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INC.**



DELEGATES' MEETING



**Held at Sports Association WA, Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley
Tuesday 17th May 2011 at 7.30 pm**

MINUTES

1. OPEN MEETING

The meeting opened at 7.40 and John Curtis welcomed delegates and visitors.

2. PRESENT

John Curtis, President
Terry Fuller, SCAC
George Holman, SCAC
Kevin Murphy, MAAC
Gary Evans, MDSSF

Pat Shinnick, LAAC
James Strong, Proxy - Denmark AC
Marcia Pekaar, Proxy - Northampton AC
Ian Cook, Recorder
Diane McDonough, Secretary / Treasurer

3. APOLOGIES

Paul Longo, Chas Riegert, Paul Frzop, Peter Pekaar, John Crompton

4. VISITORS

Mark Hanson, Beachcombers

5. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES

Nil

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by James Strong and seconded by Marcia Pekaar that the minutes of the April 2011 meeting be accepted as an accurate record.

7. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS FROM MINUTES

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Page 8 of the minutes refers to amending records to which are now protected species. Terry Fuller has updated the website but the records held by the Recorder will need to be adjusted. Ian Cook will make these changes to his master copies.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

INWARDS (BY MAIL)

1. Surf Casters	Reel Talk May 2011
2. Recfishwest	Letter from Kane Moyle A/Director re RFW Website
3. Hillarys Yacht Club	Letter re Garfish record
4. Dept Environment & Cons	Yoorrooyang Dawang Proposed Conservation park
5. Seniors Recreation Council of WA	Invitation to Forum for WA Seniors Games

INWARDS (BY EMAIL)

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| 1. Yvette | Broome Scores Second Barramundi Release |
| 2. John Curtis | Filofish Fish Identification Handbook |

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| 3. Pat Shinnick | Boating Event Management Plan |
| 4. John Curtis | PLANNING MEETING |
| 5. Admin Lakelands Leisure Village | RE: Boating Event Management Plan |
| 6. Geoff Thomas | AAA (S.A. Division) Inc |
| 7. Jenny Travis | Notice to Mariners |
| 8. John Curtis | Record Certificate re-Issue |
| 9. Ian Cook | Drycasting Application |
| 10. Andy.Raxworthy@csbp.com.au | fishing clinics |
| 11. Pat Shinnick | RE: BOATING MANAGEMENT PLAN |
| 12. John Curtis | Re: Fw: fishing clinics |
| 13. Andy.Raxworthy@csbp.com.au | Re: fishing clinics |
| 14. Terry Fuller | Re: RFW REPORT FOR MINUTES as requested |
| 15. John Curtis | Re: AAA RECORDING AUTHORITY |
| 16. Terry Fuller | Re: Link to POINT GREY DEVELOPMENT as requested |
| 17. John Curtis | Notices of Motion for next Delegates Council Meeting. |
| 18. John Curtis | Name and address for National Spangled Emperor Record |
| 19. John Curtis | Minutes |
| 20. Terry Fuller | Changes to WA fish record list to indicate protected species, update to application form for scientific names |
| 21. John Curtis | Re: Fw: OUTSTANDING FEES – STATE DRY CASTING |
| 22. Pat Shinnick | RE: April debrief |
| 23. Robert Weir | RE: April debrief |
| 24. min | South coastal offshore angling club |
| 25. Poole, Noah | Draft South-West marine reserves released for community consultation
Media Release – Federal Government confirms that recreational fishing is compatible with marine conservation. |
| 26. Jenny Travis | Reel News Issue 29 - Launch of Recfishwest/Woodside Community Fishing Clinic Program |
| 27. Jenny Travis | RE: April debrief |
| 28. Shaun | Re: April debrief |
| 29. Boogaard's Nursery | CANCELLED April debrief |
| 30. Shaun | Hillarys Yacht Club May 2011 E Letter |
| 31. Julie Taylor | Re: LETTER FROM HYC RE RECORD |
| 32. John Curtis | Casting sinkers for South West Rocks Convention. |
| 33. John Curtis | GARY CHAPMAN OFFSHORE INTERDIVISIONAL TEAMS CHAMPS |
| 34. John Curtis | Open days SW Marine Region proposed Marine reserves and draft plan |
| 35. Terry Fuller | Re: WA State Captain |
| 36. John Curtis | |

