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Minutes of Delegates' Meeting 18 October, 2005 at WA Sports Association, Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley.

The Delegates' meeting was opened at 7:35 pm. Vice President Nick Allsworth had advised he would be late. George Holman ran the meeting until Nick Allsworth arrived at 8:15 p.m.

Present:

Nick Allsworth	Northern Districts AC	Terry Fuller	Surf Casting and Angling Club
Jim Strong	Denmark Angling Club	George Holman	Surf Casting and Angling Club
Don Cox	Melville Amateur AC	Rick Cameron	OSAC South Coast
Joe Horvath	OSAC Beach	Martin Humbert	OSAC Mt Barker
Ken Jack	Swan Yacht Club	Stuart Hyde	Fremantle Amateur Angling Club
Kevin Hughes	Bunbury Angling Club		

Apologies:

Adam Eastman.

Notification of Proxies:

None.

Visitor:

None.

Minutes of Previous Delegates' Meeting

Moved Jim Strong seconded Don Cox that the minutes of the previous month's Delegates' meeting are true and are an accurate record. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes.

None

Minutes of Executive Meeting

George Holman advised the October Executive Meeting had not been held due to lack of members for the executive. **Correspondence Inwards.**

By Post	In From	Subject	Date	Action
Sam Benjamin	NZACA President	Yeppoon issue		## For discussion
Minister for Fisheries		Requesting AAA views on protection of large sharks and limits which could be introduced.		### For discussion and advice.
Dept Planning and Infrastructure		Renewal notice for trailer 9RF618 but trailer has a 1A???? licence plate.		#### ???
Fremantle Amateur AC		2005/6 fees (Club info provided previously)		To Treasurer
Fremantle Sailing Club		2005/6 fees but no club info		To Treasurer
Marmion Angling & AC		October newsletter		Info
WA Sports Federation		ANZ Sports Star Award Nomination Folder		
A Wallis, WA Coarse Anglers Club by registered post		Record Application 10.6kg Koi Carp, Canning River caught by Steven Cushion		To Recorder
Marine and Coastal Community Network		Waves magazine Spring 2005		Info
Bob Henderson		State Captain's report on the National Dry Casting.		Info
Recfishwest		Final notice of RFW Annual General Meeting and candidates.		
Ricoh		Amended photocopier lease proposal		For info
Quinns Rock Fishing Club		2005/6 fees and club details.		Info
Denmark Boating and Angling Club		2005/6 fees and club details.		
Offshore Angling Club		2005/6 fees and club details.		
Swan Yacht Club		2005/6 fees but no club info.		
By hand David Aylmore, Auditor		Audit report 2004/5 and account.	18 Oct	For info
G Garrie		Complaint about fish record application, cheque cashed, but no response. Registered receipt supplied. Sent to an address in Kingsley, not known to Sec AAA.	18 Oct	For investigation

Emails	In From:-	Subject	Date	Action
Pat Shinnick		Please send Jurien Bay State Boating letters		All sent
Kim Edwards DPI		Swan River Bream competition organisers		Replied
Robert Smith NSW		CD (National) AAA Minutes book 1988-2002		info
Sheryn Prior		Invitation to Honours Seminar – her project on boating and fishing in the Blackwood		
Justin ? at Tidalpro.com>		Request to use images from AAA website		Reply email failed.
Jurien Bay Sea Rescue		Acknowledge letter and suggestion		To Pat Shinnick
Pat Shinnick		Radiant Rock Cod record		## At this meeting
Yallingup Beach Holiday Park (AAA donors)		50% off offer wine or whale package		Info
WARCO		Minutes of meeting 24 August		To George
Mike Sempa		"Tidelines" NZACA newsletter		Any one want a copy?
Various		Casting at Yeppoon		Info
Various		Routine AAA Info	Various	None

Outgoing Correspondence.

Posted	Out To:-	Subject	Date	Action
AAA clubs, Delegates, etc		Minutes of September 2005 Delegates' meeting.	Sept	None
Many		Sponsorship or advice of Jurien State Boating Championships	Sept	None
David Aylmore, Auditor		Audit of AAA Accounts	Sept	Completed
Trevor Stam		Apologies for exclusion from Vets team at Yeppoon	Oct	None
Emails	Out To	Subject	Date	Action
AAA clubs, Delegates, etc		Reminder of October Delegates' meeting.	16 Oct	None
Various		Routine AAA Info	Various	None

Business Arising from Correspondence:-

A copy of Recfishwest's "Wilderness and Low Impact Fishing" policy will be distributed to delegates present at the Delegates' meeting. It is available on the Recfishwest web site at <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/PolicyWildernessArea.htm>

Jim Strong moved Stuart Hyde seconded that Pat Shinnick's Radiant Rock Cod record application be accepted. Carried.

