost to AAAWA, although there may be an expense claimed for fuel.

It was moved by Joe Horvath and seconded by Rickard Siudak that the Treasurer's report be accepted and the accounts passed for payment. Motion carried.

### 11. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

#### President's Report

No report

#### Estuary, Rock and Beach Report

No report

#### Boating Report

- Pat Shinnick provided a report via email that rules and species lists are being set up for the next boating event.
- The next State Boat Championships will be held 6<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at Mindarie Marina and Hosted by the Quinns Rocks Fishing Club. John suggested that he as AAAWA president would like to attend the next organising committee meeting.

#### Dry Casting Report

- George Holman is still trying to secure a suitable ground to hold the Dry Casting event and is having conversations with Parks & Gardens at the City of Stirling to secure a half ground, if available.
- All equipment is ready to go for the last Sunday in October.
- Nomination forms will be available in mid July

- Richard Siudak suggested that George consider the Sportsman's Association oval (Mt Lawley) and George will look into this.
- The new trailer has been sorted out
- Left over reels of rope and accuracy cones are available for purchase
- The new trailer will be painted gold and black

Discussion followed about the disposal of the old trailer.

**Peter Osborne moved that the trailer be sold "as is" as an unregistered trailer. Seconded by Richard Siudak. Motion carried.**

**It was further moved by Terry Fuller, seconded by Peter Osborne that the selling cost be \$400 o.n.o. Motion carried.**

- Digital photos to be taken of the trailer and forwarded to the secretary, who will place the trailer on "Gumtree" for sale
- George thanked everyone who had assisted with the preparation of the new trailer.

**It was moved by Terry Fuller and seconded by Pat McKeown that AAAWA delegates accept an offer of \$50.00 from Surfcasters for a quantity of surplus rope left over from the Victorian trailer. Motion carried.**

George has telephoned Graham McPherson, the president of the Victorian Club who offered the trailer, to thank him.

## Recfishwest report for AAAWA Delegates Meeting 19 June 2012



### Commonwealth Marine Parks

After some years under consideration, the final boundaries for Commonwealth Marine Parks have been announced. These start in Commonwealth waters at 3 nautical miles so do not affect shore based fishing.

Remember, the areas which affect fishing are the sanctuary (no fishing, no take, green coloured) zones. There is usually no impact on recreational fishing in the remainder of the zones or areas outside the Marine reserves which is the great majority of the area accessible to most recreational fishers.

Details for the Final South-west Commonwealth Marine Reserves Network are in

<http://www.environment.gov.au/coasts/mbp/reserves/sw-region.html> and Final North-west

<http://www.environment.gov.au/coasts/mbp/reserves/nw-region.html> These show the locations of the various zones with coordinates.

<http://www.environment.gov.au/coasts/mbp/reserves/pubs/sw-zoning-scheme.pdf> is an overview of the proposed zoning scheme for the Marine Reserves Network proposal, and shows what's allowed and what's prohibited in the different coloured zones.

Most articles and media statements are misleading, inaccurate, alarmist, mischievous, or aimed at stirring up people. Sure there are suspect political reasons for some decisions, and some are not supported by sound science aimed at the real threats, however talking of "vast areas locked away from recreational fishermen" is simply wrong and alarmist.

There's little more time wasting than lobbying or arguing "*don't do xxxxx*" when there are no plans to do that xxxxx. or saying "*you should allow yyyyy*", when in fact it is already allowed. People who raise concerns based on inaccurate or misleading information don't get a hearing, and this will backfire on the source of that misleading information. If there is a good case, then it does not need to be exaggerated.

### State-wide management proposals for recreational fishing

Recfishwest received about 980 submissions on the Fisheries Management Paper (FMP) covering the Department of Fisheries' proposals for recreational fishing throughout WA. This number is many times what has been received on other calls from Dept of Fisheries for public comments.

There was a clear rejection of the proposals for changes to possession limits, and significant opposition to proposed changes to some changes to bag limits and grouping or placing of some species.

RFW is preparing a summary and will be proposing some alternatives using the opinions received.

## **RFW Board structure and communications with Associations**

RFW executives gave an important presentation at the May AAAWA Delegates' meeting on 15 May. The RFW Board will change, with a reduced number of Board people and emphasis on the special skills required to deal with the high level strategic matters, while the employed RFW staff will handle the operational matters.

Changes to the RFW Constitution are being drafted for presentation to Associations and approval at a Special General Meeting, with aim of elections at an Annual General Meeting in September.

