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## AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION, (WA DIVISION) INC. MINUTES OF MARCH DELEGATES' COUNCIL MEETING

Held at Sportsmen's Association of Australia Inc W A Division,  
Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley  
Tuesday 19 March 2013

### 1. OPEN MEETING

The President welcomed all members and guests including the Minister for Fisheries Mr Norman Moore; Dr Andrew Rowland, CEO Recfishwest; Special Guest Trevor Whittington, the Minister's Chief of Staff; Delegates and Members and declared the meeting opened at 7:40pm.

**Moved Mark Hansen, Seconded George Holman, "That Standing Orders be suspended to enable a presentation to be made to Mr Norman Moore, Minister of Fisheries." Carried.**

President John Curtis addressed the meeting and a transcript of that is included for all clubs that were not able to be present at the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to recognise Mr Norman Moore and his efforts for and on behalf of the recreational anglers of Western Australia, during his time as Minister of Fisheries.

Mr. Moore became the Minister for Fisheries following the 2008 election. As a result of his efforts, during his time in office, there have been many positive outcomes for recreational fishing. After a period of 36 years in politics, Mr Moore has decided to retire.

Over the past thirty years we have had many Ministers for Fisheries and some have just not "produced the goods". Others have done a lot for recreational fishing during their tenure. Thankfully in Mr. Moore we have had a Minister that "has produced the goods" and has really supported recreational fishing.

The future for recreational fishing in Western Australia now looks to be very positive, due to the groundwork put in during the last 4 years. As recreational anglers, we have had our opportunities to have our say and have had input into many items including planning items such as the Fisheries Management Plan 252, "*The Resource Based Management Approach For Recreational Fishing*"

That review attracted one of the best responses ever to a management plan proposal for recreational fishing in WA. Over 900 anglers responded and the results, collated by Recfishwest, resulted in new rules which came into effect in February 2013 as the simplified recreational fishing rules.

Other items that the Minister has been directly involved in during his time in office have been;

- Recreational Fishing License money has been reinvested into recreational initiatives. Some of these have included a paradigm shift in thinking by managers with active support for research.

As a result of that, the government allocated \$2.4 million funding for research into artificial reefs. It is pleasing to report that the first segment of the reef was installed this morning in Geography Bay. I received an email earlier today with pictures of the event, and it commented "1st one down - 59 to go". There are others to be installed



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off Bunbury and in the long term throughout the state. Also there are some to be installed in the North West.

- We have also received funding for items such as the restocking of species such as Barramundi in locations such as Dampier Creek in Broome. This has been carried out in conjunction with the TAFE in Broome and is the second time that barramundi have been successfully restocked in this location.
- Also approval has been given for the stocking of Lake Kununurra with barramundi upstream of the Diversion Dam. This will really put recreational fishing on the map as previous experience in stocking Lake Awoonga, near Gladstone in Queensland has now started to produce trophy sized fish of over a metre on a regular basis. This will ensure that recreational anglers in W A and tourists to WA will have access to some really great sportfishing in a few years when these fish grow out.
- Another initiative has been the ongoing research associated with the re-stocking of the Blackwood River in the South West with black bream. Research results are now indicating that the restocked fish are starting to breed, a big plus for recreational fishing and tourism.
- Another recreational fishery that was looking in doubt was the recreational fishery for snapper in Shark Bay. This fishery has recently had its bag limit doubled from one to two fish as the depleted stocks are on the way back and now able to be fished. This has been as a result of good management processes, and we have now got the stock being recruited back into the fishery.
- Other visionary concepts that will benefit us as recreational anglers is the proposed restocking of mullet, that is going to occur in the metropolitan and regional areas of Western Australia.
- Other restocking projects include school prawns in the Swan River and there is squid research to be undertaken in Cockburn Sound along with several other areas as well.

One of the biggest pluses from the Minister's time in office has been the recognition of Recfishwest as the peak recreational body. This recognition also provided direct funding of the organization which has now allowed for permanent staff and a variety of projects to be undertaken.

Some months ago I wrote a letter to the Minister and received a stern reply from his office saying please do not write to us, deal directly with Recfishwest. Following this Ministerial recognition, we can communicate with that peak reference body and can request to have action taken on our behalf in areas where we have a concern. It is to be noted that we regularly communicate with Recfishwest.

