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DELEGATES' MEETING

**Held at Sports Association WA, Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley
Tuesday 15th November at 7.30 pm**



MINUTES

1. OPEN MEETING

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

2. PRESENT

Russell Bunce, FAAC
Don Cox, Melville
John Crompton, Proxy – Esperance
Surfcasters
James Strong, Patron
George Holman, SCAC
John Curtis, President

Ric Parker, Proxy – SCAC
Peter Stoeckel, Beachcombers
Kevin Murphy, MAAC
Joe Horvath, OSAC Perth Beach
Martin Humber, OSAC South Coastal
Diane McDonough, Secretary/Treasurer

3. APOLOGIES

Paul Longo, Malcolm Cruickshank, Pat Shinnick, Terry Fuller, Peter Pekaar, Marcia Pekaar, Jason Pember

4. VISITORS

Nil

5. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES

Ric Parker (SCAC) Proxy for Terry Fuller

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

7. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS FROM MINUTES

It was moved by George Holman and seconded by Don Cox that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record. Motion carried.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

INWARDS (BY MAIL)

1. Dept Env & Conservation	Management Plan for Millstream Chichester National Park
2. Tony O'Gorman/Ken Travers	Invitation to Sundowner
3. WA Sports Federation	Notice of AGM 15/11/2011

INWARDS (BY EMAIL)

1. Laurie Birchall	Fw: AAA(WA)
2. Derek Smith	Mindarie & Districts Sea Sports Club (MDSSC) - AAA / Recfish
3. Marcia Pekaar	Fw: September Delegates Meeting Feedback
4. Laurie Birchall	Novembers copy of Fish Tales
5. Jenny	Media statements - Minister for Fisheries
6. Jenny	Recfishwest Tells Greenies – Light a Candle – Stop Cursing the Dark
7. Medianet Ops	Commercial Fisher and Company Fined for Excess Lobster Pot
8. Jenny	Media Statement - Dhufish research extended

9. John Curtis	Booking Yokine East Reserve for State Drycasting Championships 2012
10. Qafca	AAA National Championships and Convention NEWSLETTER NO 1
11. Graeme Dawber	NZACA Secretarial Jottings October 2011 (code a-f)
12. Terry Fuller	Fwd: 2011 Clubs Conference – Reminder
13. Stefan Salamon	AAA SA Div, new website
14. Recfishwest	Recfishwest E-News Edition 2
15. Terry Fuller	Re: RECFISHWEST REPORT as requested
16. Pat Shinnick	State Boat Championships 2014
17. Pat Shinnick	Letters to clubs
18. John Curtis	Re: WEIGH-IN BOOKS
19. John Curtis	Minutes of October Meeting
20. John Curtis	Re: Fw: AAA(WA)
21. Laurie Birchall	Re: AAA(WA)
22. John Curtis	Pat's letter
23. Jenny	WA fisheries at mercy of US greenie charity + today's media releases
24. Pat Shinnick	FW: AAAWA DELEGATES MEETING 18TH OCTOBER 2011
25. Pat Shinnick	FW: State Boat Championships 2014
26. Jenny	Media Release: New season format for abalone fishing
27. Cheryl Poustie	WASF Annual General Meeting
28. Medianet Ops	Commercial fishers given access to recreational licences
29. Jenny	Recfishwest Photo Competition
30. Terry Fuller	Fwd: Blackwood black bream monitoring
31. John Curtis	Re: ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT
32. John Curtis	Comments arising from Minutes of Delegates Council Meeting 18th Oct
33. Medianet Ops	New Minimum Size for Rock Lobsters Caught Recreationally
34. Jenny	Notice to Mariners: Marine Cable Route Survey
35. Jenny	RFW Media Release - Thanks for Nothing on Recreational Rock Lobster
36. John Curtis	Boating Sub-Committee Representation at Delegates Council
37. NW Marine Plan	Submissions to the draft North-west Marine Bioregional Plan ...
38. Cheryl Poustie	WASF Annual General Meeting
39. Greg Walker	fees for Beachcombers Angling Club
40. Greg Walker	Beachcombers Angling Club of WA
41. M Cruickshank	RE: AAAWA DELEGATES MEETING
42. Pat Shinnick	Boating report AAAWA DELEGATES MEETING
43. Paul Longo	RE: AAAWA DELEGATES MEETING

OUTWARDS (BY MAIL)

All clubs	Minutes & Agendas
All Boating Clubs	Request for support for State Boat Championships

OUTWARDS (BY EMAIL)

