



# AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION

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

Held at Western Australian Sportsmen's Association,  
Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley  
Tuesday 18 March 2014 at 7.30 pm

### 1. OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened at 7.35pm

#### Special Notices:

Passing of Jan Grobe, QAFCA. Jan was the wife of the Vice President and very active in Queensland at Caloundra Convention and assistant Treasurer for a period of time, Jan passed away following a stroke a couple of weeks ago. A sympathy card has been sent on behalf of the Association.

### 2. PRESENT

Joe Horvath, OSAC.	Wilf Core, Melville AAC
Mark Hansen, Beachcombers.	Pat Shinnick, LAAC
Denis Loran, HYC.	Terry Fuller, SCAC
Jason Pember, FAAC.	Paul Longo POBAC
Peter Osborne, ORSSC.	George Holman, SCAC
Peter Pekaar, Proxy Geraldton A/C.	
Richard Suidak, Independent Delegate & Treasurer	
John Crompton, Secretary & Proxy Esperance Surf Casters	
John Curtis, President	

### 3. APOLOGIES

4. Russell Bunce, FAAC; Bob Craigie, MAAC; Martin Humbert, Proxy OSAC Mt. Baker;

### 5. VISITORS

Nil

### 6. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES

Nil

### 7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 18 FEBRUARY 2014

### 8. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS FROM MINUTES

At the last meeting George Holman asked what was happening with Wallaroo Convention and at the end of the meeting in General Business he informed the members what the Nationals were about. This was erroneously missed from the minutes.

Terry Fuller indicated that the delegates were not asked for comments of the removal of Magic Nissan Logo from the letterhead and web site. This is not to be done until the end of the Association year.



**Moved Terry Fuller; Seconded George Holman; "That the Magic Nissan Logo remain on the letterhead and Association web site as they are still current until 31 July 2014" Carried.**

**Moved...Joe Horvath; Seconded; Paul Longo; "That the minutes as tabled be accepted as a true and accurate record" Motion carried.**

**9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Pat Shinnick has purchased a portable public address system for the Association. The system operates on 12 volts and doesn't require mains power. The system has dual speakers which can be used as individual, stand alone units. They can also be coupled together by switching one off and coupling them. As a dual system using the two speakers it will handle groups up to 400 people. After speaking to Recfishwest we can claim it on a Small Community Grant funding.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

**INWARDS (BY MAIL)**

Number	From	Subject	Action
020/14	Telstra	Association Telephone Account	Treasurer
021/14	Post Australia	Association PO Box Account	Treasurer
022/14	Glen Carter	State & National Record Claim	Recorder
023/14	Stephen Cooperwhite	State & National Record Claim	Recorder

**OUTWARDS (BY MAIL)**

Number	From	Subject	Action
006/14	Secretary	Delegates Council Meeting February Minutes	Posted
007/14	Secretary	Letter to AAA National and State Divisions indicating George Holman has resigned as State Dry Casting Officer.	Posted
008/14	John Curtis	Letter of Support for Artificial Reef	Posted
009/14	Secretary	Letter to Magic Nissan thanking them for their sponsorship support for State Drycasting events.	Posted
010/14	Secretary	Sympathy Card to Ken Grobe, QAFCA	Posted

**INWARDS (BY EMAIL)**

Number	From	Subject
055e/14	Paul Longo	Apologies for February Meeting
056e/14	Cheryl Poustie	Sportsview – Issue 7, 8 9 & 10
057e/14	Pat Shinnick	Requesting any information from Transport WA
058e/14	Hillarys Yacht Club	Compass e-News March 2014 Issue 1
059e/14	Laurie Malton	Kalbarri Sports Fishing Classic 2014 comp report
060e/14	Pat Shinnick	State Boat Advertisement emailed to Clubs & Delegates
061e/14	Medianet	Court penalty for out of season lobster fishing
062e/14	Pat Shinnick	Flyer & Prize List State Boating Championship
063e/14	QAFCA	Passing of Jan Grobe QAFCA

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064e/14	SCOSAC	Request to be removed from Mailing List
065e/14	John Curtis	Letter of Support for Artificial Reef installation
066e/14	Katarina Verkic	Unable to do the HBF Cottesloe to Rottnest Swim
067e/14	Kerry & Chris Ross	Enquiry to join fishing club in Geraldton. Passed on to Secretary Geraldton Fishing Club
068e/14	John Curtis	Anglers face cuts to limits on Herring

**OUTWARDS (BY EMAIL)**

<b>Number</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Subject</b>
005e/14	All Affiliated Clubs	February Delegates Council Minutes
006e/14	All Affiliated Clubs	Agenda for March Delegates Council Meeting
007e/14	All Affiliated Clubs	Flyer & prize list for State Boat Championship

George Holman queried the reason behind 007/14, a letter to National and State Divisions noting his resignation as State Dry Casting Officer. The President indicated that it was to advise that he had resigned as State Dry Casting Officer.