- Another big plus has been a commitment to re-invest funding from recreational fishing licences into recreational fishing. This means that funding raised from recreational fishing licenses, such as the recreational boat fishing license, is put back directly for our use. Examples of this have been new boat ramps installed and others updated along with many minor projects.
- We also lost a couple of recreational anglers recently when they were washed off rocks in the south and west of the state. A direct election promise from the government if re-elected was a promise of \$300 000 grant over three years for research into recreational fishing and rock fishing safety. One of the sad statistics is that we lose 80 anglers a year in Australia from drowning, by being washed off rocks or wading.

We would also like to thank the Minister for his support for us with regards to Marine Parks and his voice on these matters in Cabinet. He has supported us in the Marine Parks debate on locations such as Camden Sound and the Ngari Marine Park in the southwest.

On behalf of the WA Division of the Australian Anglers Association and Anglers of WA we would like to make a presentation to you, Minister, in recognition of your services to us and the support you gave us over the last 4 years

Mr Moore was presented with a pair of binoculars by the Association.

### **Mr. N. Moore's Response:**

Thank you John, ladies and gentlemen, thank you very much for your generous comments. I was flattered. Usually, when you are a politician you do not get much credit for anything. John listed out what we have done and I was delighted to hear that. I made a list of all the

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things we had done during my time in office, and John just went through them for me. That has saved me 40 minutes.

There are just a couple of things I would like to emphasise. When I became Minister, I was presented with a problem in respect to the demersal scale fish fishery. The previous government had talked about a 6 month closure, and they had already closed down or halved the commercial catch. There was a problem with sustainability about the demersal fish fishery, so we had to do something about it.

We did have a dispute for a while, but at the end of the day, we came back with a sensible outcome. This included the Recreational Boat Fishing Licence (RBFL), a 2 month closure and a reduced bag limit.

This was intended to give those particular species under threat a break and we were able to achieve that. The recreational catch was down by half off the West Coast, and that was what we had hoped to achieve. Hopefully it will mean the stock can breed up again and there might be a further relaxing of those rules down the track.

As you mentioned, in Shark Bay there have been controls in place for quite a number of years and the stock has replenished. The snapper bag limit has been doubled from 1 to 2 fish, but there are still parts of Shark Bay that have not yet recovered and are still under a closed season.

As a Minister, it is not helpful when you have 40 different organisations, giving 40 different bits of advice, and then giving it to the Minister to sort it out. I had all of the Recreational Fisheries Advisory Committees (RFAC's), from all around the State, coming to see me, spending money to give me their point of view, much of which was in conflict with everyone else.

We took the view that in respect of the recreational fishing industry, what I wanted was a peak body for both the commercial and the recreational sector. We knew that Recfishwest was the organisation for the recreational fishing sector and they were recognised as the peak body. It was their job to represent the recreational anglers around the State and we will listen to you. As a result of that we were able to direct funds into Recfishwest, giving certainty of revenue and that means you can set up a body and staff in an office and deal with issues.

As a result of that we have a few projects in hand, like the restocking. What interests me is the restocking of prawns in the Swan River. We are breeding millions of prawns spawning which will be restocked into recreational fishing locations.

The Fishing Regulations review had around 80 changes recommended. Recfishwest did the consultations and collations for us, and the outcome was pretty good.

With the artificial reefs, the Fisheries Department did a lot of work on that. Not only for the reefs to be fish aggregation devices, but also a fish breeding device. We sent people off to Taiwan and Korea and obtained some good ideas. South Korea's devices not only attract fish but helps them to breed.

We have two of those in situ now, one in Geography Bay and one in Bunbury. Each reef section is a 3 metre cube, with 30 sections to a reef. A lot of work is being done on the Kimberley and Pilbara Coasts, where the resource companies, particularly Chevron at their Onslow facility are aware that their activities are impacting on the local fishing Industry. It is only a temporary impact and they will sit down with us to help put down more reefs. We have developed a very good relationship with Chevron, and they will work with us for a good outcome all around.

With regards to marine parks, I do not mind if there are marine parks or national parks, if they are there for scientific purposes and are to protect some particular part of the Ocean. But to simply say that 30% of the ocean has got to be a sanctuary zone is ludicrous. The 'green' groups are going around trying to convince governments to set aside 30% of the ocean as sanctuary zones. It makes no sense. I will agree 100%, if that is needed to protect the environment, but at this stage, it is unnecessary.