1. ALL CLUBS	AAAWA	2011 Clubs Conference - Reminder
2. Terry Fuller	AAAWA	RECFISHWEST REPORT
3. Curtis, John	AAAWA	Fw: Delegate for Mount Barker
4. Curtis, John	AAAWA	Fw: AAA(WA)
5. Curtis, John	AAAWA	KALBARRI AFFILIATION
6. LBirchall	AAAWA	Re: AAA(WA)
7. Curtis, John	AAAWA	WEIGH-IN BOOKS
8. Curtis, John	AAAWA	MINUTES OF OCTOBER MEETING
9. Derek Smith	AAAWA	Re: Mindarie & Districts Sea Sports Club (MDSSC) - AAA / Recfish
10. Curtis, John	AAAWA	Fw: AAA National Championships and Convention NEWSLETTER NO 1
11. Curtis, John	AAAWA	STATE BOAT CHAMPS - LETTER TO CLUBS
12. Curtis, John	AAAWA	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT
13. Greg Walker	AAAWA	Re: fees for Beachcombers Angling Club
14. ALL CLUBS	AAAWA	Boating report AAAWA DELEGATES MEETING

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

- Email inwards No 10 refers to Qld National Convention in 2013 - see expression of interest form attached
- Email inwards No 28 - commercial fishermen are now allowed to keep fish caught in their craypots. They still have to comply to demersal fishing closures the same as other recreational fishermen and they may not have fishing gear on their boats.
- Email inwards No 30 – discussion followed about Bream monitoring in the Blackwood River and whether it will affect future events in the area. John Curtis provided some background regarding breeding programs in the area. The river has been restocked since 2000 and positive results are coming through. Ian Stagles, Chair of the WA Fish Foundation is responsible for these projects and future projects include Mulloway in the Swan River. John Curtis would like AAAWA to be involved in supporting these projects if volunteers are required. He suggested that fish frames from the forthcoming State Estuary event be kept for use by Fisheries and will follow up on this with a letter to Ian Stagles.
- Email inwards No 34 refers to a boat doing offshore survey work related to Perth-Singapore cable laying, which may affect anglers fishing in the City Beach-Scarborough area
- Email inwards No 35 refers to the rock lobster season. Fisheries have reduced allowable sizes to 76 mm, however pot gap sizes allow lobsters to fall out. This issue is ongoing between RFW and Fisheries. Refer to media releases in the West Australian and RFW media statements.
- Email inwards No 40 refers to Beachcombers request for their address details to be changed and also their club to be listed alphabetically on the AAAWA website. John Curtis requested that website editor attend to this.

It was moved by Peter Stoeckel and seconded by Joe Horvath that the correspondence via mail and email be accepted. Motion carried.

11. TREASURERS REPORT

General Account Balance \$18,782.38	Carnival Account Balance \$806.50
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Income for Nov 2011

MOSFSC	Affiliation 2011/2012	200.00
ORSSC	Affiliation 2011/2012	200.00
Drifters Deep Sea	Affiliation 2011/2012	50.00
Melville Amateur AC	Affiliation 2011/2012	200.00
Fremantle Amateur AC	Affiliation 2011/2012	200.00
Offshore AC Mt Barker	Affiliation 2011/2012	100.00
Northampton Dist AC	Affiliation 2011/2012	50.00
Beachcombers	Affiliation 2011/2012	80.00
Recorder	Miscellaneous	21.00
		1101.00

Accounts for payment Nov 2011

Trophy Choice	Trophies & Awards – Angler of the Year	752.00
Trophy Choice	Medals & Engraving – Dry Casting	336.00
Trophy Choice	Dry Casting – Engraving	58.00
Telstra	Telephone Account	40.30
Diane McDonough	Secretariat, stationery, inet (ISP)	546.81
Bluewater Tackle	Prizes for Estuary Event	350.00
		2083.11

It was moved by Peter Stoeckel and seconded by Joe Horvath that the Treasurers Report be approved and the accounts passed for payment. Motion carried.

12. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

President's Report

Convention 2015-2017

- John Curtis has put together a draft document with a check list of desirable features for a potential venue with a suggestion it be run over a two week period.
- Areas between Esperance and Busselton are favoured where he believes the fishing opportunities would be excellent for all types of fishing.
- A metro venue would be a problem as participants would be dispersed and this would lead to minimal social interaction.
- Helpers would be required to travel to venues and to take time off prior to the event.
- RFW would assist with some funding
- WA could not match the type of prizes offered on the east where many clubs are subsidised through poker machines
- John will progress with this and would welcome ideas, comments and feedback – he must give an answer to AAA by 12th January.
- Russell Bunce commented that Fremantle AAC's response had not been overwhelming, with some concerns raised over the workload and whether clubs can handle it.

Insurance Scheme

- This is ongoing and John will keep delegates and clubs advised
- Kevin Murphy advised that Robert Weir at MAAC is happy to discuss the policy with AAAWA

Federal Government proposed Marine Parks.

- Organised angling clubs represent about 5% of the fishing public of WA – there are many other fishing groups who are not aware of what is going on.
- John is concerned at the lack of cohesion amongst recreational fishers and we need to speak up against the marine parks. We need to pull together or we will lose what we currently have.
- George commented on high profile people making comments on matters in which they have no experience.