A copy of the Minister's letter about protection of large sharks to be included with the minutes so that clubs may comment.

Moved Jim Strong seconded Don Cox that inwards and outwards correspondence be accepted - carried.

Treasurers Report. Accounts for payment are:-

Pay to	From General account, for	Date Received	Amount	Date Due	Action
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Bank Account Balances at 18 October 2005.

General Account Westpac Bank	\$
Outstanding cheques	\$
Cheque to be deposited	\$
Accounts for payment from General account	\$
Available in General account and in hand after accounts paid	\$

Club Affiliation fees 2005/2006 were sent out on 14 August.

Up to 17 October 2005. Total 13 clubs have paid 2005/6 affiliation fees, 1 club advised will not renew.

Paid:-

Esperance Surfcasters	Mandurah Offshore Fishing & Sailing Club	Geraldton Angling Club
Surf Casting and Angling Club	Cockburn Power Boat Association	Northampton Districts Angling Club
Quinns Rock Fishing Club	Fremantle Sailing Club	Fremantle Amateur Angling Club
Bunbury Angling Club	Offshore Angling (Club Beach)	Denmark Boating and Angling Club
Swan Yacht Club		

Advised will not renew:-

Naturaliste Game & Sports Fishing Club
To be contacted.

Business Arising from Treasurer's Report.

Moved Joe Horvath seconded Jim Strong that Treasurer's report be accepted and accounts passed for payment - carried.

Secretary's Report.

Nothing to report other than covered elsewhere.

Trophy Officer's Report

Not present. Nick Allsworth was collecting some.

Property Officer's Report

A Property Officer is still needed. Treasurer Terry Fuller advised as a result of the audit, two items which had not been located for some time would be written off. Details to be moved at a later meeting.

Records Officer's Report

Adam Eastman had tendered an apology.

Competition Officer's Report

Adam Eastman had tendered an apology.

Boating Report.

Letters have been sent to potential advertisers in the booklet, an advisory letters to the Department of Fisheries, Jurien Sea rescue, Department of Transport, Shah of Dandaragan, etc

Estuary, Rock and Beach Report

A booklet has been prepared for the coming event and will be distributed. The booklet should have included Ozflex as a AAA donor. The next meeting of the subcommittee will be on 20 October.

Dry Casting Report.

The State Dry Casting Championships will be held on Sunday 30 October. Entry forms were distributed with the July Delegates minutes and are available on the AAA website. Copies of the rules will be provided to all Club captains

A group meeting was held 8 pm on Monday 10 October at George Holman's to finalise the arrangements for the dry casting.

A short, strong leader for the distance events to help remove the weights which bury into the soft ground. Fluoro pink tubing should be used including on the artificial bait rigs.

The Surf Casting and Angling Club has a laser measuring setup which will be used for the distance events.

National Championships.

17 people including 1 juniors and 3 ladies went. The Yeppoon championships and convention were held from 31 August to 16 September 2005. Some results have been distributed, and some are still to be obtained. The 2007 championships will be held at Phillip Island, Victoria in March 2007.

Fishing Clinics.

Due to lack of workers, there are no current plans for Fishing clinics. Hillarys Yacht Club should be booked for the North Clinic in July 2006

AAA Web Page

Routine updates.

WARCO Report.

George Holman reported that the responses to the letter sent by WARCO had been pathetic, and had not addressed the real issues which had been raised.

Notices of Motion.

None.

AAA Year Book.

See the minutes of the September meeting.

General Business.

Zone 5, Metro Management paper. Joe Horvath gave details of the Offshore Angling Club Beach discussions at a recent club meeting. Nothing should be done until two years after Integrated Fisheries Management's restrictions are placed on commercial fishing. Martin Humbert spoke against recreational fishing licences, and said he believed it was out of turn for these to be included as part of the paper. Terry Fuller advised Recfishwest's current policy on recreational fishing licences which said "Recfishwest will not promote a general saltwater recreational fishing licence while adequate funds are provided by government." The full policy is as stated on the Recfishwest website at <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/PolicyFinFishLicences.htm>

Large Sharks. On the question raised by the Minister about large sharks, clubs present advised as follows:-

Surf Casting and Angling Club. Large sharks have not been taken for many years. The club has a policy against wastage, and large sharks are too difficult to handle - transporting for weigh in etc.

Offshore Angling Club Beach:- the club measure fork length, take a photo and return to the water. Department of Fisheries can calculate the weight from the species and the fork length. Joe Horvath will get the information for the next meeting.