I fought against some government agencies and green groups, who want to have these locked up areas of marine parks where you cannot go. Not only recreational anglers, but commercial as well. Some of what we achieved was different zones where you can do different things, and where you are not excluded from fishing all together.

However I am worried. The Federally controlled oceans are far bigger in area than the State controlled oceans. State waters are out to 3 nautical miles off the coast, basically right around the State. Beyond that, out to 200 nautical miles, are federally controlled Commonwealth waters.

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You all have seen the proposed marine parks the Commonwealth is going to impose upon us, for no reason other than to support the Greens and environmental groups who have this silly idea to try stop people going fishing in the Ocean. Now one of the worries I have about all this is that the pressure from these groups will continue to happen and they are not going to be satisfied with what you have now. They will continue to want more and more of the ocean, and less and less of you. They think that shooters, farmers and recreational anglers are doing the wrong thing, and so you are going to have this battle for a very long time.

What worried me in recent times was that the green groups and the Federal Government played the recreational sector off against the commercial sector of fishing. That was over the issue of the super trawler. They got the recreational anglers to come and say you have to get rid of the super trawler because it will destroy our fisheries. The recreational anglers came out in support of the government, against the commercial sector.

If you had a good hard look at the super trawler debate, it was not going to do any damage at all. It was going to fish in a quota fishery, and would not exceed the quota. It was a far more efficient way to catch fish, for a better product at the end of the day. It would have been a good thing, but the Federal government got rid of it. So now we no longer have one ship, we now have half a dozen, doing a lesser job and producing a lesser product.

The point I am trying to make is that the Federal government can use recreational anglers as a part of their argument against the commercial sector, and that is where they will play you, one against another. I keep saying this to people. You have got to work together because it is a common enemy. Once they get rid of the commercial sector, as they want to do, you will be next.

The 'greenies' do not want anybody fishing. They will say that you all are not so bad, but they are not good either. Once they get rid of the commercial sector, they will say "we now need to get rid of the recreational anglers". That is why Recfishwest needs to work on this in a broader sense. This is a political issue and it is not going to go away. The 'greenies' do not want anybody fishing, and it is going to get worse as time goes on and more difficult for you to go into areas in the ocean to fish.

I just say to you, do not get sucked into going against the commercials - that won't work. You both want sustainable fisheries where you can catch your own. Lots of people can't catch their own fish, that's where they rely on the commercial sector to provide their fish. I just heard the other day that if you buy your fish from overseas, one in 25 fillets will contain some antibiotics that are not good for you. They are coming from aquaculture operations in South East Asian commercial farms, where we have no control.

We need to make sure Australian people can eat Australian fish and of better quality and from well managed and looked after fisheries. We will make sure as a government, that we manage the fisheries properly. I think the West Australian Fisheries Department does a good job and at a national level AFTMA also does a good job at the Federal Level.

We just have to accept the fact that sometimes you may not agree with the science and allow Fisheries to manage and the sustain the sector. If that happens, we can all deal with the commercial industry and the great recreational sector. Thank You.

**Andrew Rowland, CEO Recfishwest**, then addressed the meeting:

Recfishwest has come a very long way in the last 4 years, under leadership and vision of the Minister. We still have a lot of challenges in front of us and we are in the best position that we have ever been, to make sure we are ensuring that the pastime that we all love, is looked after and enhanced, and we can continue to go fishing in this great State of ours for many years to come.

We are very grateful, at Recfishwest, for the support of Norman Moore and also Trevor Whittington his Chief of Staff, who sometime works in the shadows, but he has been very supportive. Also as a team they have been a very good asset to recreational fishing over the last four years.

From the Recfishwest perspective, we are here as a 'not for profit' organization. We are here to improve recreational fishing and making the best for the recreational community. Our doors are always open, phones always there. John Curtis made some comments on the restocking programs being run at Fremantle TAFE and the aquaculture facilities there. We have now got four or five species breeding in that area to do some restocking around the state.

You are all welcome to come down there and we can arrange a tour for anybody who would like to go through there. Greg Jenkins the laboratory manager does some of the best work in the world in that space. It is very interesting to see mulloway and barramundi being bred.

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Recfishwest is happy to organize a tour of that facility and anything else that you guys want.

