



**AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION, (WA DIVISION)
INC**



DELEGATES' MEETING

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

1. OPEN MEETING

Pat thanked George for chairing the last meeting.



2. PRESENT

Pat Shinnick, President & LAAC
James Strong, Patron & Denmark Angling &
Boating Club
Paul Frzop, HYC
Terry Fuller, SCAC
George Holman, SCAC
Marcia Pekaar, Northampton

Peter Pekaar, Geraldton
Joe Horvath, OSAC Perth Beach Branch
Ian Cook SCAC
Russell Bunce, FAAC
Don Cox Melville AAC
John Crompton, SCAC

3. APOLOGIES

Richard Siudak, Jason Pember, Ric Cameron

4. VISITORS

Mark Hanson, Peter Stoekel

5. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES

Nil

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

7. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS FROM MINUTES

Nil

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- Terry raised the matter of his apology to Pat Shinnick (refer October 2009 minutes) and made it clear that his apology was voluntary and not forced, which offered the reasons for his actions. Pat Shinnick confirmed that a transcript of Terry's apology was handed to attendees at the October meeting and a copy had been provided to Pat, who was not at the meeting.
- Chas Riegert commented that the results of the recent Dry Casting Competition were not on the AAABA website. They were, however, emailed out with the minutes of the October meeting.

It was proposed by George Holman and seconded by James Strong that the October minutes be accepted as a true record. Motion Carried.

9. CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS (BY MAIL)

Hillarys Yacht Club	Compass Nov/Dec 2009
Surf Casting & Angling Club of WA Inc	Reel Talk Nov 2009

10. CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS (BY EMAIL)

1. Marcia and Peter Pekaar	Team Lists - Melville & OSAC for 25-10-09 Dry Casting.doc
2. Terry Fuller	As requested, recording of October 2009 Delegates Meeting
3. Terry Fuller	Apology to Pat Shinnick read at Oct AAABA Delegates Meeting
4. Terry Fuller	Recfishwest report for minutes of October 2009 Delegates meeting
5. Marcia Pekaar	Follow up re AAA Delegates' Meeting 20-10-09
6. Terry Fuller	More time wasting on dry casting issues - amendment motion withdrawn.
7. Andrew Rowland	Recfishwest Crab Survey - Peel/Harvey
8. Cheryl Poustie	WASF Annual General Meeting - Agenda and Papers - Tuesday 27 October 2009
9. Derek Smith	Mindarie & Districts Sea Sports Club (Inc.)

10. Pat Shinnick	FW: aaa state drycasting
11. Terry Fuller	Comments OCT AAABA Delegates Meeting - Draft Minutes as requested
12. Pat Shinnick	Comments on OCT AAABA Delegates Meeting - Draft Minutes as requested
13. Terry Fuller	Re: AAABA Vote for RFW Board members
14. Pat Shinnick	RE: Drycasting State Champs RESULTS
15. Recfish CEO	Recfish Australia Communiqué 18 October 2009
16. Pat Shinnick	FW: Results
17. Pat Shinnick	Drycasting State Champs Photos
18. Con Costa	Casting Around the Internet No. 72
19. Con Costa	New Rules help recreational rock lobster fishers
20. Pat Shinnick	AAABA and Drycasters
21. John Crompton	Mark Hansen - Lost SCAC Yellow Polo Jacket
22. AAABA	LOST PROPERTY - DRY CASTING CHAMPIONSHIPS 25TH OCTOBER
23. Marcia Pekaar	RE: LOST PROPERTY - DRY CASTING CHAMPIONSHIPS 25TH OCTOBER
24. Medianet Operations	Weather Caution for the Start of the West Coast Zone Abalone Season
25. Pat Shinnick	Comments on OCT AAABA DELEGATES MEETING - DRAFT MINUTES
26. yvette guy	Weather caution for the start of the WC Zone abalone season
27. nicole.upton@bigpond.com	denmark boating and angling club
28. Pat Shinnick	RE: AAABA WEBSITE
29. yvette guy	Water Corporation says raw sewerage in Swan River not priority
30. Medianet Operations	Operation Acacia Delivers Another Big Court Fine
31. Jenny Travis	Media Releases from Dept of Fisheries and Department of Premier and Cabinet
32. Doug Hauff	FW: Fishing in WA
33. Jarrad Louw	Enquiry into possible record
34. Pat Shinnick	RE: Fishing in WA
35. John Crompton	Emailing: 'Have a Go Newspaper' 10 November 2009
36. Jenny Travis	Media Release-Comment sought on WA's recreational trout fishery
37. Jenny Travis	Media Release-Cockburn Sound Crabs
38. Jenny Travis	Greenies 'irresponsible and ignorant' in claims about lobster fishery
39. Reserves	Australian Anglers' Association Invoice
40. Richard Siudak	Re: AAABA NOVEMBER DELEGATES MEETING
41. Medianet Operations	Vital Research on Freshwater Fish Biodiversity Gets \$850,000 Boost
42. nicole.upton@bigpond.com	Re: denmark boating and angling club

11. CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS

Delegates & Clubs	Minutes & Agendas
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12. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

- Chas Riegert queried email no 6 from Terry Fuller. Terry explained his comments on time wasting, in that the motion had not been raised through the normal channels and was subsequently withdrawn, which he considered to be a waste of delegates' time.
- Terry Fuller provided a background to item 29 "Water Corporation says raw sewerage in Swan River not priority". This refers to a recent water summit including the Swan River Trust, Water Minister and others. The Water Corp commented that they had spent enough money on preventing sewerage spills and would not be spending any more, therefore it is not a priority.
- Pat reminded delegates that the secretary should be copied in on all emailed correspondence.

It was proposed by Peter Pekaar and seconded by Russel Bunce that the correspondence be accepted. Motion Carried.

13. TREASURERS REPORT

General Account Balance \$18085.56	Carnival Account Balance \$1221.61
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Income for September:

Cockburn Power Boats	Donation to State Boat Champs 2010	200.00
Stoekel Family	Dry Casting Event Nomination Fee	27.50
Quinns Rock FC	Donation to State Boat Champs 2010	100.00
Fremantle Sailing Club	2009/2010 Affiliation Fee	200.00

Melville AC	2009/2010 Affiliation Fee	200.00
Geraldton AC	2009/10 Affiliation Fee	100.00
Northampton District AC	2009/2010 Affiliation Fee	50.00
Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club	2009/10 Affiliation Fee	200.00
George Holman/Dry Casting	Sinker money	26.00
Dry Casting Competition	Raffle Money	200.00
Dry Casting Competition	Nomination fees	481.00
Total		1784.50

Accounts for payment September

Diane McDonough	Secretariat	\$500.00
Telstra	Telephone bill	42.73
Woolworths	Stationery	6.70
Ian Cook Recorder	Incidental costs (certificate and colour printing)	15.50
Trophy Choice	Trophies, Medals and Engraving (State Dry Casting)	304.30
City of Stirling	Use of Yokine Reserve for dry casting comp	130.00
Fleets for Tackle	Prizes for State Estuary Competition	350.00
Mark Hansen	Reimbursement for Dry Casting comp expenses	43.25
Total		\$1392.48

It was proposed by Joe Horvath and seconded by Russell Bunce that the Treasurers report be accepted and the accounts passed for payment.

14. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

President's Report

- Pat Shinnick thanked George Holman for chairing the last meeting in his absence. Pat attended the Recfishwest AGM recently at which George Holman made an address and which Terry Fuller was nominated by the AAAWA as a board member. The CEO of Fisheries made an interesting speech and impressed Pat as being quite knowledgeable on current issues.
- Pat assisted with the recent Dry Casting event and considering he had no previous experience he believed that the event went very well, he enjoyed the experience, the camaraderie and friendship of other participants. He gave credit to George Holman who assisted by providing information prior to the event. He also praised all the others who helped on the day, including Ian Cook who assisted with packing up. Even though there were problems which arose, these were sorted promptly.
- Pat would have liked to see a debrief soon after the event (see Dry Casting Report)
- Pat feels as though he is forever fixing up legacies from problems within AAAWA. He stressed that all delegates are volunteers, and people should let bygones be bygones.

Fishing Clinic Report

- A meeting was to be held following the AAAWA delegates' meeting – to report back at the December AAAWA meeting.

Estuary, Rock and Beach Report

- All details are complete for the coming Estuary event and any queries can be forwarded to Jason Pember or Don Cox (see flyer / nomination forms). Don asked that people do not park their boat trailers in the main car park. In the event of rain, the inside of the hall will be used for weigh-in, etc. The 2008 Estuary mini juniors team trophy cannot be found – this will be followed up by Don and Jason.

Pat thanked Don Cox and Jason Pember for their efforts in organising the estuary event.

Boating Report

- A meeting is scheduled for 18th February. Pat has done a great deal of work to seek sponsorship for the State Boating Championships and this has had a positive response.