**Moved Mark Hansen Seconded Joe Horvath, "That the correspondence inwards be accepted and the outwards be endorsed". - Motion carried.**

**10 TREASURERS REPORT-**

**General Account Balance    \$13,674.79            Carnival Account Balance \$ 813.07**

**Income for MARCH 2014**

Peter Osborne	AAAWA Shirt Purchase	30.00
Glen Carter	State & National Record Application	20.00
Stephen Cooperwhite	State & National Record Application	20.00
Melville Amateur Club	State Estuary Event	20.00
Ocean Reef FC	State Estuary Event	30.00
	Total	\$120.00

**Accounts for payment MARCH 2014**

John Crompton	March Honorarium	300.00
Float	Telstra Account	18.45
Association PO Box	PO Box Annual Account	255.00
Float	Stamps & Sympathy Card	22.00
AAARA	National records paid into the General Account	40.00
	Total	\$635.45

**General Account Balance as of 18 March \$13109.34**

**BUSINESSES ARISING FROM TREASURERS REPORT**

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

**11. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS**

**1. President's Report**

**1.1 Support for Artificial Reef Installation:**

A letter of support was requested from a group tendering for the contract to install further artificial reef systems similar to those off Busselton, Bunbury and Dawesville. They are planning to install another artificial reef system south west of Rottnest Island

and North West of Garden Island. The letter of support from the Association was sent and a thank you letter has been received.

**1.2 Research Program Investigating the Health Benefits of Recreational Fishing:**  
Also Professor Alexandra McManus from the centre of Excellence, Science, Seafood and Health (CESSH) at Curtin University is researching the health benefits associated with recreational fishing.

Her group of researchers has developed an on-line questionnaire "Why Do You Go Fishing?"

It is important that delegates take this information back to their clubs and have the club members complete the questionnaire at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/recfishing](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/recfishing)

As an incentive there is a rod valued at \$350 and a reel valued at \$150 for those who leave contact details when answering the questionnaire.

Current research has shown that autistic children respond exceptionally well when actively involved in recreational fishing. It is not only autistic kids that benefit by going fishing, the community benefits as well. There are a lot of side benefits associated with being actively involved in recreational fishing and these need to be documented, so please complete the questionnaire.

**Recreational Anglers Facing Potential Restrictions on Herring:**

President indicated that he had been discussing with Recfishwest the potential threat to recreational anglers by reductions in bag limits by the research section of Fisheries Department following publication of their research report.

An article published in the West Australian on Saturday indicated that recreational anglers face cuts to bag limits on herring. Copies of the article were made available to the meeting. There was a further article in the West Australian today (Tuesday) about a survey suggesting cutting the bags limits for recreational anglers to 10 herring. Current bag limits are 30 herring per angler per day.

Peter Osborne reported that he had fished the south coast recently and herring were prolific.

George Holman suggested that we support a reduced bag limit of 20 herring.

After speaking with the Executive Director of Recfishwest it was indicated that 5 farmers running 'G' nets off the beach on the south coast took the same amount of fish as the whole of the recreational angling community. Their majority of their catch generally was sold for cray bait, with minimal amounts going for sale to the general public for consumption.

Terry Fuller recommended that we write to Recfishwest putting a case for proper management of the resource.

After discussion it was resolved that the President draft a letter and have Terry Fuller review it prior to being sent to Recfish for on-forwarding to the Minister recommending that the suggested reduction was excessive and that the herring is a valuable recreational fishing species.

## **2. Estuary, & Rock and Beach Report**

### **2.1 Preparation for State Angling Championships:**

Everything going well in preparation for State Angling Championships. It is going to be a busy year with three separate events in seven months.

The forms for the May Rock & Beach event are already on the website. This event will be held out of the Yallingup Beach Holiday Park. They have donated two camp sites for us to use. Trophies for this event have been organized.

For the event to be held in September at Port Gregory headquarters for that event will be at the caravan park.