I am looking forward for another good 4 years, and with some solid commitments that came from the Liberal Party going into the elections, including some that have already been covered, I think we are in a very good position for the next four years. Thanks to you guys for all your support and thanks to Norman Moore for all his generous support in the last four years.

Following the presentation the meeting briefly adjourned for refreshments. The Minister, Mr Norman Moore then left and the meeting resumed.

**A motion was moved by George Holman, seconded by Don Cox, "That Standing Orders be resumed". Carried.**

The March Delegates Council Meeting commenced at 8.30 pm. The President thanked all visitors for their attendance, and invited them to remain if they wished.

### 2. PRESENT

Don Cox, Melville	Russell Bunce, F A A C
Peter Osborne, ORSSC	Mark Hansen, Beachcombers
Pat Shinnick, LAAC	Pat McKeown, proxy Northampton
Kevin Murphy, MAAC	George Holman, SCAC
Joe Horvath, OSAC Beach	Paul Longo, POBAC
Terry Fuller, SCAC	Jim Strong, Patron
Malcolm Cruickshank OSAC SC	Paul Frzop H Y C
Jason Pember, F A A C	John Curtis, President
Richard Suidak, Independent Delegate & Treasurer	
John Crompton, Proxy Esperance Surfcasters, & Secretary	

### 3. APOLOGIES

Peter Pekaar, proxy Geraldton  
Martin Humbert, proxy OSAC Mt Barker

### 4. VISITORS

Henry Boogaard, QRFC	Ian Cook, Beachcombers
Gamini Jayaweera, QRFC	Wendy Hansen, Beachcombers
Victor Schilo, SCAC	Wilf Core, Melville,
Andrew Rowland, Recfishwest	Dean Stewart, SCAC
Trevor Whittington, Minister's Chief of Staff.	

### 5. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES

Nil.

### 6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 19 February 2013

**Moved...Joe Horvath: Seconded Jim Strong. "That the minutes as tabled be accepted as a true and accurate record." Carried.**

### 7. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS FROM MINUTES

Nil

### 8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

In an attachment to the previous minutes at the back, is a letter from Ian Stagles. Ian is looking for assistance in catching mulloway and if you or club members would like to be involved in mulloway research, he is looking for people who can catch mulloway.

A research map was included in the minutes and Ian is looking for 30 fin clips from each zone.

There was also a letter from Karma Kriya Saraswati, with regards to the North Beach Jetty

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The Rally has been altered and a shorter route chosen as the previous route was considered too lengthy. Mettam's Car park is now the starting point at 10.30am, situated slightly south of Hammersly Street and West Coast H/Way Junction.

It is an estimated 10-15 minute walk to the jetty site where we will all gather and hear key speakers (local member, RecFishwest and a community representative) speak of the non-existence of safe fishing, recreational platforms in the northern suburbs as per attachment

### 9. CORRESPONDENCE

#### 9.1 INWARDS (BY MAIL)

Number	From	Subject	Action
29-Jan-13	Trevor Collins	Application for Record Fish Capture	Passed to Richard Suidak
12-Feb-13	Telstra Account	Club Telephone	\$ 5.72 – Treasurer
13-Feb-13	Australia Post	PO Box Account	\$ 237.00
14-Feb-13	The West Australian	Bereavement Notice Receipt	Paid
05-Mar-13	Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club	Digital Scales request funding support from AAAWA	Passed to John Curtis
06-Mar-13	Drifters Deep S A C	Club Membership update	Filed
07-Mar-13	Westpac	General Acc.1 Feb-1 Mar	Richard Siudak
07-Mar-13	Westpac	Carnival Acc.1 Feb-1 Mar	Richard Siudak
15-Mar-13	Hillarys Yacht Club	March Issue Compass Mag	

#### 9.2 OUTWARDS (BY MAIL)

Number	To	Subject
26-Feb-13	To All Affiliated Clubs	Minutes Of Delegates Council Meeting 19 Feb 2013
25-Feb-13	Ian Stagles WAFF, Snapper Project	Letter of support for the WAFF in its snapper research project.
25-Feb-13	Magic Nissan	Letter of thanks for the trophies for State Dry Casting Championships October 2012
25-Feb-13	Cockburn Power Boat Storage	Letter of thanks for assistance and use of facilities for the State Estuary Championships.
07-Mar-13	To All Affiliated Clubs	March Information Letter to All Clubs
07-Mar-13	All Affiliated Clubs	Recfishwest Annual Report.
12-Mar-13	Carnarvon Heritage Group	Letter of support for Federal Government Funding
13-Mar-13	Recfishwest	Mr. Andrew Mathews invitation to Meeting
13-Mar-13	Recfishwest	Dr. Andrew Rowland invitation to Meeting
13-Mar-13	Recfishwest	Mr. Matt Gillett invitation to Meeting
13-Mar-13	Recfishwest	Ms. Ellen Smith invitation to Meeting

