

**AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION, (WA DIVISION) INC.****DELEGATES' MEETING**

Held at Sports Association WA,  
Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at 7.30 pm

**MINUTES****1. OPEN MEETING**

President John Curtis opened the meeting and welcomed delegates and visitors.

**2. PRESENT**

John Curtis, President  
Kevin Murphy, MAAC  
George Holman, SCAC  
Terry Fuller, SCAC  
Pat McKeown, Northampton  
Paul Longo, POBC  
Jim Strong, Patron  
Peter Pekaar, Geraldton  
John Crompton, Esperance Surf Casters  
Marcia Pekaar, Assistant Secretary

Joe Horvath, OSAC Perth Beach Branch  
(presentation only)  
Martin Humber, OSAC Mt Barker (presentation  
only)  
Terry Fuller, SCAC  
Russell Bunce, FAAC  
Richard Siudak, Independent Delegate  
Peter Osborne, ORSSC  
Diane McDonough, Secretary/Treasurer

**3. APOLOGIES**

Peter Stoeckel, Pat Shinnick, Don Cox, Malcolm Cruickshank

**4. VISITORS**

Andrew Matthews & Andrew Rowland, RFW; Angus Horwood, POBC; Andy Thorgeson, SCAC

**5. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES**

Nil

It was moved by George Holman and seconded by James Strong that standing orders be suspended so that Andrew Rowland, CEO of Recfishwest and Andrew Matthews, Chairman of Recfishwest could make a presentation to the meeting. Motion carried.

- John Curtis welcomed Messrs Rowland and Matthews to address the meeting. Andrew Rowland expressed his appreciation in being invited to address the meeting and the opportunity to outline changes occurring within Recfishwest under the guidance of its membership. They hope to consult widely with other organisations and to improve relationships with associations and fishing groups.
- Details of the Recfishwest presentation will be published on the AAWA website when available.
- Discussion followed the presentation and some questions from delegates and responses from the Recfishwest representatives included:

**Fisheries Management Paper 252**

- The period for comment has now closed.
- Recfishwest ran the consultation on behalf of Fisheries received 750 submissions. Andrew Rowland will meet with the Minister for Fisheries in June to discuss these.
- Many of the proposals were supported, with the exception of possession limits. Many comments were received on exceptions needed to the proposed bag and species limits.
- Recfishwest will develop a summary document to present to Fisheries with what it considers to be the best way forward.

- Although in the past Fisheries have taken some advice offered by RFW, this is an opportunity to make proposals and suggest options to the Minister.

#### **Feedback on data collection, e.g. fish frames**

- RFW is keen to provide information back to groups on how research is performed and data gathered

#### **Fishers taking more than their quota, upgrading them and throwing some back**

- People should use the Fish Watch facility to report fishers who are not following fishing rules
- Fish Watch cannot respond to rumours
- All anglers are tarnished by a few doing the wrong thing, however, the number actually charged is less than 1%
- The biggest group of conservationists is the recreational fishing community
- Education is the key, people need to understand that its stealing to take extra fish

#### **Integrated fisheries management and West Coast demersal fishing**

- IFM is a concept used to address competition for the resource between the recreational and commercial sectors.
- Management levers need to be manipulated to access a fair share and Fisheries has not been allowing this.
- Fisheries are considering using IFM for West Coast demersal scalefish. However RFW has little faith in Fisheries about IFM for Western Rock Lobster and if they cannot get this right, RFW will not support IFM for demersal scale fish.
- The Department of Fisheries has used historical information and we are starting to build an argument that there is more important value than just catch history, e.g. population growth, natural trends. This is necessary to follow through on basic principles of IFM and the capacity to deliver so we see benefits to the recreational sector.
- The government has recently recognised access rights and new legislation will give recognition to the right to access the resource. Allocations could be bought sold or traded.

#### **Department of Environment & Conservation / Steep Point**

- Recfishwest came close to signing a memorandum of understanding with DEC but have some concerns about the ideology coming from the department
- Recfishwest will be looking at improving relationships in the conservation environment
- Recreational anglers need to show their own conservation credentials, take responsibility for their actions and improve their own image
- Its politics at the end of the day and voting is a way of expressing an opinion.

#### **General**

- RFW is interested in collating a list of events where representatives from Fisheries could attend to provide education and information to recreational fishers
- Fisheries did not attend the last SwanFish event, although they did attend the recent Rock and Beach championships at Jurien
- AAAWA will advise RFW of their coming events

#### **Funding**

- Small community grants of \$5000 to \$8000 are considered favourably by RFW, especially if a group has matching funds
- RFW would be happy to hear suggestions for funding of larger projects such as fishing platforms for elderly or disabled people
- The recreational benefits of fishing are being promoted, e.g. Pink Ribbon and Addicted to Fishing not Drugs programs, which adds weight to the need for access and fishing platforms.