OUTWARDS (BY MAIL)

All clubs	Minutes & Agendas
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OUTWARDS (BY EMAIL)

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| 1. Affiliate Clubs | AAAWA DELEGATES MEETING 19 TH APRIL |
| 2. Curtis, John | Fw: fishing clinics |
| 3. John Curtis | Re: PLANNING MEETING MINUTES |
| 4. Shinnick, Pat | BOATING MANAGEMENT PLAN |
| 5. Andy.Raxworthy@csbp.com.au | Re: fishing clinics |
| 6. Fuller, Terry | RFW REPORT FOR MINUTES
AAA RECORDING
AUTHORITY |
| 7. John Curtis | POINT GREY DEVELOPMENT |
| 8. Fuller, Terry | OUTSTANDING FEES – STATE DRY CASTING |
| 9. Pember, Jason (Melville) | MINUTES OF THE APRIL AAAWA MEETING |
| 10. Curtis, John | MINUTES |
| 11. John Curtis | Re: Minutes |
| 12. John Curtis | MINUTES OF AAAWA DELEGATES MEETING APRIL 2011 |
| 13. Affiliate Clubs | Fw: OUTSTANDING FEES – STATE DRY CASTING |
| 14. Curtis, John | LETTER FROM RFW RE WEBSITE |
| 15. Curtis, John | LETTER FROM HYC RE RECORD |
| 16. Cook, Ian | Open days SW Marine Region proposed Marine reserves and draft plan |
| 17. Affiliate Clubs | |

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

- Inwards by mail No 2 refers to a response from the A/Director of RFW to the letter John Curtis wrote to regarding RFW website concerns.
- Emails inwards No 34 refers to a request from NSW for sinkers. WA is making sinkers for the National championships in NSW.

It was proposed by George Holman and seconded by Marcia Pekaar that the correspondence inwards and outwards by mail and email be accepted. Motion carried.

18. TREASURERS REPORT

General Account Balance \$23,266.26	Carnival Account Balance \$2527.49
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Income for May 2011

Leon Harrison	Painted Sweetlip – State Record application	10.00
Neil Cobb	Garfish Robusta – State Record application	10.00
Keith Heaney	Deposit for NSW trip	100.00
Pat Shinnick/Boating	State Boat Champs	2047.00
Total		\$2167.00

Accounts for payment May 2011

Telstra	Account	39.74
Diane McDonough	Secretariat & stationery	500.00
John Curtis	Marking tape for dry casting	12.78
Total		552.52

It was proposed by James Strong and seconded by George Holman that the Treasurer's report be accepted and the accounts passed for payment. Motion carried.

19. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

President's Report

- John Curtis has been following up the insurance policy situation as discussed at the April meeting. He has a large amount of material to digest and a complicated application form to complete. John will report back to the next meeting as this progresses.
- The Filo-Fish fish identification book has been ordered and will be distributed at the next AAAWA delegates meeting. For those people who have ordered them, please bring your payment to the next meeting. If you want your Filo-Fish book before then, please contact John Curtis directly on jcurtis@inet.net.au.

Estuary, Rock and Beach Report

No report

Boating Report

- Pat advised that they didn't have a boating meeting last month due to other commitments.
- John Curtis and George Holman would like 15 - 20 sponsorship booklets from the Boating Championships to take with them to the National Convention in NSW.
- They will also take copies of Pat's Management Plan document.

Dry Casting Report

- George had a meeting on 9th May for the State Dry Casting event. He advised that sinkers are being organised. Nomination forms and rules will be out by end of June. Nomination forms are to be individually signed by participants for insurance purposes.
- George has received a request from AAA for AAAWA to provide 450 sinkers to the NSW convention (250 x 112 gram, 150 x 56 gram and 50 x 84 gram. AAAWA will pay for lead, hooks, bags and paint, and AAA National will pay the freight.

