

Minutes of AAA Delegates' Meeting 17 October, 2006

The meeting was chaired by George Holman. The meeting started late – waiting for new Secretary to come to Paul Frzop's place, but did not arrive.

Present:	Brian Walton Paul Frzop Jim Strong Joe Horvath Don Cox Kevin Hughes	Northern Districts AC Treasurer Denmark Angling Club Offshore AC Beach Melville Amateur AC Bunbury Angling Club	Terry Fuller George Holman Rick Cameron Martin Humbert Pat Shinnick	Surf Casting and Angling Club Surf Casting and Angling Club Offshore AC South Coastal Offshore AC Mt Barker Boating Sub Committee
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Apologies:

Nick Allsworth, John Ward.

Notification of Proxies:

Brian Walton.

Minutes of Previous Delegates' Meeting

Minutes have been prepared by Nick Allsworth and sent out by George Holman. Moved Jim Strong seconded Don Cox that the minutes of the previous meeting are true. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes.

Kevin Hughes pointed out some problems with the motion. Doubtful it had a proposer, no seconder recorded, the meeting did not have a quorum. After some discussion, Jim Strong advised that the motion had actually been seconded at the August meeting. The minutes did not record this. Recent minutes have been written by fill in people, who have done this to the best of their ability and trying to keep them short and to the point. The meeting had been tape recorded and this recording could be checked.

Kevin said that the August minutes had been confirmed as a correct record, and did not show a seconder. Terry Fuller said that even though the minutes did not record a seconder, this did not mean the motion was not seconded because not everything was necessarily recorded. The AAA Patron, Jim Strong, has said the motion was seconded, and this should be enough to satisfy people.

Emails are not being read because there is no Secretary to do this. Terry Fuller said he has deleted spam emails but has not read the others. There are about 120 unread emails.

Correspondence Inwards.

George Holman read the list.

By Post	In From	Subject		
	Gwarda Sports	Invoice for tracksuits for new team members for Phillip Island		
	Cockburn Power Boats	Club affiliation fees 2006/7 and Delegate Dave Sachs		
	Telstra Account	\$17.89		
	Ricoh	Invoice \$175.88		
	Nican Inc	Information listing		
	NSW Fishing Clubs Assoc	Submission to Victorian Division on proposed sponsorship for AAA/States by Piranha		
	Hillarys Yacht Club	Compass Magazine		
	Dept Sport and Recreation	Seniors Recreation Council		
	Recfishwest	Notice of AGM and ballot papers		
	Marine & Coastal Community	Waves newsletter		
	Dept of Environment and Conservation	Ecoplan News		
	Diane McDonald	Application for Secretary job		
	Marmion AAC	Newsletter for October 2006		
	Dept Sport and Recreation	Conference Report and 2006/7 Sport and Recreation Directory		
	Westpac	Carnival Account statement		
	Westpac	General Account statement		
	Melville Amateur Angling Club	Club affiliation fees 2006/7		

Outgoing Correspondence.

Posted	Out To:-	Subject		
	None			

Business Arising from Correspondence:-

None

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

Treasurers Report.

Accounts for payment are:-

Pay to	For	Amount		
Gwarda Sports	Track Suits (from Carnival Account)	\$308		
Ricoh	Photocopier	\$175.88		
Telstra	Account	\$17.89		
George Holman	Sundries, postage	\$89		
John Ward	State Estuary prizes	\$250		
Don Cox	State Estuary sundries	\$???		

Bank Account Balances.

General Account Westpac Bank \$14,055
Carnival Account Westpac Bank \$2,557

In:- Cockburn Power Boats \$200 Affiliation fees
Bunbury Angling Club \$50 Affiliation fees

Business Arising from Treasurer's Report.

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

Estuary, Rock and Beach Report

The State Estuary competition will be held at Troy Park. Entry forms to go out with minutes.

Boating Report.

A meeting of the boating subcommittee will be held on Wednesday 18 October. Pat Shinnick expressed strong disappointment at the comment about "no representation from any interested boating persons or clubs" in the September minutes. George Holman apologised from the chair if this caused any offence.

Dry Casting Report.

State Dry Casting will be held 29 October at Yokine Reserve. Magic Nissan will sponsor again.

National Championships.

A meeting of the Dry Casting subcommittee has been arranged for Monday 6 November at George Holman's to discuss travel, etc.

Notices of Motion.

None

Recfishwest Report.