#### **Revenue from Fishing Licences**

- A commitment has been made for \$1m to fund community driven projects aimed at enhancing recreational fishing. See <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/contents/recreational-fishing-grants/>
- Facilities such as boat ramps and fish cleaning stations come from boat licence revenue

John Curtis thanked Messrs Rowland and Matthews for their presentation and the opportunity to discuss relevant and topical issues.

It was moved by George Holman and seconded by Russell Bunce that standing orders be resumed.  
Motion carried.

## 6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by James Strong and seconded by Marcia Pekaar that the minutes of the April 2012 meeting be accepted as an accurate record. Motion carried.

## 7. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS FROM MINUTES

Nil

## 8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

John Curtis made a submission to Fisheries on the Fisheries Management Paper on behalf of AAawa and this will be placed on the AAawa website.

<http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/ResponseToFMP252.pdf>

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

### INWARDS (BY MAIL)

1. Andrew Matthews, Chairman RFW	Presentation to AAawa
2. Paul Heazlewood	Application for record, Spangled Emperor
3. Northern Districts AC	Letter re affiliation

### OUTWARDS (BY MAIL)

4. All clubs	Minutes & Agendas
5. Letter to Andrew Matthews, Chairman Recfishwest	Regarding invitation to Recfishwest to present to the AAawa May meeting

### INWARDS (BY EMAIL)

!	📧	📧	From	Subject	Received
	📧		Jennie Stoeckel	Meeting	13/05/2012 4:21 ...
	📧		Murchison Boat Hire	Kalbarri Classic Video	11/05/2012 10:2...
!	📧		Qafca	Reminder re AAA Meetings	11/05/2012 7:04 ...
	📧		Paul Longo	RE: VISIT BY RECFISHWEST TO AAawa'S MAY DELEGATES MEETING	10/05/2012 6:31 ...
	📧		Graeme Dawber	NZACA May 2012 Secretarial Jottings (a-b)	8/05/2012 2:21 P...
	📧		Pat Shinnick	Reply to query on INCOME & EXPENSES FOR STATE BOAT CHAMPS	8/05/2012 5:57 A...
	📧		Pat Shinnick	RE: INCOME & EXPENSES FOR STATE BOAT CHAMPS	6/05/2012 3:07 P...
	📧		John Curtis	DSR Funding Agreement & Acquittal	6/05/2012 9:03 A...
	📧		John Curtis	Re: Fw: DSR Funding Agreement & Acquittal	3/05/2012 3:29 P...
	📧		John Curtis	DSR Funding from Recfishwest	2/05/2012 1:23 P...
	📧		Con Costa	DSR Funding - Bank Account Details	2/05/2012 12:54 ...
	📧		Yvette Guy	DSR Funding Agreement & Acquittal	1/05/2012 11:24 ...
	📧		Pat Shinnick	RE: INCOME & EXPENSES FOR STATE BOAT CHAMPS	1/05/2012 5:33 A...
	📧		John Curtis	May Delegate's Council Meeting	30/04/2012 9:39 ...
	📧		Recfishwest communi...	Have Your Say period extended by another week	30/04/2012 12:2...
	📧		John Curtis	Extension of Response Time for FMP 252	30/04/2012 11:3...
	📧		John Curtis	April Minutes, Recorder's report	25/04/2012 10:2...
	📧		Gary Palmer	Record fish capture	24/04/2012 5:54 ...

	John Curtis	Minutes of April Meeting	24/04/2012 5:41 ...
	L Bircahall	Fish Tales	24/04/2012 10:2...
	NW Marine Plan	Marine Bioregional Planning Update [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]	24/04/2012 9:15 ...
	Recfishwest communi...	Recfishwest media releases	24/04/2012 9:10 ...
	Jan Taylor	FW: AAA State boats remittance	19/04/2012 9:19 ...
	AAAWA	FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PAPER 252	19/04/2012 8:37 ...
	Terry Fuller	RFW report for the minutes of April Delegates meeting	19/04/2012 7:32 ...
	Terry Fuller	Some possible comments on FMP 252, proposed recreational fishing rules	19/04/2012 7:29 ...
	John Curtis	Capture of Emperor	18/04/2012 3:42 ...
	Pat Shinnick	AAA State boats	18/04/2012 1:27 ...
	Heazlewood, Paul MR 1	Fishing Abrolos island [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]	18/04/2012 10:2...