The State Estuary event is to be held in November at Walpole. There have been a couple of queries on the on the weigh-in times, and this will be discussed further and advised.

A lot of clubs have locations such as Sugarloaf & Torpedo Rocks out of bounds, due to safety issues.

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It has been recommended that all competitors wear appropriate footwear when fishing from rocks e.g. reef boots, and that they utilize safety rings where these have been installed. (Refer to Recfishwest web site for further information) Also it was indicated that anglers purchase and use Personal Floatation Devices (PFD's) when fishing from the rocks.

It was also noted that the responsibility for safety rests with the individual.

Discussion ensued on the dangers associated with fishing some locations on the south and lower west coast. It was resolved that it will be left to the discretion of the Field Day Officer on the day of the Championships to determine what areas are 'no-go' during a competition.

### **2.2 Perpetual Trophies for Beach and Rock & Estuary**

Trophies to be engraved and brought up to date.

Secretary and President had recently been to the CCR warehouse where the Association's perpetual trophies are held, and had photographed all perpetual trophies to enable them to compile a listing of all trophies and the recipients. It was noted that several Rock and Beach and Estuary shields and perpetual trophies required updating. This will be done by the Rock & Beach and Estuary sub-committee as time permits.

### **3. Boating Report**

#### **State Boat Angling Championships:**

Pat Shinnick reported that all is ready to go for the State Titles to be held this Saturday. Indications are that we need to pray to the weather gods to give us some good fishing weather. All prizes have been procured and all advertising done.

HYC will start at 04:00 hrs on Saturday morning to prepare breakfast for the hordes to follow. My trusty team will all be there to sign on everyone at the right opening time. I would like to see a few AAAWA clubs and members fish the event, or come along to the weigh in, and after, so see how much of the proverbial gets slung around. Look forward to a great event, please if you can drop in.

Pat Shinnick expressed some concern that after a lot of hard work had been done to allow the use of charter boats in the event, there was not one request for the use of a charter boat from non-boating clubs. This was rather disappointing after all the effort that had been made to allow them to be used. Maybe there will be some takers next year.

### **4. Dry Casting Report**

Nil.

### **5. Recording Officer Report**

Two applications received for a bonefish and a bass grouper. Both are for State and a National record, the bonefish is 5.420 kg and a bass grouper 52.5 kg.

It was noted that one application had included the internet and a 'club expert' as a reference. These are not valid, nor acceptable.

There are several excellent texts available for use and they should be used. Where there may be doubt anglers can refer to either the State or National Recorder for assistance as they have an extensive technical library.

## **12. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **12.1 Senate Election Date Clashes with Rock and Beach Event:**

Following a question raised regarding dates for the re-run of the Senate election in Western Australia it was indicated that there was no clash and that all events would go ahead as per normal.

### **12.2 Future of National Carnivals:**

George Holman asked about the structure of the next National Carnival at Wallaroo.

One of the discussions to take place at the Mid-Term AGM is the future of the National Convention and Angling Championships.

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The President indicated that he had written to John Crone (Qld) and that at the last National AGM it was resolved then that at Wallaroo in 2015 that carnival would be run over two weeks. There would only be two rounds Estuary, Rock & Beach, and Offshore with a two day event for Dry Casting. With lay days between some events. This was finalized at the 2013 AGM. There has also been some consideration given to amending the National constitution and rules to allow for the recommended changes passed in Caloundra to be implemented.

There is also some consideration being given to rationalising the trophies presented at National Angling Championships and Conventions.

There is also a recommendation to amend the current scoring system within the angling and dry casting competitions. What has been suggested is that National adopts a system somewhat similar to our State Championship scoring system used in the W A Division which has worked quite effectively for a number of years.

Mark Hansen indicated that the Beachcombers have a Dry Casting event being held on the 25 May at the King's Meadow Polo Ground in Meadow Street Guildford in Guildford.

Peter Pekaar had recently spoken to Don Cox and he sends his regards to all Delegates. He is making progress and is getting better.