#### 9.3 INWARDS (BY EMAIL)

Number	From	Subject
20-Feb-13	Terry Bell	Rules of the Day and Nomination Forms
21-Feb-13	Laurie Birchall	Fish Tales magazine
25-Feb-13	Pat Shinnick	All Boat Logo changed
25-Feb-13	Pat Shinnick	All Boats and Caravans Logo and AAAWA document templates
26-Feb-13	Richard Siudak	Treasures report for February 2013
26-Feb-13	Pat Shinnick	Invoice for Sate Boat Fishing Championship Sponsorship
05-Mar-13	Greg Ross - Magic Nissan	Thank you for your letter of Feb 25 <sup>th</sup> re Magic Nissan Sponsorship.
06-Mar-13	PCOE-News	Final call for registrations for the Risk Management Workshops
06-Mar-13	Karma Kriya	North Beach Jetty Rally on 28th April.

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	Saraswati	
08-Mar-13	Sandy Smith	Kalbarri Sports Fishing Classic Report
11-Mar-13	Maurie Ramsay	Name to be added to AAAWA Mailing List
11-Mar-13	Recfishwest	Recfishwest E-News Edition 12
11-Mar-13	Carmel Langdon	Minutes of the Boating Sub Committee Meeting 12th February 2013
12-Mar-13	linet	Website Account details
13-Mar-13	Carmel Langdon	March minutes of AAA Boating Sub Committee
18-Mar-13	Wendy Hansen	Beachcombers April 21 dry casting event
18-Mar-13	Karma kriya Saraswati	Rebuild North Beach Jetty Rally- Sun 28th April

**Business Arising From Correspondence:**

The Rebuild North Beach Jetty Rally has been altered and a shorter route chosen as the previous route was considered too lengthy. Mettam's Car park is now the starting point at 10.30am, situated slightly south of Hammersly Street and West Coast H/Way Junction. It is estimated 10-15 minute walks to the jetty site where we will all gather and hear key speakers (local member, Recfishwest and a community representative) speak of the non-existence of safe fishing, recreational platforms in the northern suburbs.

Recfishwest are conducting a free fishing clinic on the beach for kids at 11.15 and they plan to have other events. They ask that we get involved and speak at the Rally as well.

**Moved .Joe Horvath - Seconded Don Cox "That the correspondence inwards be accepted and the outwards endorsed". Motion carried**

**10 TREASURERS REPORT**

General Account Balance as at 19 / 03 / 2013 **\$14, 540.46**

Carnival Account Balance **\$ 810.25**

**Income for February 2013**

Trevor Collins	Application for Record Fish Capture	\$ 20.00
Offshore Beach	Back into revenue	\$100.00
Telstra	Account	\$ 44
Total		\$120.44

**Accounts for payment February 2013**

John Curtis	Tonight expenses and a Gift to the Minister	\$304.90
John Crompton	March Honorarium plus Stationery & Stamps	\$365.72
Terry Fuller	AAAWA Email Account	\$ 25.00
Australia Post	PO Box 2200 Marmion Account	\$ 237.00
John Curtis	Postage	\$ 6.95
Telstra	Account included in Secretary's payment	\$ 5 72
Total		\$ 932.62

**11 BUSINESSES ARISING FROM TREASURERS REPORT**

**Moved .Richard Siudak- Seconded Mark Hansen. "That the Treasurers Report as tabled be accepted as a true and accurate record." Motion carried**

## 12 INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

### President's Report

#### National Convention and Angling Championships

There will be a meeting for all persons interested in attending the National Convention and Angling Championships in Caloundra in August 2013 at the Sportsmen's Association of Australia Inc W A Division, Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of April at 7.30 pm.**,

Anyone interested in attending the Caloundra event is asked to attend.