Dry Casting Report

- The Dry Casting Championship held 25th October was claimed as a success, with many people participating and assisting for the first time and the comments from delegates who attended were generally positive. The numbers were up on the 2008 competition, which is encouraging with some attendees saying they will definitely participate again.
- The trailer was left in a mess, with some ropes cut. It is important that the trailer be cleaned out and equipment documented.
- The secretary will send a letter to Terry Bell, thanking him for his efforts on the day; Chas Riegert suggested that Terry Willison also be given a vote of thanks for his contribution
- Don Cox suggested that diagrams or photographs of mark outs, rig rules, length of rods, etc be set up on whiteboards for all to see beforehand.
- George Holman offered to give a talk to clubs on rods, reels and casting, if requested.
- It was suggested that the Ladies, Juniors and Mini Juniors events could have been held alongside the Veterans events, saving time.
- George requested that the oval be booked for next year's Dry Casting event (Sunday 31st October 2010) and the secretary will attend to this.

Chas Riegert agreed to hold a debriefing meeting for the 2009 State Dry Casting Competition at **7. 30 pm on Tuesday, 8th December 2009** at his residence, 1 Bage Court, Hillarys. Those who cannot attend may forward comments to Chas at riegert@inet.net.au or by mail to the above address. He will hold the meeting in his garage so that people may attend direct from the workplace. Attendees to bring something to sit on.

Recfishwest report for AAA Delegates Meeting 17 November 2009

1. New Recfishwest Board members.

For at least the last 6 years, I have been reporting to the Delegates meetings on Recfishwest activities, issues and achievements.

Those of you who know me, will know that I work very busily but quietly for the good of the organisation, and I do not waste anyone's time on promoting myself.

In all those 6 or more years reporting, I have never publicised my own work or my own activities, and I have not lobbied or sought support for myself personally.

Sometimes I feel that approach has meant I am taken for granted, and has even been used against me, so maybe it is time for me to be upfront and tell it like it is at least once.

The Annual General Meeting and election of Recfishwest Board members were held on Friday 30 October.

For the first time, Association members were elected by the ordinary Recfishwest members, not automatically included on the RFW Board as they had been in the past.

Seven (7) Associations nominated people for the five (5) available positions, meaning that it was inevitable that 2 Associations would miss out having on a Board member.

My last month's report to the Delegates said:- "***I will stand by my record of work for Recfishwest and I will let RFW members decide if they want me to continue that work on the Board***"

The RFW members must have thought my work and my record has been worthwhile because they gave me the most votes for an Association member by a significant margin. I have been elected to the RFW Board for a 2 year term.

That was achieved without lobbying by me for new members and for votes as I understand some other associations did, perfectly understandable when 2 associations would miss out.

The election order was:- Terry Fuller, AAA (2 year term), John Webber, WA Game Fishing Association (2 year term), Tim Carter, Aust. Fishing Trades Association (2 year term), Joe Petrovich, Spearfishing Commission (WA) of Australian Underwater Federation (1 year term), Matt Howard, Charter Boat Owners and Operators Association (1 year term).

Harry Vosper, WA Trout and Freshwater Fishing Association and Stephen Gilders, Australian National Sportfishing Association were the unsuccessful nominations.

Under the RFW Constitution, if any of the Association Board members resigns for reasons other than ill health, misadventure or relocation, the next eligible Association (WATFFA in this case) would take the Board position for the balance of the term of appointment. Associations are no longer able to nominate or have proxy members.

I was also re-elected (by the Board) to the Recfishwest Executive, the Finance and Audit Committee and as the Chairman of the Membership and Communications Committee.

There are now 7 new people on the Recfishwest Board for 2009/10 to help meet the many challenges coming from Recfishwest's recognition by the Minister and the Department of Fisheries as **THE** Recreational Fishing Peak Body, and the plans for 2010 and beyond.

The full list of Board members is on <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/BoardMembers.htm> which also has a link to the Recfishwest Annual Report for 2008/2009.

2. Other items

I will go back to reporting on Recfishwest activities and other recreational fisheries management issues in my December report.

3. Recfishwest Membership

Recfishwest is the peak body representing the interests of recreational fishers in Western Australia. In 2008 when the organization was under threat, recreational fishers supported Recfishwest, but **we need you to continue that support.** Decisions to be made in 2009 and beyond will affect future fishing opportunities for your children and grandchildren. Recfishwest intends meeting these challenges and assures you that we will be the most effective vehicle for getting your views heard in these crucial years.