Terry Fuller handed out copies of the latest Recfishwest Bulletin which he had written using a lot of detail prepared by Mark Pagano of Recfishwest. See http://www.recfishwest.org.au/Bulletin10_Oct2006.htm
Topics covered are:-

1. Launch of "Addicted to Fishing not Drugs" Project
2. Future Young Leaders in Recreational fishing.
3. Northern Fishing Clinic Tour
4. Marine Parks proposals for public comment.
5. Recfishwest presentation to the MPRA
6. Recfishwest Annual General Meeting and Election of Board Members.
7. Draft Business Rules for Trust Fund for Recreational Fishing
8. Recfish Australia Marine Protected Area Workshop
9. Recfishwest Executive Director Appointed to New Board of FRDC
10. North Mole Clean up and Keep Australia Beautiful WA's Litter Prevention Grants 2006/7
11. Provision of Rulers, Brochures and Signage
12. Research Result for Recreational Fishers
13. ACMA Proposed Submarine Protection Zone
14. Capel Beach Access Plan

15. Logue Brook Dam Recreational Fishing Access
16. Samson Science Project Update
17. Swan Catchment Council Coastal And Marine Update
18. Burrup Peninsular Plan Recfishwest Submission
19. South West Salmon
20. Whaler Shark Maximum Recreational Size Limit for West and South Coasts
21. Proposed ban on Swan and Canning River Cobbler
22. Commonwealth Bioregional Coordinator.
23. Fremantle Ports Outer Harbour Project

Business Arising from RFW Report.

Terry Fuller explained about the extra Board members for RFW. After some discussion, it was agreed that the AAA's vote for RFW Board Members will be completed by T Fuller.

Commonwealth Marine Protected Areas for the South West, (Shark Bay to South Australia) will be decided soon, out to 200 nautical miles.

Rottneet no fishing zones – it is believed the report from the independent review group is with the Rottneet Island Board.

Other discussions were more details of some of the items.

Terry has been approached by Andrew Rowland, Recfishwest, for AAA's in principle support for Recfishwest's Fisheries Research and Development Corporation project proposal to develop ongoing recreational fisher - research partnerships to increase the promotion and distribution of relevant fisheries data and research findings to the recreational fishing community to increase awareness and enable improved understanding and input towards fisheries management. This is a very important initiative. It was agreed he should write such a supporting letter on AAA's behalf.

General Business.

None

Notices of Motion.

Jim Strong moved that the notices of motion be put, seconded by Martin Humbert. Discussion was at the last meeting. It was noted that a quorum was not present, but most meetings had not had a quorum. Agreed to proceed with the voting, by show of hands. George Holman read the motions:-

First motion "Add section 3.1.3 Decline or Cancellation of Nominations

The Australian Anglers Association reserves the right to decline to accept or to cancel the acceptance of the nomination of any person for participation in any dry casting events run by the Association.

Any club captain may propose at any time that a nomination be declined or the acceptance be cancelled.

The decision to decline or cancel a nomination shall be made by the majority of votes of a group made up of the State Dry Casting Officer and club captains present at a meeting called to decide that question. The meeting may be held at any time prior to or during the running of an event. The person may present a written or verbal statement to be considered in making the decision."

Votes:- 8 for, 1 against, 1 abstained. Carried.

Second motion "Add section 3.10. Selection of Members for National Teams

The selection of members for teams to attend the AAA National Championships shall be based on merit.

The teams shall be decided by the members of the dry casting group at a meeting advertised to decide arrangements for National Championships.

Merit shall take into consideration all aspects of a person's abilities and personal attributes such as casting skills, ability to work as part of the team to obtain the best possible results, to represent the State Association, and any other matters which the team members consider relevant.

The Australian Anglers Association WA Division reserves the right to select partial teams and decline to select some nominees."

Votes:- 7 for, 1 against, 2 abstained. Carried.

Kevin Hughes pointed out the lack of a quorum. It had been intended to amend the Constitution to reduce the numbers of people which make up a quorum, however due to the pressures of work and

lack of volunteers, this had not been done. There was also the problem in amending the Constitution unless a quorum is present.

Kevin said that the Bunbury club had a team of 11 people coming to State Drycasting. He warned that if the team was interfered with in any way, they will withdraw including from the Association.

Terry Fuller asked Kevin why Bunbury had a problem with choosing State team members based on merit. Kevin answered - that was how it should be, actually. Terry then asked why they had voted against it – Kevin said because it seemed merit was not defined.

George Holman said the first rule was designed to give the Association power to handle situations which might arise in future where action needed to be taken on the day. For example, there is no way of dealing with a person on drugs.

Terry Fuller said that the rule required someone to propose an action, and then had to convince the majority of club team captains, representing the clubs, usually on the day at the venue, who knew the details of what had happened, to agree with any proposed actions so that a democratic decision could be made by peers, the people who are in the best possible position to make that decision. If any proposer could not convince those other people of the need for the action, then no action would or could be taken under the rule. This is as fair as you can possibly get.

Meeting closed.

(Time not recorded.)