## OUTWARDS (BY EMAIL)

To	Subject	Sent
Curtis, John	AGENDA ITEM	14/05/2012 10:19 AM
Curtis, John	MAIL	13/05/2012 2:19 PM
Curtis, John	Fw: Reminder re AAA Meetings	11/05/2012 9:22 AM
Paul Longo	Re: VISIT BY RECFISHWEST TO AAAWA'S MAY DELEGATES MEETING	10/05/2012 8:31 AM
Curtis, John	Fw: VISIT BY RECFISHWEST TO AAAWA'S MAY DELEGATES MEETING	10/05/2012 8:31 AM
Pat Shinnick	Re: INCOME & EXPENSES FOR STATE BOAT CHAMPS	7/05/2012 6:13 PM
Curtis, John	Fw: DSR Funding Agreement & Acquittal	3/05/2012 10:38 AM
Con Costa	Re: DSR Funding - Bank Account Details	2/05/2012 9:38 PM
	AAA 33RD NATIONAL ANGLING CHAMPIONSHIPS AND CONVENTION, QLD 2013	1/05/2012 9:20 AM
Pat Shinnick	Re: INCOME & EXPENSES FOR STATE BOAT CHAMPS	1/05/2012 9:02 AM
	AAAWA DELEGATES MEETING APRIL2012	30/04/2012 10:41 PM
	VISIT BY RECFISHWEST TO AAAWA'S MAY DELEGATES MEETING	30/04/2012 5:55 PM
	Fw: Have Your Say period extended by another week	30/04/2012 4:16 PM
Pat Shinnick	INCOME & EXPENSES FOR STATE BOAT CHAMPS	30/04/2012 11:31 AM
Curtis, John; Siudak, Ri...	RECORD APPLICATION	29/04/2012 7:46 PM
Curtis, John	LETTER FROM RFW	29/04/2012 7:42 PM
Associations Branch	Re: aaawa@inet.net.au - ASSOCIATIONS & CHARITIES - Australian Anglers Association	26/04/2012 11:42 AM
John Curtis	Re: April Minutes, Recorder's report	26/04/2012 10:34 AM
Siudak, Richard	Fw: Record fish capture	25/04/2012 9:00 PM
JR Mechanical	Re: LETTER TO CLUBS RE DATA FOR DSR ANNUAL FUNDING	25/04/2012 8:58 PM
John Curtis	MINUTES OF APRIL DELEGATES MEETING	23/04/2012 9:56 PM
	LETTER TO CLUBS RE DATA FOR DSR ANNUAL FUNDING	23/04/2012 6:13 PM
	FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PAPER 252	19/04/2012 8:36 AM
Pat Shinnick	Re: AAA State boats	19/04/2012 8:24 AM
John Curtis	Fw: AAA State boat inv & reconciliation	18/04/2012 10:53 AM
Curtis, John	Fw: Fishing Abrolos island [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]	18/04/2012 10:52 AM

## BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

- John Curtis read out the letter from Ron Matthews, delegate from Northern Districts Angling Club, which indicated that although they did not participate in competitions, they enjoyed meeting for recreational fishing and wished to remain affiliated with the AAAWA.
- John has been in discussions with RFW regarding the DSR allocation. This will require that a funding reconciliation be completed at the end of the financial year, as well as the completion of a census from all affiliate clubs.

It was moved by George Holman and seconded by Russell Bunce that the correspondence inwards and outwards be accepted. Motion carried.

## 10. TREASURERS REPORT

General Account Balance \$24,495.42      Carnival Account Balance \$807.90  
Income for May 2012

Name	Description	Amount
Northern Districts AC	Affiliation fees 2011-2012	50.00
Pat Shinnick	Nomination fees, bag sales & raffle	1628.00
Paul Heazlewood	Record Application - Spangled Emperor	10.00
PA & NJ Lord	Nomination Fees - State Boat Champs	40.00
LH & GJ Derrick	Nomination Fees - State Boat Champs	15.00

MAAC	Donation - State Boat Champs	1500.00
Mini Excavators Pty Ltd	Nomination Fees - State Boat Champs	40.00
Quinns Rocks FC	Donation - State Boat Champs	300.00
Recfishwest	Funding grant – Department of Sport & Recreation	5500.00
TOTAL		9083.00

#### Accounts for May 2012

Pat Shinnick	Reimbursement of State Boat Champs expenses	4215.32
Diane McDonough	Secretariat	500.00
Telstra	Telephone account	40.74
Coles	Copy paper	10.00
TOTAL		4766.06

It was moved by George Holman and seconded by Marcia Pekaar that the Treasurers report be accepted and the accounts passed for payment. Motion carried.