The Associations such as AAAWA will no longer be able to nominate people to be elected as Association Board members of Recfishwest. However as members of Recfishwest, they still will be able to nominate and vote for individuals to be Board members. Interactions with Associations will probably be by a special "Reference Group" in addition to the normal public interactions with recreational fishers.

I am the current AAAWA Board member of Recfishwest. I advise the Delegates that I do not intend to nominate for a position on the new RFW Board in 2012.

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](mailto:terryfuller@inet.net.au) with any questions or comments.

### **Business Arising from RFW Report**

- Terry advised that RFW have drafted a response to the Fisheries Management Paper and it is with the board for consideration.
- Discussion followed the nomination of future RFW board members, some of whom will be appointed and some of whom will be elected, with the expectation that those nominated will have specialist skills to contribute to the board.
- John Curtis expressed some concern that associations such as AAAWA would have a reduced say on RFW matters and AAAWA will need to be proactive in this matter.
- John thanked Terry for his contribution as a board member of RFW.

### **Recording Officer Report**

- John Curtis referred to a recent application for an 8 kg spangled emperor. When John contacted the applicant, he admitted that the weighing scales used could not be verified and John has not heard back from him yet. As per record application rules, the application will lapse after 90 days.
- John received an enquiry from Peter Landsbury regarding a record application for a Carp caught 11 years ago in Victoria. John will reply to Mr Landsbury explaining that a 90 day limitation applies to record applications. (The application must be received by the recorder within 90 days of capture, however the recorder has the right to extend this period under extenuating circumstances)

### **Competitions Officer Report**

No report

## **12. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Shooters and Fishers Party**

Paul Longo (Perth Offshore Boating Club) sent an email regarding the Shooters Party and suggested this be placed on the agenda for discussion. John Curtis' commented as follows:

- AAAWA is an apolitical organisation and does not align itself with any political party
- AAAWA strives to work with the government of the day

### **Gang Hooks**

Discussion took place about ganged or snell hooks:

- There is no definition or documentation to refer to
- Many challenges have been about gang hooks in fishing competitions
- One definition is that you can have many hooks as long as its only one bait
- Gang hooks are not defined in the Fish Resources Management Act Regulations
- Associations such as AAAWA can draw up its own regulations provide they are within the scope of the fisheries rules
- When a senior fisheries officer was consulted recently, he admitted it was only "his interpretation", which is not acceptable

- John Curtis suggested that a subgroup be formed to prepare a document for submission to the Minister, requesting a clear definition, with a copy sent to Fisheries and Recfishwest.
- The letter will be drafted, distributed to delegates and then finalised.
- John Curtis, Terry Fuller and Peter Osborne will form the subcommittee and report back to the next AAawa delegates meeting.

### Surfcasters Anniversary

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Surfcasters.

### 13. CLOSE MEETING 9.00

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm. The next Delegates meeting will be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

### AAAWA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012-2015

2012	
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AAawa AGM Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2012</li> <li>• AAA National Convention mid-term meeting at Caloundra in Queensland</li> </ul>
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Dry Casting Championships - Yokine Reserve Yokine - 28<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Estuary Event – Swan / Cockburn Sound Saturday/Sunday 24/25 November 2012 (TBC)</li> </ul>
2013	
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Boating Championships 6<sup>th</sup> April 2013 to be held at Mindarie and hosted by the Quinn's Rock Fishing Club</li> </ul>
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Rock &amp; Beach Championships– S Bend (long weekend) Saturday/Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> /2<sup>nd</sup> June 2013 (TBC)</li> </ul>
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AAA 33<sup>rd</sup> National Angling Championships &amp; Convention Sunshine Coast, Qld</li> </ul>
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Dry Casting Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2013</li> </ul>
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Estuary Event – Blackwood River Augusta</li> </ul>
2014	
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Boats Championships – TBA</li> </ul>
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Rock and Beach Event – Cape to Cape</li> </ul>
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Dry Casting, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2014</li> </ul>
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Estuary Event – Walpole</li> </ul>
2015	
March *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Boat Championships, hosted by Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club at Ocean Reef - long weekend</li> </ul>
March *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Rock and Beach event – Cheynes Beach – long weekend</li> </ul>
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Dry Casting Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015</li> </ul>

**\* 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:** Australian Anglers' Association (WA Division) Inc PO Box 2200 Marmion WA 6020. Tel: 9403 7383 Email [aaawa@iinet.net.au](mailto:aaawa@iinet.net.au)