It was moved by Ian Cook and seconded by Marcia Pekaar that AAAWA pay for the cost of manufacturing sinkers including lead, hooks, bags and paint. Motion carried.

- A competitor at the forthcoming NSW Convention has requested that his son accompany him on a boat as a junior entrant. Although he cannot compete, a captain's meeting will make a ruling if the son can accompany his father.
- George advised that entry numbers for the NSW Convention are down from other states
- Another meeting to be held on 4th July at George Holman's house
- T-Shirts are being ordered and will bear a Recfishwest logo

It was moved by George Holman and seconded by Marcia Pekaar that the AAAWA fund the cost of entry fees, insurance and T-shirts for the 11 or 12 people participating at the NSW Convention (\$1270 approx). Motion carried.

Recfishwest report for AAAWA Delegates Meeting 17 May 2011



Recfishwest website

Following decisions by the RFW Board, I received access to the Content Management System for the new Recfishwest website and found what could and couldn't be done without much higher level (administrator level) access, which is currently reserved for the website contractor. A custom search results page has been prepared and search added to all pages. The non working Search on the Home page has been fixed.

A work around was applied to make all pages visible to search engines such as Google.

A meeting was held with the contractors Webpixel on 6 May. Details of the main problems and possible solutions were discussed and Webpixel undertook to resume work again on the website.

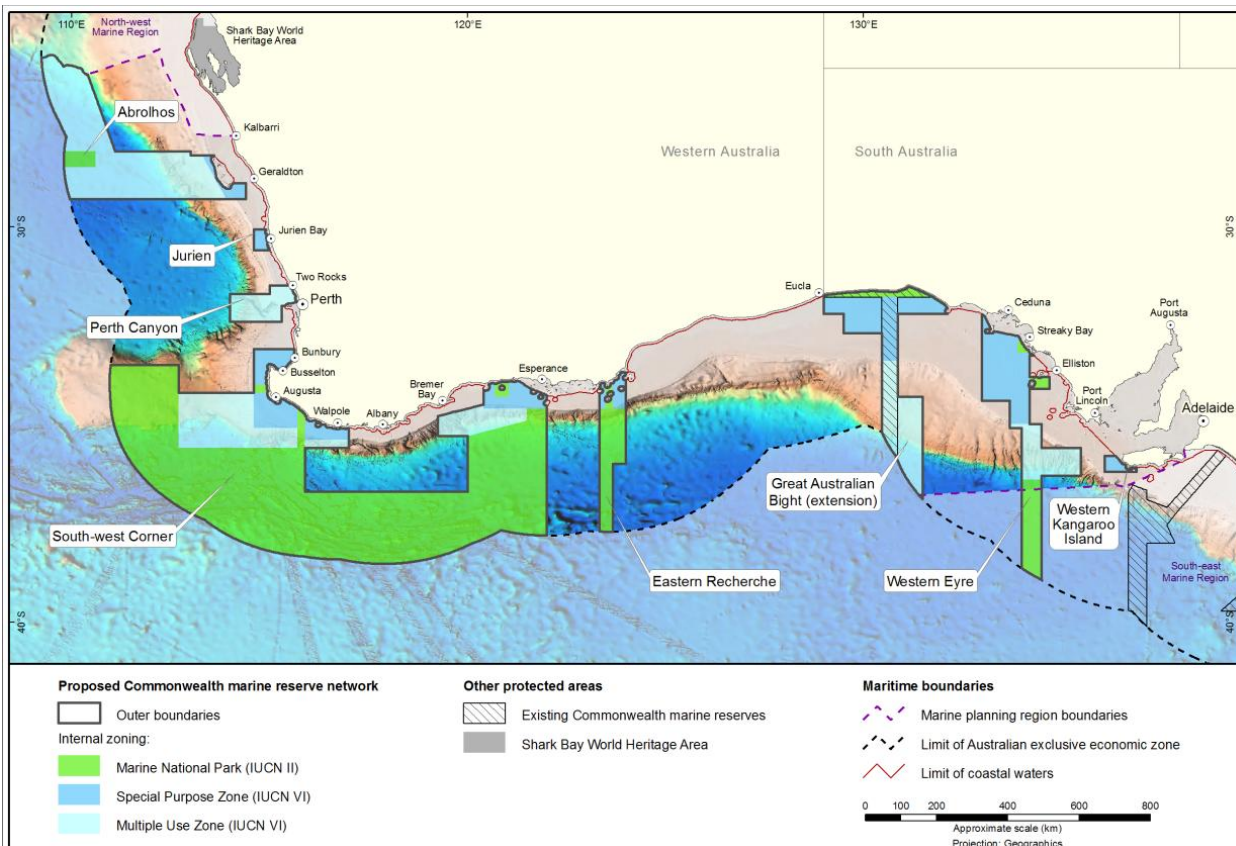
The previous version of the website has been set up as an archive, as a standalone site but with clear links to the new website. A request has been made for relevant old dead links to be redirected to it. See <http://www.members.iinet.net.au/~recfish/>