Large sharks have a significant problem with mercury content. Health warnings advise against eating.

An interim reply is to be sent to the Minister.

Kevin Hughes as the issues of things in the Association which do not happen or do not get done, and asked why? The Association should be clear on which things it should tackle and which things it should not tackle.

Terry Fuller pointed out that working arrangements have changed significantly in the last 15 years and even more so just recently. Many people are working longer and harder and have less free time. Many people work on weekends and may have time free at other times during the week but this does not help with activities which are scheduled for the weekend. Many wives work and family commitments mean that free time is limited for many people.

The questions which were sent out to all clubs and club presidents asking for suggestions about what AAA should do and what the clubs wanted from AAA had not received any response.

The AAA is made up of the affiliated clubs and the volunteer workers who come from the clubs. Many sporting and other clubs are having serious difficulties getting enough workers to do their own internal club work and getting their members to attend their own internal club functions. Some clubs are barely holding their own or are in decline in terms of numbers of members and numbers of activities.

Incident at Yeppoon. Terry Fuller explained that he and Nick Allsworth had been contacted by John Romano, the President of the Surf Casting and Angling Club. Chas Riegert had obtained legal advice and had contacted John and asked John to assist Chas in challenging the allegations and the decision made about him at the September AAA Delegates meeting.

Terry, Nick, Chas and John had a meeting at which Chas provided a written statement about the incident and complaint about the AAA action. It was explained that the process for handling complex motions within AAA was:- To provide all the information to the delegates and the clubs. Then any relevant motions would be put forward - call that time "month one". Delegates take that back to the clubs and seek instruction on what questions and issues to raise in the discussions in month two, take those back to the clubs and seek instructions on how to vote on the motions in month three. One important person involved is the State Captain who had provided one of the written reports, but who is still travelling back from Yeppoon and was not expected back until December. In the interests of all, the Captain needed to be available before this process could go very far.

As an outcome of this meeting, it was agreed that Chas would not pursue any possible legal action provided that AAA would not act on or enforce the decision made at the September Delegates meeting, and would handle any decision in accordance with the AAA Constitution. In return, Chas

would agree not to attend the State Dry Casting Championships to be held at the end of October, 2005.

Don Cox **Moved**, Rick Cameron seconded "that the resolution of 20 September Delegates Meeting not be acted on, on condition that Chas Riegert does not attend the State Dry Casting Championships on 30 October." Seven voted for, two abstained. Motion carried.

Further action would be taken to provide all information to the clubs for a recommendation, motions and decisions. This would require the presence of the State Captain who was not expected to be available until late in 2005.

Any action which might be taken under the rules of the Surf Casting and Angling Club, of which Chas Riegert was a member, and through which Chas Riegert was eligible for AAA events, was an entirely separate matter for that club and its members.

Kevin Hughes was not present at the September delegates meeting but was a team member at Yeppoon. He believed much of this, starting from the handling at the actual event at Yeppoon, had not been well handled. The letter from Queensland had requested action by AAA WA to discipline the person and prevent any repeat, which were reasonable requests. After some discussion, it was pointed out that the correct way to handle this within AAA WA was as outlined above, it was intended that this would happen when the people were available, and that there was little point in further discussion at this meeting.

Further AAA Action on Metro Fisheries Management.

The concept of special management for the Perth metro area, has included with the minutes of the August Delegates meeting will be considered by the organisations who make the rules, and that inevitably includes changes to fishing rules. Decisions on Integrated Fisheries Management will include issues like these.

AAA and fishing clubs have an interest in making sure that their views are heard, to get the best possible outcomes for the fish and for the future.

There are many issues to consider and there are sure to be many opinions. Any submission from AAA should cover all of these. But that needs people and clubs to get involved.

We need volunteers to meet, discuss and prepare a submission from AAA. Please contact Secretary Terry Fuller if you want to be involved.

Meeting closed at 9:35 pm.

Notice of Future AAA Meetings.

Next Executive Meeting	To be advised of the month.	Usually held on the first Tuesday
Next Delegates' Meeting	7:30pm Tuesday 16 November 2005, Sportsman's Association Clubhouse, Stancliffe Street, Mt. Lawley.	Usually held on the third Tuesday of the month

Coming AAA Events.