## 11. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

### President's Report

#### *Re Liability Insurance*

- John's letter to clubs has resulted in four responses out of a total of 24 clubs, with one club (SCAC) indicating its interest and three clubs declining on the basis that the premium was considered to be too expensive.
- John believes that individually priced insurance policies would amount to considerably more than the proposal offered to clubs
- John will pursue this further with the National Secretary General when he attends National Annual General Meeting.

#### *Mid Term Meeting / 2013 Convention*

- The Mid Term Meeting will be held in Caloundra, Queensland in August 2012.
- All agenda items to be in Qld with the Secretary General Pam Crone by 18<sup>th</sup> May and this will include the notice of motion passed at the April meeting.
- Expressions of interest for the 2013 Convention in Queensland have been distributed. For further information contact George Holman.
- John Curtis encouraged Rock and Beach and Boating groups to consider participating in this event and plan for a trip to Queensland in August 2013.

It was moved by James Strong and seconded by Richard Siudak that President John Curtis and Vice President George Holman attend the National Annual General Meeting at Caloundra in August to represent AAAWA at that meeting. John will make a presentation to the national body. Motion carried.

### Estuary, Rock and Beach Report

No report

### Boating Report

- Quinns Rock FC will host the 2013 event
- John Curtis asked the boating subcommittees to sort out their dates for 2015

### Dry Casting Report

- George Holman is still looking at solutions to the Yokine oval availability
- Work is progressing on the Dry Casting trailer
- George requested that a formal letter be sent to Victoria thanking them for the trailer and he will follow up on this

### Recfishwest Report

A RFW report was presented by the CEO and the Chairman of RFW earlier in the meeting.



## Recording Officer Report

- John Curtis circulated a record application for a Spangled Emperor, a potential new record, weighing 8 kg and caught on a commercial charter at the Abrolhos Islands
- The Record Subcommittee has concerns regarding the lack of girth figures and Richard Siudak will seek clarification of its length in order to apply a formula to guesstimate the girth. John Curtis will follow this up with the claimant

## Competitions Officer Report

No report

## 12. GENERAL BUSINESS

### *Hooks/gangs/snells*

- John Curtis will prepare a discussion paper and distribute it to delegates/clubs with a view to discussing and seeking feedback at the June meeting.

### Open competition in Dry Casting and other AAWA events

- Delegates were asked at the April meeting to discuss with their clubs an “open” category at competitions. Two clubs provided feedback: Surf Casters had no objection to the open category; Ocean Reef SSC were opposed to an open category. John Curtis outlined how such changes would require re-writing of competition rules and the AAWA Constitution and queried the merit of the changes, especially considering the poor feedback from clubs.
- Delegates discussed the ways in which Angler of the Year scores were calculated and agreed that the current competition categories did not breach any equal opportunity legislation.

It was moved by Terry Fuller and seconded by James Strong that no further action be taken to introduce an Open class in AAWA events. Motion carried.
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## 13. CLOSE MEETING

The next Delegates meeting will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

### AAWA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012-2015

2012	
August	• AAA National Convention mid-term meeting at Caloundra in Queensland
October	• State Dry Casting Championships - Yokine Reserve Yokine - 28 <sup>th</sup>
November	• State Estuary Event – Swan / Cockburn Sound Saturday/Sunday 24/25 November 2012 (TBC)
2013	
April	• State Boating Championships 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2013 to be held at Mindarie and hosted by the Quinn’s Rock Fishing Club
June	• State Rock & Beach Championships– S Bend (long weekend) Saturday/Sunday 1 <sup>ST</sup> /2 <sup>ND</sup> June 2013 (TBC)
August	• AAA 33 <sup>rd</sup> National Angling Championships & Convention Sunshine Coast, Qld
October	• State Dry Casting Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2013
November	• State Estuary Event – Blackwood River Augusta
2014	
March	• State Boats Championships – TBA
May	• State Rock and Beach Event – Cape to Cape
October	• State Dry Casting, Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2014
November	• State Estuary Event – Walpole
2015	
March *	• State Boat Championships, hosted by Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club at Ocean Reef - long weekend
March *	• State Rock and Beach event – Cheynes Beach – long weekend
October	• State Dry Casting Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2015

\* These dates need to be reviewed as they clash and also clash with the Kalbarri Classic.

Events can be added to this Calendar 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)