South west marine plans and proposals

A draft marine bioregional plan and a Commonwealth marine reserve network proposal for the South-west Marine Region have been released for public consultation. These drafts will be available for public comment for 90 days, concluding on 8 August 2011, during which everyone is encouraged to make a formal submission.

Open Days are being hosted in major coastal centres throughout the region during the first month of the consultation period. There is no info yet on metro locations.

Geraldton	Thursday 19 May	Queen's Park Theatre	4pm-7.30pm
Jurien Bay	Monday 23 May	Family Resource Centre	4pm-7.30pm
Bunbury	Thursday 26 May	Bunbury Regional Art Galleries	4pm-7.30pm
Margaret River	Monday 30 May	Margaret R Community Resource Centre	4pm-7.30pm
Albany	Thursday 2 June	Town Hall (Lesser Hall)	4pm-7.30pm
Esperance	Monday 6 June	Civic Centre	4pm-7.30pm



(It is realised this map does not display very well in a black and white printed version, however many clubs and delegates receive an electronic version which can be enlarged). Phone 1800 069 352 to obtain a printed copy of the documents.

Marine National Park prohibits all fishing, etc. Multiple use zones prohibit demersal trawl, demersal gillnet and demersal longline fishing. Special purpose zones prohibit demersal trawl fishing. See <http://www.environment.gov.au/coasts/mbp/south-west/consultation/index.html> for details and very detailed maps.

There are varying interpretations of what all these plans mean, and the rationale and justifications.

Recreational anglers should not be lulled into thinking that the current proposals don't affect recreational fishing very much and are final and so they don't need to comment. Anglers need to comment on what they agree with as well as what they might disagree with.

Conservationists' actions and pressure

As delegates may have seen in the media, conservation groups are very disappointed with the proposals and are strongly agitating for lots of public comments on the proposals to get much larger areas protected closer to the coast and population centres. This would inevitably increase the impact on recreational fishing. Example the Rottneest Trench.

Conservation groups seem to want nothing less than total closures of large areas and percentages and important fishing areas in the name of "protecting" iconic species, etc, regardless of the real risk to those species. Their emotive tactics seem to be aimed at getting strong public support for this and don't seem to care if misleading or missing information will influence public perceptions and opinions and lead to closures which are not necessary and/or will not actually achieve what they claim.

Recfishwest will prepare draft comments and give anglers at least 1 month to consider those comments and adapt or use them in personal comments if they wish.

Presentation from Fisheries on proposed FRMA and recreational fishing rights

The Fish Resources Management Act (FRMA) is being rewritten as set out in "A Sea Change for Aquatic Sustainability – Framework for a New Act of Parliament to replace the Fish Resources Management Act 1994." <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/op/op079/index.php?0006>

The presentation covered some of the approaches to deal with the limitations of the current Act described in the above doc as "There is undoubtedly a real and growing need to establish a

management and legal framework which is capable of containing the fishing pressure from all sectors at a level that is either clearly sustainable or assessed and agreed as 'low risk'. The FRMA, proclaimed in 1994, provided an effective framework for management of commercial fisheries, and the establishment of a clearer system of commercial fishing entitlements ("fishing rights") but left more open the management of other factors related to fishing in the ecosystem.