Recfishwest is **your** public voice whenever decisions which affect our fisheries, or access to them, are being made. We want you to become a member of Recfishwest or to renew your membership. Membership costs only \$20 a year per person, \$40 for families and \$10 for seniors.

Please contact the office on (08) 9246 3366, email to recfish@recfishwest.org.au or apply at the Recfishwest website, <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/MembershipDet.htm> Together we can make a difference!!

This report has been prepared by Terry Fuller, your Recfishwest Board Member for the Australian Anglers Association working voluntarily on your behalf. Contact Terry on 9447 4545 or email terryfuller@inet.net.au with any questions or comments.

Business Arising from RFW Report

- George Holman congratulated Terry Fuller on his appointment to the Recfishwest Board. Pat Shinnick joined in his congratulations and had actively lobbied for Terry to be voted in.
- Pat asked that Terry represent the concerns and ideas of the AAAWA to the RFW Board, to ensure that club fishermen are looked after. However, Terry commented that as a board member he cannot push the AAAWA agenda regardless of its merits and that he is advised to consider the good of both fishermen and fisheries. In the event of a conflict between clubs, fish and Fisheries, then fish and Fisheries take precedence, as the future of fishing is at stake and he promotes AAAWA interests from that standpoint.
- George Holman commented that Terry provides information to the AAAWA of a high quality which rarely needs to be queried or followed up. Terry commented that he is available and welcomes queries and feedback on RFW matters, however AAAWA delegates rarely consult him.

Recording Officer Report

- A recently received application for a flathead record will be rejected, due to the fact that it is an old record, the weight was not certified and its girth not measured.

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

Certificate of Honour – James Strong

- George Holman made a presentation to James Strong, expanding on his length of service and commitment to the AAAWA as a backbone and father figure to the WA Division. He pointed out that only one other award of this type had ever been awarded by the AAA national body and that in order for it to be ratified it had to be supported by 100% of AAA presidents and delegates. George went on to say that there is no person more deserving of such an award than James Strong.
- James thanked delegates for nominating him for the award, giving a brief background to the original meeting in 1959 or 1960 at which the concept of the AAAWA was first proposed. The AAAWA has been a significant part of his life.
- Peter Pekaar thanked George for organising this award for James.



Archived AAWA Records

- Joe Horvath made inquiries as to accessing old records in order to verify the length of Laurie Birchall's association with the AAWA as an early president and patron (for the purpose of a City of Joondalup award). Pat Shinnick has an archived box of documents at his workshop and he offered Joe the opportunity to access these records.

Flyer for Denmark Angling & Boating Club

- The secretary will provide a flier to Terry Fuller who will place it on the AAWA website to promote this event.

Financial Report from Wallaroo SA State Convention

- Mark Hansen asked Terry Fuller if there was any progress on this. Terry responded that he would endeavour to complete the report before Christmas and offered the task to anyone else if they wanted to volunteer to do it. Terry has other commitments and this is not a high priority. Ian Cook pointed out that people just wanted to know where they stand and to see the matter finalised.

WARCO

- Discussion took place about the lack of rubbish bins in some car parks (e.g. Shire of Dandaragan) and it was pointed out that some councils have a policy "if you carry it in, you should carry it out" as rubbish collection adds costs to their own ratepayers. Russell Bunce commented that there are bins placed at some designated camping areas.

17. CLOSE MEETING

NEXT MEETING Tues 15th December 2009 at 7.30 pm.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009-2012

2009	
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estuary event 28th/29th at the Swan/Canning Rivers upstream from the Fremantle Traffic Bridge. Briefing 11 am -12 noon; lines in at 1.00 pm; weigh in at 10 am (29th). Briefing and weigh-in at Troy Park.
2010	
January	Denmark Boating & Angling Club Rainbow Coast Angling Competition. 16 & 17 July 2010. Register at Ocean View between 11.30 am and 1 pm on Saturday 16 th January. Weigh at 12 noon on 17 th January. Inquiries to : Nicole Upton on 0428 452 092 or nicole.upton@bigpond.com
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Boating Championships hosted by Mandurah Offshore Fishing Club on the 27th of March 2010 with the 28th March as a backup date. • Beach and Rock event Jurien Bay 13th & 14th March – confirmed
2011	
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beach and Rock event at Cheynes Beach Caravan Park, boundaries Bremer Bay river mouth to Albany Harbour Jetty.
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estuary event 27th / 28th at Swan River/Cockburn Sound.
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beach & Rock event at Port Gregory. Boundaries Kalbarri to Bowes River Mouth.

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

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