The meeting will have look at:-

Payment of Nomination Fees for Carnival

Payment for T Shirt for National Participants.

Bookings for Accommodation.

T Shirt Sizes: Still waiting for T-Shirt sizes from some people.

State T Shirts / Dress Shirts for Association use 12 shirts to be ordered

<b>Moved George Holman – Seconded Mark Hansen, “That 20 State Shirts as per sample be ordered.” Motion Carried.</b>
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#### Feedback from Clubs regarding AAA Minutes and Information.

Several members of various clubs have reported that they are not receiving information from the Association. Additional flyers have been attached to the minutes detailing specific items of importance.

Club Delegates are to report to clubs with this information.

#### Duty Statement for AAA Delegates

Due to the above complaints being received, a Duty Statement has been drafted for all Association Delegates. This document details the requirements of an individual that has been appointed as their clubs representative at this Delegates Council Meetings and also on reporting back to their club. This will be discussed at the next Delegates Council Meeting.

#### Town of Cambridge - Restrictions to City Beach and Floreat Groynes:

A recent review of the minutes of the November Council Meeting from the Town of Cambridge indicates that there have been restrictions placed on angling from the groynes and beaches adjacent to the groynes.

The Association along with Recfishwest, S C A C and Offshore (Beach) wrote to the Council requesting dialogue over the proposal to closure the groynes to fishing. The Town of Cambridge did not acknowledge receipt to the letters, nor did it respond detailing the new regulations.

Due to the apathy of clubs and members not responding to the request to write to the Town of Cambridge, another two angling platforms have had access restricted. Surfers wrote 30 letters requesting that angling be banned and a swimmer presented anecdotal evidence that they had been hooked by an angler fishing from the groynes. As a result of this inaction, we have had access to these fishing platforms severely restricted.

#### Angling Restrictions are now in place at City Beach and Floreat groynes

#### Recfishwest Fishing Association Reference Group

Recfishwest has requested that the Association nominate two representatives and two proxies to sit on a Recreational Fishing Association Reference Group (RFARG) Recfishwest is in the process in establishing a reference Group for all fishing clubs and related association members as a key aspect of their consultation and communications. A meeting is to be held in late March or early April.

This association is to appoint the two members of the group and two proxies as soon as practicable. Associations represented are; The Australian Underwater Federation; ANSA (WA Branch) AAA (WA Division), WA Game fishing Association, and the WA Trout & Freshwater Angling Association.



**Estuary, Rock and Beach Report:**

Estuary, Rock & Beach Meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> February basically went through the Association competition calendar and sorted the clashes with the Boating on the long weekend in 2015. Also drew up the calendar for the next three years events. The next competition is on the 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2013 the long weekend and will be held at the S-Bend Caravan Park. Boundaries as set are Carson's Beach which is 15 kms south of Dongara to Coronation Beach Geraldton. Registration time is 11am on Saturday; Briefing at 1130 am; and lines down 1pm. Weigh-In Sunday at 1pm at the S-Bend Caravan Park.

An update is required to the species list to reflect the new rules

**Boating Sub-Committee Report:**

The President commented that the organisation of the State Boat Championships was a credit to Pat Shinnick and his Boating Sub-Committee. The event was exceptionally well run.

There were 58 boats and 160 competitors from 4 clubs. Entered the competition.

Not a lot of fish were caught; unfortunately due to prevailing wind conditions.

Thanks to all who participated and assisted on the day.

**Dry Casting Report:**

All is set up for State Dry Casting the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2013. The Oval will be OK as reticulation work will hopefully be completed by that date. A home is still needed for the AAA Casting Trailer.

**Recording Officer Report**

One application has been received for a State and National Record for a hapuka of 42kgs. This is around 12kg heavier than the current State

**13 SPECIAL BUSINESS & NOTICES OF MOTION**

The following amendments to the Constitution of the Association are moved by John Curtis as State Recorder of the Association.

**Motion 1:**

I hereby move that "Section 76 (d) of the Association constitution be amended to read as follows; (remove wording in red and replace it with the wording in blue.)

**STATE RECORDS**

76. The Association adopts the following system of accepting, recording and approving West Australian Angling Fish Species Records and dry casting. 9/01

(a) There shall be a Records Committee of three Delegates appointed by the Delegates' Council to organize and adjudicate upon all application for State Records, one of these committee members must be the Recorder.