Beach & Rock Championships	2005/6, Jurien, Saturday and Sunday 25/26 March, 2006 2006/7, HQ Cheynes Beach, Reef Beach to Betty's Beach, date TBA.
State Boating Championships	2005/6, Jurien Bay, March 2006, date to be advised.
State Estuary Championships	2005/6, Peel Inlet, at MOFSC, Saturday and Sunday 26/27 November 2005 2006/7, Swan River, Saturday and Sunday 25/26 November 2006.
State Dry Casting Championships	2006/7, Yokine Reserve, Sunday 29 October 2006

AAA Fishing Clinics.

South of the River.	No date has been set yet. Needs volunteers to organise. See "General Business" in the minutes of the July Delegates' meeting. Contact Secretary Terry Fuller if you can help.
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AAA Yearbook.

AAA had if found planned to publish a Yearbook in the second half of 2005. This was to be distributed free to affiliated clubs and their members and to the Tackle Trade. Copies would have been provided to the public for a small charge. Clubs have not supported this proposal, and it may not proceed.

Clubs are offered space in this Yearbook to publish any information, photos, etc about their club and its activities. These articles will be included at no charge to affiliated clubs. Sponsorship and advertising for the Yearbook is wanted. Any club or club member with contacts is asked to advise the AAA secretary, please.

Club and AAA Publicity.

AAA has a web site www.aaawa.iinet.net.au Member Clubs can have their news published on the website. Check out the information about the other clubs.

Use the web pages to give prospective new members and people information about your Club - meeting dates- field days - membership fees - phone numbers - Club news - field days results - photos of great catches - invitation day dates - social events - ANYTHING of interest to anglers and web surfers.

It costs you nothing to tell prospective members about your Club - nothing but a little time to prepare and send the information.

Email material to AAA Secretary Terry Fuller at aaawa@iinet.net.au or post to PO Box 2200, Marmion, 6020. AAA phone number is 9403 7383 for any enquiries.

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AAA Affiliation Fees.

Tax Invoices for affiliation fees for 2005/6 and a covering letter asking for updates of club details were sent to all clubs in mid August.

Please see the list on page 3 of these minutes of clubs which have paid. If your club is not listed there, then AAA has not received your affiliation payment and it is overdue.

Can Clubs and Delegates please follow up payment and supply of the club details.

AAA Affiliation Fees.

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Email.

Email makes it so quick and easy to distribute information like all the above to clubs and members. Clubs and Delegates please give the Secretary email addresses for people who wish to receive information.

All emails will be sent so that the email address is not visible to anyone else on the address list, and will keep the email addresses private. AAA email is aaawa@iinet.net.au

Sponsors of AAA.

Club Marine

Club Marine is the major sponsor of the Australian Anglers Association and the 2004/5 AAA State Boat Angling Championships.

<http://www.clubmarine.com.au>

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Ozflex Australia.

Suppliers of Ozflex rods and tackle, Superflex line, Jinkai leader, Schneider line, Ande line, Classic and Bomber Lures, Neptune Tackle, and Angler Advantage Rods.

Supports the 2005 Fishing Clinics.

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Mako Tackle

Providers of all your tackle product needs.

Supports the 2005 Fishing Clinics.

<http://www.makotackle.com.au/>

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Magic Nissan

supported the 2005/6 State Dry Casting Championships.

<http://www.magicnissan.com.au>

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Yallingup Beach Holiday Park

Are Principal Sponsors of the 2004/5 AAA State Rock and Beach Championships.

<http://www.yallingupbeach.com.au>

Attachment to minutes.

Review of the Caravan and Camping Act.

A discussion paper reviewing the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995 has been produced for comment by key stakeholders and members of the public. Copies are available at <http://www.dlgrd.wa.gov.au/news.asp#106> or from the AAA Secretary.

Some of the issues raised in the paper include:-

- methods of enforcement and penalties available under the current legislation; and
- the regulations governing where people may camp.

The closing date for submissions is 23rd November 2005. This is a very important issue for club anglers who want or **need** to camp out while fishing.? Anglers may have to continue to put up with draconian laws preventing them even from having a sleep in their vehicle. **Time is running out....**

3.3 Enforcement. The Act and Regulations provide for various penalties relating to offences under the legislation. The maximum penalties range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. These amounts were set in 1995 and consideration will be given to **increasing** these amounts.

Sections 22-24 deal with the powers for local governments to prosecute offenders in the courts and issue infringement notices for particular offences. Section 23 of the Act provides local governments with powers to issue infringement notices. Schedule 4 of the Regulations sets out the infringement notice penalties for a number of offences. For example, a ranger may issue an infringement notice of \$100 to people who are camping unlawfully.

Question 3. Are the levels of the penalties under the act and regulations and infringement notice penalties in schedule 4 of the regulations appropriate? if not, what should the levels be?

Question 4. Do you think any offences should be added to, or removed from, the legislation? if yes, which offences and why?