**MEETING CLOSED AT: - 21:48 hrs**

**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15 APRIL 2014 at 7.30 pm.**

**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**

**AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION (W A DIVISION) INC  
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION CALENDAR  
2014 / 2015 / 2016**

<b>• 2014</b>	
<p><b>May 2014</b></p> <p><b>2013 /2014 Competition Calendar</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Rock and Beach Championship May 17 &amp; 18 2014 – Cape to Cape Boundaries – Augusta River Mouth to South of Busselton Jetty Briefing: 11 am Saturday, 17; – Lines Down 1.00 pm Weigh In commences 12.00 pm Sunday 18 May</li> </ul>
<p><b>September 2014</b></p> <p><b>2014 /2015 Competition Calendar</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Rock and Beach Championships 27 &amp; 28 September 2014 - Port Gregory Boundaries – South of Kalbarri River Mouth to North of Bows River Mouth Briefing 11.00 am Saturday, 27; Lines Down 1.00 pm Weigh In commences 1.00 pm; Sunday, 28 September 2014</li> </ul>
<p><b>October 2014</b></p> <p><b>2014 /2015 Competition Calendar</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Dry Casting Championships. Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2014 Yokine East Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue Yokine Casting commences at 8:00 am.</li> </ul>
<p><b>November 2014</b></p> <p><b>2014 /2015 Competition Calendar</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Estuary Championships 29 &amp; 30 November 2014; Location - Walpole Boundaries to be determined Briefing 11.00 am Saturday 29; Lines Down 1.00 pm Weigh In commences 1.00 pm Sunday, 30 November 2014,</li> </ul>

<b>2015</b>	
<p><b>March 2015</b></p> <p><b>2014 /2015 Competition Calendar</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Boat Angling Championships, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2015 Location, Ocean Reef Marina; Hosted by the Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club Sign On: 05:00 - 08:0; Competition Start 06:30 am. Bags in Truck By 15:30; Weigh In Commences 16:30 Presentations Commence; 18:30 at Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club</li> </ul>
<p><b>October 2015</b></p> <p><b>2015 /2016 Competition Calendar</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Dry Casting Championships. Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015 Yokine East Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue Yokine Casting commences at 8:00 am.</li> </ul>
<p><b>November 2015</b></p> <p><b>2015 /2016 Competition Calendar</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Estuary Championships 28 29 November 2015; Location Swan &amp; Canning Rivers &amp; Cockburn Sound Briefing 11.00 am Saturday 28; Lines Down, 1.00 pm Weigh In commences, 1.00 pm Sunday 29.</li> </ul>

<b>2016</b>	
<p><b>March 2016</b></p> <p><b>2015 /2016 Competition Calendar</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Rock and Beach Championships 5 - 7 March 2016 - Cheynes Beach, Albany Boundaries – To be advised. Briefing 11.00 am Saturday, 27; Lines Down 1.00 pm Weigh In commences 1.00 pm; Sunday, 28 September 2014</li> </ul>
<p><b>October 2016</b></p> <p><b>2016 /2017 Competition Calendar</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Dry Casting Championships. Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016 Yokine East Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue Yokine Casting commences at 8:00 am.</li> </ul>

**AAA (WA DIVISION) INC CLUB EVENTS REGISTER  
2014 Calendar Year**

The aim of this calendar is to alert all affiliated clubs of events run by member clubs.  
Hopefully this will aid in planning events so that clubs avoid a clash of dates.

All clubs are asked to advice of any 'special events' that they run so that they can be included and encourage participation of other Association members.

Events can be added to this Calendar by contacting the Secretary:  
Australian Anglers' Association (WA Division) Inc  
PO Box 2200 Marmion WA 6020

<b>2014 Calendar Year</b>
<b>Kalbarri Offshore &amp; Angling Club Ultra Light Sport Fishing Classic 2014 3<sup>rd</sup> May and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2014</b>

<b>BEACHCOMBERS DRY CASTING DAY – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2014</b> The Beachcombers will be holding their next Dry casting event at the Perth Polo Club's King's Meadow Polo Ground in Meadow Street Guildford on Sunday the 25th May 2014 Start time from 8:30 am. Dry casting fees of \$5 per single or \$10 per family apply. All welcome. Any queries please ring Peter Stoeckel on 0417283265.
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<b>2015 Calendar Year</b>
<b>Kalbarri Offshore &amp; Angling Club 2015 Sport Fishing Classic 27<sup>th</sup>, 28th Feb. and 1st March 2015</b>
<b>Kalbarri Offshore &amp; Angling Club 2015 Ultra Light Sport Fishing Classic 2<sup>nd</sup> ,May and Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015</b>

<b>2016 Calendar Year</b>
<b>Kalbarri Offshore &amp; Angling Club 2016 Ultra Light Sport Fishing Classic 7<sup>th</sup> ,May and Sun 8<sup>th</sup> May 2016</b>