(b) The Recorder shall be elected at the Annual Delegates Council meeting and his duties will be to organize a Records Committee, applications, all forms and record sheets and to enter all accepted records in the State Records Book. He is also to present all applications that he or the Records Committee consider acceptable to the monthly Delegates Council meeting for ratification.

(c) Applicants for State Records must set out their claims on a form approved by the Records Committee and supplied by The Association. All required details must be supplied and applications must be accompanied by a clear photograph, which becomes the property of The Association. An Entry Fee is to be prescribed by the Delegates Council and will be paid by means of cash, cheque, money order or postal note. Record fish must be weighed on Government tested scales in the presence of the owner or officer in charge of such scales.

Where a shark is entered, application should be accompanied by a tooth for identification purposes. Applications must be in the hands of the Recorder or a delegate to The Association within 90 days of capture provided that the Record Committee has the power to extend the time if in their opinion extenuating circumstances existed.

(d) A list will be kept in a State Records Book of all current State Records and [REMOVE: **copies thereof are to be distributed throughout the state at 3 monthly intervals for the information of all anglers at the cost of The Association.**] [REPLACE WITH a copy of the

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Public Chart is to be placed on the Association web site and amended from time to time as records are updated.]

The decision of The Association on all matters pertaining to records shall be final and binding.

(e) Any person is entitled to make application for a State Record.

### **Motion 3:**

I hereby move that "Section 76 (f) of the Association constitution be amended to read as follows. (Add the wording in blue.)

(f) Any State dry casting record must be cast under AAA State rules at an AAA recognised event, which includes affiliated Club casting events, [ADD provided that written notice has been given to the Association at least 30 days prior to the event.] (9/01)

(g) A WA State dry casting record may be granted for a cast at an AAA National Dry Casting event, even if that event is held outside Western Australia. To be eligible for such a WA State dry casting record, the applicant must be a member of a WA State dry casting team or individual at the National event, and be a resident of Western Australia for the majority of the calendar year in which the National event is held. 9/01

### **Motion 2:**

I hereby move that "A new Section 76 (h) be inserted into the Constitution of the Association."

The new paragraph is as follows;

[ADD (h) Where a current State drycasting record is equalled, a certificate shall be issued to the claimant indicating that the State drycasting record has been equalled. Only the name of the original record holder shall be kept in the State dry casting record chart.]

## **14 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Mark Hansen, (Beachcombers) advised the Delegates Council that Beachcombers will be holding a Dry Casting event on the 21<sup>st</sup> April commencing at 8:00am. Details are in the Events Calendar.

Terry Fuller advised that a new 2013 Recreational Fishing Guide has been produced. There are now two versions on issue, one produced in December 2012 and the other in January 2013. They contain different information but appear to be the same. Both indicate that they are published in February 2013 and they are quite indistinguishable.

The Fisheries website shows a picture of the booklet, and there is no indication on the web site that there is a new version. The 50,000 copies produced in December had several 'minor' errors. These have supposedly been corrected in the January edition. There are still errors contained in the new edition. Some are simple such as errors on the family names of fish. The disclaimer on page 2 indicates that it is your responsibility to know the rules and that this booklet is only a guide.

Check the lower spine of the book for the actual publication date. The details are on the spine on the back of the book in small print - Jan 2013 is the later version but there are still some errors in it. If you have a Dec 2012 version, dispose of it. A letter is to be sent to Recfishwest and the Fisheries as this mis information is a concern. It has been suggested that the Department issue an errata sheet to correct these errors.

<b>Action points from February / March 2013 Delegates Council Meeting.</b>			
<b>Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>AP DCM 2/13 # 1</b>	Events Register of All Clubs, notify Secretary to update Club listings	John Crompton	Ongoing 2013
<b>AP DCM 2/13 # 2</b>	All Clubs to notify Treasurer or Secretary of any Direct payment to the AAAWA Westpac Bank	John Crompton	Ongoing 2013
<b>AP DCM 2/13 # 3</b>	Dry Casting Trailer, Storage (preferably under cover) is required for the Dry Casting trailer.	John Curtis	Ongoing
<b>AP DCM 2/13 # 4</b>	Association Asset Register, Anybody holding Association property is asked to notify the Secretary to ensure that it is on the Asset Register.	John Crompton	Ongoing 2013
<b>AP DCM 3/13 # 1</b>	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.	John Curtis	Ongoing 2013