Question 5. Are there any problems with enforcing the current legislation? if yes, please suggest how these may be addressed.

3.4 Where People May Camp. Regulation 10 provides that a person may only camp at a site in a licensed caravan park or camping ground or in accordance with Regulation 11, states that a person may camp on land other than a caravan park or camping ground for up to three nights (in any period of 28 consecutive days) if the person has obtained the prior permission of the owner or occupier of the land.

For periods longer than three nights, permission must be obtained from the local government. Local governments may permit camping on land that is not a licensed caravan park or camping ground for up to three months in any period of 12 months, while the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development can give approval for a period greater than three months within a one-year period.

It has been proposed by camping associations that the period of time that a person may camp on land once they have permission from the owner or occupier should be extended to up to seven nights before they are required to ask the local government for permission for a longer stay. It is argued that this is more practical and appropriate than requiring the permission of the relevant local government after three nights of camping. This argument is particularly pertinent with respect to the more remote areas of the State.

However, there are some concerns about this proposal in relation to health, safety, environmental and risk management issues. It is argued that, in order to alleviate such concerns, camping should be limited to those places with approved facilities if it is to continue for more than a few days.

Question 6. Should the period of time that a person may camp on land (with the owner's permission) before being required to contact the local government for permission be extended to, for example, seven nights?

Question 7. Should the prescribed period of time vary depending upon the location of the camping area? (e.g. metropolitan, townsite or rural areas).

Regulation 11 enables people to stay in caravans or other vehicles on a road reserve for up to 24 hours in an emergency situation. People may also camp for up to 24 hours in a caravan or other vehicle in a designated roadside rest area. The Regulations also enable a person to camp on unallocated Crown land or unmanaged reserves, in accordance with the permission of the Minister responsible for the Land Administration Act 1997.

Many of the places where people in the past have wanted to camp appear to be located on land controlled by either the Department for Planning and Infrastructure or the Department of Conservation and Land Management. Section 267 of the Land Administration Act 1997 makes it an offence to camp on Crown land without the permission of the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure.

Government agencies are generally reluctant to grant permission for camping on Crown land due to concerns about people's health and safety as well as environmental, liability and risk management issues. To address these concerns, minimum standards would need to be specified. The costs of maintaining the standards and managing these activities could be substantial.

It should be noted that while there may be a desire among some people to camp on unallocated Crown land or unmanaged reserves, this could have negative repercussions on caravan parks and camping grounds which are established specifically for this purpose and which will, potentially, lose customers.

Question 8. Do you have any comments or suggestions about camping on crown land?

3.6 Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Advisory Committee. Section 25 of the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995 provides for the establishment, membership and functions of the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Advisory Committee. A primary function of this Committee is to provide advice and recommendations to the Minister about camping and caravanning, such as ways to 'improve, promote and regulate' these activities in the State.

As at July 2005, the Committee consisted of 14 members representing the following departments, associations and organisations:-

State Government Departments (6 members) = Department of Local Government and Regional Development (x2 representatives) , Department of Conservation and Land Management, Department of Health, Department for Planning and Infrastructure, Tourism Western Australia, Local Government (2 members), Western Australian Local Government Association (x2),

Other Members (6 members) = Caravan Industry Australia Inc (x2), Park Home Owners Association WA Inc., WA Association of Caravan Clubs Inc., Western Australian Recreational Campers Organisation Inc., Member of public (with interest in caravanning & camping)

Question 11. Do you have comments about the caravan parks and camping grounds advisory committee, for example, in relation to:-

- (i) the composition of the committee;
- (ii) the functions of the committee;
- (iii) the terms of appointment and re-appointment for members; or
- (iv) the effectiveness of the committee?

3.7 LiabilityIt has been suggested that the law should be changed to reduce or restrict the liability of the local governments or property owners in some cases, for example, where an injury to a person has been caused by the person's own inappropriate behaviour or actions.....

Question 12. Do you have any particular liability concerns relating to camping activities or the operation of caravan parks?

3.8 Other A number of specific issues about caravanning and camping do not directly relate to the operation of the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act and Regulations have been referred to the Department for consideration.

(v) Roadside Rest Areas Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) has established numerous overnight roadside rest areas throughout the State that offer basic facilities such as toilets and water. Proposals in relation to these facilities along main roads and highways should be referred to MRWA for consideration. Local governments may also set up and manage rest areas on roads or land within their district.

Question 13. Are there any matters or issues relating to the Act or Regulations that have not been discussed in this paper, and which you feel should be considered? if so, please provide details.

Question 14. Do you have any other comments about the legislation?