This Act also did not consider the questions associated with managing aquatic biological resources used by multiple sectors for competing purposes as a biological unit (as opposed to a fishery based on a specified gear type or single stock/single species/single sector) or provide any head powers that would allow this approach to be taken readily.

It also did not consider fishing access rights for non-commercial sectors or how these might be managed, transferred and given continuity at a sectorial, as well as an individual, level. In other words, the Act did not provide the legal structure needed for managing fisheries within an ecosystem context, for the integration of management across multiple sectors, or the allocation and management of access between competing sectors to components of the resource."

The timetable is to have the new Act presented to Parliament in calendar year 2011, however that is dependent on Government priorities.

Other topics from the May RFW Board meeting.

- RFW has received a guarantee from Dept of Fisheries for funding for 4 years.
- Three new policies have been adopted covering Marine Protected Areas, Benthic Nature Reserves and Strict Nature Reserves. Details <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/content/fisheries-issues/>
- Recfishwest Research Plan
- Commonwealth North West Marine Reserve update.
- Meeting with Bill Marmion Minister for Environment, Water
- Recreational Fishing Account Advisory Body
- World Recreational Fishing Conference WA delegation
- Woodside Northern Fishing clinic tour
- Hamelin Bay stingray protection
- Keep Australia Fishing paper
- Protection for Weedy Sea Dragons
- Resource sharing proposal for Peel-Harvey estuaries crab and fish resources
- Broome Barramundi Release - Woodside social impact assessment
- Recreational fishing property rights
- Meeting with researchers to discuss Western Rock Lobster survey results

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@iinet.net.au with any questions or comments.

Business Arising from RFW Report

- Hamelin Bay stingray protection – refers to a proposal whereby tame stingrays are protected as a tourism attraction, this was proposed by Fisheries and supported by RFW.
- The RFW draft response to the SW marine plans will be available in about two months, giving the public about one month to utilise it.
- Terry expects there will be metro consultation opportunities and recreational **anglers need to make their comments known in order to counter political pressure being applied.**

Recording Officer Report

- It was suggested at the last meeting that discussion take place on National and State fishing records, protected species and closed species and Ian Cook is making adjustments to his master copies. Terry Fuller is making adjustments to the AAAWA website.
- Two record applications have been received, one for a sweetlip and one for a robust garfish.
- All certificates have now been sent out for records which were not previously processed.
- Updates to dry casting records have been finalised and will be updated on the web shortly

Competitions Officer Report

- No report

20. GENERAL BUSINESS

Notice of Motion to Amend State Dry Casting Rules

The following amendment is proposed to the State Dry Casting Rules as adopted at the September 2010 Delegates Council Meeting. The amendment is to paragraph 3.5.3 – Line and Terminal Knots.

It is proposed that Rule 3.5.3 be amended to read

“Rule 3.5.3 Line and Terminal Knots. The breaking strain of the main line used is at the discretion of the caster. The gauge of the line shall be of a consistent diameter throughout. There shall be no knots, splices or joins in the first 85 metres of the main line. Any leader used shall comply with Rule 3.5.4. The style or type of knot used to attach any weight, dowel or swivel shall be at the discretion of the caster. Terminal knots used shall not exceed 100 mm in length. The knot length shall be measured from the edge adjacent to any weight, dowel or swivel affixed to the line.”

“The current wording of the rule is:- “3.5.3. Line and terminal knots. In all events the breaking strain of the main line is optional, but must be equal gauge throughout apart from in any leader allowed. Terminal knots shall not exceed 100 mm in length. The knot length measurement shall be taken from the end edge of the weight, dowel or swivel.” The changes are for clarification and to add the provision that There shall be no knots, splices or joins in the first 85 metres of the main line. The motion was moved by George Holman and seconded by Jim Strong.