Estuary, Rock and Beach Report

- Don Cox advised that all trophies are organised
- Scales have been organised
- Discussion followed regarding participants who miss the briefings and start fishing early

Boating Report

John Curtis read Pat Shinnick's emailed report:

- Pat needs feedback on the Event Management plan, so he can distribute it - this will ensure all events are run safely and effectively . He particularly wants to hear from Rock & Beach, Estuary & Dry Casting subcommittees.
- Minutes of the Boating subcommittee meeting has been distributed
- Plans for the boating event are progressing well
- Appreciation Booklet completed and most sponsors/ advertisers have a copy
- Participating clubs have been asked for financial assistance
- Rules and nomination forms are up to date and will be given to the website editor for input to the AAAWA website once they are ratified

Dry Casting Report

- Information is out for next year's event and the booking is done for Yokine Reserve.
- Perpetual trophies are engraved and ready to be updated in the records book.

Commonwealth South West marine plans and proposals

As advised in my last report, the actual areas to be closed to fishing are still the subject of many conflicting rumours. The representatives of the Federal Environment Minister Burke were unwilling to provide any firm details or commitments at recent meetings with RFW about no-take areas off Rottnest and in Geographe Bay.

And a reminder:- The concerns are about sanctuary/no fishing zones within Marine Parks, not Marine Parks. There is a big difference and people need to be careful of the terms used and recognise where arguments and discussions are referring to very different things which is why there are so many conflicting opinions.

Election of Chairmen

The following have been elected at the November RFW Board meeting. The first five listed make up the RFW Executive Committee.

Recfishwest Chairman.....	Andrew Matthews	Communications & Membership.....	Steven Gill
Deputy Chairman.....	Ian Sewell	Sports Development	Jeff Ellis
Policy Development	Ian Stagles	Research	Dean Thorburn

"Artificial Reef" draft policy

Department of Fisheries has provided a copy of a draft of "Policy on Fishing Enhancement Structures in Western Australia" for comments from RFW.

The key objectives of this policy are to:

- ensure proposals for fishing enhancement structures are consistent with the objects of the Fish Resources Management Act 1994 (FRMA);
- provide guidance to proponents of fishing enhancement structures;
- ensure proposals for fishing enhancement structures are appropriately assessed and managed;
- ensure fishing enhancement structures have beneficial impacts on the marine environment;
- ensure fishing enhancement structures do not adversely affect natural and cultural heritage values or other users of the marine environment.

Media Breakfast, 25 October

Recfishwest hosted a Media breakfast which was attended by fishing media representatives, including:

- The Department of Fisheries representatives
- The West Australian fishing writer
- The Agricultural and Rural Affairs reporter from The West Australian
- The Stirling Times & Eastern Reporter Editor
- Fishing Columnist for The Countryman
- Various members of the RFW Board
- ABC Saturday Morning Show - John Curtis

The briefing covered the following:

- The small grants (maximum \$25,000 per project) available to the general public by Recfishwest
- New rule changes
- The recent demersal fishing ban which begins on October 15 - December 15
- The proposed Southwest Marine Park
- Fish tagging, artificial reefs and fish stocking issues
- Recfishwest current and future projects
- The new Communications Officer at Recfishwest and his role
- Question and answer segment

Mid west community fishing clinic program

Recfishwest will run fishing clinics in Kalbarri, Geraldton, Dongara and Jurien in the week commencing 21 November.

Business Arising from RFW Report

Discussion included

- Closure of vehicle access to Challenger Beach (Naval Base)
- Removal of bollards/logs at Cervantes the beach
- DEC / Shires moving people camped in sand dunes between Perth and Geraldton

Recording Officer Report

- John Curtis has forwarded on an application from a commercial fisherman (Eastern Pigfish) to the National Recorder
- In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, John has formed a State Records Authority Committee and Richard Siudak and Russell Bunce have agreed to sit on this committee.
- John suggested setting aside sections 65C and 76D of the constitution which requires him to print and distribute copies of the current records chart to clubs and tackle shops, as this is a costly exercise and the information is freely available on the AAAWA website.

Motion 1: it was moved by John Curtis and seconded by Peter Stoeckel that Sections 65C and 76C of the AAAWA constitution be set aside. Motion carried.

Competitions Officer Report

No report

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

Delegates to discuss how competition nomination fees from teams and individuals are handled in order to avoid organisers having to reconcile large cash amounts. It was agreed at the last meeting that clubs pay prior to events in a single cheque. If clubs cannot pay for members, individuals should pay by cheque.

Motion:

It was moved by Russell Bunce and seconded by John Crompton that nomination fees for all AAAWA events be made by cheque or money order by clubs or individuals by no later than the Wednesday prior to the event. Motion carried.

14. CLOSE MEETING

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm. The next Delegates meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th December.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011-2012

2011	
November	• Estuary event 26 th & 27 th at Walpole
2012	
March	• State Boat Championships 3 rd , 4 th & 5 th (Long weekend) March at Jurien Bay • Beach & Rock event 24 th & 25 th March at Jurien Bay
November	• Estuary Event – Swan / Cockburn Sound
2013	
June	Rock & Beach event – S Bend (long weekend)
November	• Estuary Event – Blackwood River Augusta
2014	
May	• Rock and Beach Event – Cape to Cape
November	• Estuary Event – Walpole
2015	
March	• Rock and Beach event – Cheynes Beach – long weekend

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

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