**Meeting closed at 9.20pm.**

**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 April 2013**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2013 - 2015**

<b>2013</b>	
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</li> <li>• Boundaries Carson's Beach 15km South of Dongara to Coronation Beach,</li> <li>• <u>11am Registration &amp; 1130am Briefing Saturday 1 June 2013</u></li> <li>• <u>Lines Down 1.00pm</u></li> <li>• <u>Sunday, 2 June 2013 - 1pm Weigh In.</u></li> <li>•</li> </ul>
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AAA 33<sup>rd</sup> National Angling Championships &amp; Convention, Caloundra, 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 –Swan River</li> <li>• 23-24 November 2013 Swan and Canning Rivers</li> <li>• Boundaries Upstream of the Fremantle traffic bridge</li> <li>• Saturday, 23 November 2013 11.00am Briefing with 1.00pm Start</li> <li>• Sunday, 24 November 2013 11am Weigh- In</li> </ul>
<b>2014</b>	
March 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Boat Angling Championships - Location</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>
<b>2015</b>	
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Boat Championships, hosted by Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club at Ocean Reef</li> </ul>
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Rock and Beach event – Cheynes Beach –</li> </ul>
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Dry Casting Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015</li> </ul>

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

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**EVENTS REGISTER 2013  
AAA (WA DIVISION) INC**

<b>CLUB</b>	<b>EVENT &amp; DATE</b>
<b>Surf Casting &amp; Angling Club Of WA Monthly Dry Casting Competition</b>	First Sunday of the month i.e. 7 Apr, 5 May, 2 Jun, 7 Jul, 4 Aug, 8 Sep, 6 Oct, 3 Nov & 1 Dec
<b>Beachcombers Angling and Boating Club of WA [inc] Dry casting Competition</b>	21st of April 2013, at Taylor Park, West Swan Rd [at the end of Benara Rd] in Caversham. The event will run from 8.00am till noon. Fees of \$10 per family or \$5 for a single apply.
<b>Karma Kriya Saraswati  Demand for Rebuild of the historic, recreational North Beach Jetty - NORTH BEACH INREACH!  <u>28th April. At 1030 am</u></b>	Mettam's Car park is now the <b><u>starting 10.30am</u></b> , situated slightly south of Hammersly Street and West Coast H/Way Junction.  Key Speakers to attend local member, Recfishwest and a community representative) speak of the non-existence of safe fishing, recreational platforms in the northern suburbs.  Recfishwest are conducting a free fishing clinic on the beach for kids at 11.15and we plan to have other simple events.
<b>Kalbarri Offshore &amp; Angling Club</b>	Kalbarri Sports Fishing Classic 28th Feb, 1st and 2nd March 2014
<b>Kalbarri Offshore &amp; Angling Club</b>	Kalbarri Sports Fishing Classic 27 <sup>th</sup> , 28th Feb. and 1st March 2015

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**Subject:**Rebuild North Beach Jetty Rally- Sun 28th April  
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Dear John,

I am writing to give an update and make a request to you on the upcoming 'Demand for Rebuild of the historic, recreational North Beach Jetty - NORTH BEACH INREACH! 28th April.

The Rally has been altered and a shorter route chosen as the previous route was considered too lengthy.

Mettam's Car park is now the starting point at 10.30am, situated slightly south of Hammersly Street and West Coast H/Way Junction.

It is an estimated 10-15 minute walk to the jetty site where we will all gather and hear key speakers (local member, recfishwest and a community representative) speak of the non-existence of safe fishing, recreational platforms in the northern suburbs.

Recfishwest are conducting a free fishing clinic on the beach for kid's at 11.15and we plan to have other simple events.

John in our previous conversations you mentioned you would present this rally to your members and place details in the club Newsletter, so I would love to hear that AAawa members have registered an interest in coming on the rally and are taking a stand for the return of this recreational jetty site.

Other fishing clubs have come on board on the Rally and they have chosen to wear their club shirts and some will be carrying fishing gear, and banners.

I would also like to request you to be a guest speaker on the day as you have shown a great passion for bringing the removal of similar platforms to public and political awareness!!

I look forward to hearing of your acceptance and the involvement of AAawa members.

Good Wishes

yours sincerely

Karma Kriya Saraswati