To be voted on at the next meeting.

Notices of Motion

Reference:- Section 2 (c) of the minutes of the AAA (W A Division) Inc. Planning Meeting held 5 April 2011. *Code of Conduct / Competition Rules: The Association is not prepared to accept poor behaviour from participants at any event run by the Association. There have been some instances at recent events where the behaviour of some participants has been inappropriate. Due to the occurrence of these incidents, it was resolved to amend the AAA Competition Rules to add a clause concerning the behaviour of persons acting inappropriately, aggressively or affected by alcohol or drugs. It should be possible for persons to be disqualified from the event and restrictions placed on future participation.*

Notice of Motion 1

The following motion was moved by Terry Fuller and seconded by George Holman:

Add new Section 3.1.4 to the AAAWA State Dry Casting Competition Rules, add new Section 1.4 to the AAAWA Competition Rules for State Rock & Beach and Estuary Events, and append the following to Section 14 of AAAWA State Boat Angling Championship Tournament Rules.

“The behaviour at the event of any persons acting inappropriately, aggressively or affected by alcohol or drugs shall be considered by the Disputes Committee and immediate action shall be taken to deal with the behaviour. Action may extend to disqualification from the event and removal from the venue and may include a recommendation about barring from participation in future events for some period. The decision of the Disputes Committee about action on the day or days of the event shall be final.”

To be discussed at the June AAAWA Delegates meeting and voted on at the July AAAWA Delegates meeting.

The following motion was moved by Terry Fuller and seconded by James Strong (Subject to Motion 1 being passed)

Notice of Motion 2

Add to follow the words added in motion 1.

"Any recommendation from the Disputes Committee for barring the person from participation in some future events for some period shall be presented to the Delegates Council meeting for decision. The presentation shall be made by one or more representatives nominated by the Disputes Committee. The person shall be given written notice of the recommendation and his right to make a verbal or written statement to the Delegates Council meeting. Any decision by the Delegates Council meeting shall require a simple majority of the Delegates Council present and voting, in accordance with Section 41 of the Constitution."

Explanatory Notes. Section 41 of the Constitution (simple majority) is nominated because 41(f) says *"Dealing with Business arising from any reports or recommendations of Committees"*

The motions are presented in 2 parts so that the motion about action essential on the day can be passed separately from the longer term actions, in case there are any concerns about legal challenges to having long term bans, or complaints of "excessive and ongoing" penalties for a single incident, but of course "some future events, some period" can be just for one of the 4 events or one or two calendar or competition years.

To be discussed at the June AAawa Delegates meeting and voted on at the July AAawa Delegates meeting. (NB: If the first motion fails, the second is irrelevant and will not proceed)

GENERAL BUSINESS

Protected species

Discussion followed about the actions taken on protected species on the AAawa website. Ian Cook will speak to Richard Siudak, who was a proponent of the action. John Curtis will also take the matter up with Richard Siudak and ask him to apply the actions to national records.

Sponsorship

Pat Shinnick raised the subject of RFW sponsoring the team participating in the national convention at South West Rocks in NSW. He queried why sponsors logos (Nissan, Club Marine, etc) are on the letterhead of the AAawa minutes, but not RFW. Discussion followed and points made included:

- AAawa is a member of RFW and has a board member on RFW
- AAawa has similar aims and objectives to RFW, regardless of financial support
- The dry casting group doesn't have any other sponsors
- Pat felt the decision to put RFW on the casting groups' shirts should have been consulted at a delegates' meeting
- John Curtis believed it was a precedent, as the logo has been on the shirt for many years

CLOSE MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm. The next Delegates meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st June 2011.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011-2012

2011	
July-Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Championships at South West Rocks, NSW 26 July-11 August 2011. Casting Mon & Tues 8th & 9th at Port Macquarie.
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dry Casting Competition Sunday 25th September
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Estuary event 26th & 27th at Walpole
2012	
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Long weekend in March 2012 State boat champs Jurien Bay.• March 24th & 25th Beach & Rock event at Jurien Bay

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

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