



**AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION, (WA DIVISION) INC.
DELEGATES' MEETING
Held at the Sports Association WA, Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley
Tuesday 20th October at 7.30 pm
MINUTES**

Please Note:
The AAWA is pleased to advise that a "Certificate of Appreciation" will be presented to James Strong at the next AAWA Delegates' Meeting, on Tuesday 17th November 2009.

1. OPEN MEETING

George Holman chaired the meeting as Vice President, in Pat Shinnick's absence. Marcia Pekaar (Assistant Secretary) performed the secretary's duties. George welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. PRESENT

George Holman (SCAC), Terry Fuller (SCAC), James Strong (Denmark AC & Patron), Russell Bunce (FAAC), Don Cox (Melville AC), Peter Pekaar (Geraldton AC), Marcia Pekaar (Northampton & Asst Secretary), Chas Riegert (OSAC Mt Barker), Joe Horvath (OSAC Perth Beach Branch), Ian Cook (SCAC), John Crompton (Esperance Surfcasters).

3. APOLOGIES

Pat Shinnick, Diane McDonough, Ric Cameron

4. VISITORS

Mark Hansen (SCAC), Greg Walker (SCAC)

5. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES

Nil

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

7. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS FROM MINUTES

George Holman has offered to run the Dry Casting Championships for 2010 and this should have been included in the September 2009 minutes. With the above amendment, it was moved by Joe Horvath and Seconded by James Strong that the minutes be accepted. Motion carried.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

9. CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS (BY MAIL)

WA Sports Federation	Nomination for Election of Office Bearers (closed 6 th October)
WA Sports Federation	Notice of AGM on Tuesday 27 th October 2009
Surf Casting & Angling Club of WA Inc	Letter declining request for donation to Boating Comp
Surf Casting & Angling Club of WA Inc	Reel Talk October 2009
Dept Environment & Conservation	Bushland News Spring 2009
Norman Moore, MLC	New Recreational Fishing Management Practice

10. CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS (BY EMAIL)

1. Yvette Guy	Recfishwest seeks Minister's support for fisheries management package
2. Pat Shinnick	FW: Recfishwest media position on WCD and Licenses
3. Terry Bell	RE: Recfishwest media position on WCD and Licenses
4. Marcia and Peter Pekaar	AAA of WA Contact List
5. Pat Shinnick	AAA WA State Boat Championships for 2010
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7. Adam Eastman	RE: Recfishwest media position on WCD and Licenses
8. Pat Shinnick	Club Details for Quinns Rock Fishing Club
9. Pat Shinnick	Details of the MOFSC
10. Yvette Guy	RE: State unveils new package to manage recreational fishing issue
11. Pat Shinnick	RE: Club Details for Quinns Rock Fishing Club
12. Cheryl Poustie	Sportsview Alert - Issue 28
13. John Crompton	Delegates Email Addresses
14. Pat Shinnick	Drycasting State Champs
15. Yvette Guy	Casting Around the Internet No.68
16. Terry Fuller	Re: Recfishwest report for Sept Delegates meeting minutes as requested
17. mark hansen	Request for the financial report for national drycasting
18. Terry Fuller	Re: Request for the financial report for national drycasting
19. Con Costa	Cape Peron Marina One Step Closer
20. Pat Shinnick	RE: Request for the financial report for national drycasting
21. Con Costa	Casting Around the Internet No. 69
22. ELLIOTT Geoffrey	Delegate for Geraldton Angling Club
23. Recfish CEO	NSW Angler Access Forum - held in Sydney 26-27th September 2009 Release
24. Pat Shinnick	RE: State record for Jobfish
25. Yvette Guy	Recfishwest to improve regional fisheries management
26. Pat Shinnick	Drycasting State Champs
27. Pat Shinnick	RE: Drycasting State Champs
28. Recommendations 4	Re: AAAWA DRY CASTING CHAMPIONSHIPS 25TH OCTOBER 2009
29. Terry Fuller	Request for helpers Malcolm Douglas Casting Comp Mandurah Boat Show
30. Con Costa	Minister lifts fishing ban threat hanging over anglers at Green's Pool
31. Yvette Guy	Recfishwest survey
32. Vix Alexander	Re: Drycasting State Champs
33. Brady Knight	RE: Insurance Policy - AAAWA
34. Pat Shinnick	FW: AAAWA State Drycast Trophy Request
35. Frank Prokop	Pew background
36. Pat Shinnick	RE: 2009 State AAA WA Drycast
37. Yvette Guy	Casting around the internet with Recfishwest Issue 70
38. Pat Shinnick	RE: Team casting list
39. Pat Shinnick	Apologies
40. Terry Bell	RE: Team casting list
41. Yvette Guy	Casting Around the Internet No. 71
42. 'Julian Pepperell'	National Code of Practice Survey
43. Yvette Guy	Demersal fishing season closure
44. Pat Shinnick	RE: AAAWA MEETING TUESDAY
45. Con Costa	Final Notice of Recfishwest AGM
46. John Crompton	Emailing: Surf Casting And Angling Club of WA 2009- AAA Fishing Numbers
47. Terry Fuller	Re: Assistance at AAAWA DELEGATES MEETING
48. John Crompton	Emailing: Surf Casting Team Names in Order
49. Pat Shinnick	RE: Visitors at the October SCAC Committee Meeting
50. tjpember27	Dry casting
51. John Crompton	Re: MEETING WITH SURF CASTERS
52. Joe Pullella	Re: DRY CASTING COMPETITION
53. mark hansen	Re: Request for the financial report for national drycasting
54. Marcia Pekaar	RE: TONIGHT'S MEETING
55. Con Costa	Cockburn Sound Crabbers get to fish for a feed after Minister lifts 3 yr ban
56. Marcia Pekaar	RE: LASER EQUIPMENT OWNED BY SURF CASTERS

11. CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS

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12. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Mail: re WA Sports Federation Nomination for Election of Office Bearers, nominations closed on 6th October.

Email item 23 is from Recfish Australia, not Recfishwest – re a NSW Angler Access Forum – does not affect WA.

<http://www.rfansw.com.au/Documents/RFA%20Press%20Release%20NSW%20Anglers%20Access%20Forum%2028-09-09.pdf>

Email item 33 refers to a request to our insurance broker about public liability insurance. The emailed response confirms that AAAWA insurance policy covers participants at AAAWA events, **not at individual club events.**

Email item 49 Refers to Pat Shinnick's attendance at the Surf Casters meeting 21st October, responded to by John Crompton.

It was moved by Russell Bunce and seconded by Peter Pekaar that the correspondence be accepted. Motion carried.

13. TREASURERS REPORT

General Account Balance \$17,419.35	Carnival Account Balance \$1221.61
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Income for September:

Quinns Rock Fishing Club	2009/2010 Affiliation Fees	\$100.00
Offshore Angling Club Beach Branch	2009/2010 Affiliation Fees	\$120.00
Surf Casting & Angling Club of WA	2009/2010 Affiliation Fees	\$200.00
Fremantle Amateur Angling Club	2009/2010 Affiliation Fees	\$200.00
Marmion Angling & Aquatic Club	2009/2010 Affiliation Fees	\$200.00
Kalbarri OSAC Inc	2009/2010 Affiliation Fees	\$200.00
Drifters Deep Sea Angling Club	2009/2010 Affiliation Fees	\$100.00
Mandurah OFSC	2009/2010 Affiliation Fees	\$200.00
Esperance Surf Casters	2009/2010 Affiliation Fees	\$100.00
Lancelin Angling & Aquatic Club	2009/2010 Affiliation Fees	\$200.00
Offshore Angling Club Mt Barker	2009/2010 Affiliation Fees	\$200.00
Hillarys Yacht Club Inc Club of WA Inc	Donation – 2010 State Boat Champs	\$200.00
Lancelin Angling & Aquatic Club	Donation – 2010 State Boat Champs	\$100.00
Westpac Bank	Interest Carnival Account	1.07
Westpac Bank	Interest General Account	16.59
Total		2137.66

Accounts for payment September

Diane McDonough	Secretariat	\$500.00
Australia Post	Stamps	\$55.00
Woolworths	Copy Paper	6.81
Department of Transport	Licence & insurance renewal for trailer 1TGK150-0	56.75
Telstra	Telephone Account	38.11
Surfcasters/J Strong	Donation for cost of floor covering replacement	500.00
Total		\$1156.67

It was moved by Terry Fuller and seconded by Don Cox that the treasurer's report be accepted and the accounts be passed for payment. Motion carried.

14. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

President's Report

Pat Shinnick was unavailable for the meeting but asked that Joe Pullella be thanked for offering to run the Dry Casting competition.

Fishing Clinic Report

Nothing has been done about this as yet. A group will be formed to pursue this, to determine the type of format, locations etc, comprising Marcia Pekaar, Peter Pekaar, Don Cox, Russell Bunce and George Holman. George Holman offered to hold a meeting at his house – to be advised.

Estuary, Rock and Beach Report

Don Cox provided an update. Jason Pember and Don Cox are both doing the trophies for Beach & Rock. The flyer will be sent out again with the next minutes for the November competition.

Boating Report

Terry Fuller advised on Pat Shinnick's behalf that the next Boating sub-group meeting will be held Wednesday 18th November.

Dry Casting Report

Jason Pember had offered to run the Dry Casting competition but, Joe Pullella will be doing it. Dry Casting is doing their own trophies. Nametags have been prepared by Don Cox, edges need to be rubbed with a file and names and AAWA competitor numbers added with permanent marker. These should be given back club captains so they can be recycled for future events. A list of competitor numbers will be available on the day, new entrants will have new numbers allocated. Entry forms were to be in by 20th October.

Yokine Reserve will be marked out on the Friday evening for the casting competition on Sunday. Distances for Veterans, Ladies, Juniors etc were determined via roll of dice. Arrangements were made for collection of the trailer, CB radios, laser equipment, etc. Discussion took place and delegates made arrangements to pass on the nomination forms to appropriate people so they would be counted as of the 20th October deadline.

Post Script: results of the Dry Casting State Championships are available on the AAWA's website at <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au>

Recfishwest report for AAA Delegates Meeting October 2009

1. West Coast demersal and boat fishing licences.

As reported in the September Delegates minutes, the closed season for demersal fish in the West Coast starts on 15 October and goes to 15 December. Changes in Medium Risk and Low Risk combined daily bag limits started on 16 October.

The minutes had a summary of all the details, so I won't repeat it but I am happy to answer any questions. These changes will affect AAA fishing competitions.

In Parliament, the Opposition has again threatened to move a disallowance motion about the licences. The Fishing Tax Grab group is still complaining about lack of consultation, and they are still quoting the thousands of letters they received about the much more expensive licence proposal, even though there have been major concessions in the licences. Their website lists the worst possible scenario and so is still misleading.

2. RFW Annual General Meeting and election of Board members.

The AGM and elections will be held on Friday 30 October at the Fremantle Sailing Club.

There are 7 nominations for the 4 vacancies for General Board members, 7 nominations for the 5 Association positions, 1 nomination each for West Coast, Gascoyne and Pilbara/Kimberley regional Board members and 2 nominations for the South Coast regional Board member.

This year Association members will also be elected by RFW members, not just be automatic inclusions on the Board. So I too and AAA will be up for election to the Board. 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 and the Association.

The Association has a vote and Delegates need to give some directions on how that vote should be exercised.

RFW members will receive the nomination details and ballot papers which can be returned by post. I urge all RFW members to exercise their vote. And it is not too late to join Recfishwest and have your vote.

3. Future role of RFW in Regional representation.

Department Of Fisheries Annual Report to Parliament 2008 -2009, page 5 says:-

Consultation reform is likely to see an end to the complex system of Ministerial Advisory Committees (MACs), which have provided advice to the Minister on fisheries management issues since 1995. Instead, the Department will be the primary source of advice for the Minister on ecological, economic and social considerations relating to fish stocks.

*Peak bodies, notably the Western Australian Fishing Industry Council (WAFIC) and **Recfishwest**, will provide important industry/stakeholder representation, along with a state-wide fisheries strategy group. The Department is also holding discussions with Regional Recreational Fishing Advisory Committees (RRFACs) and Recfishwest, about RRFACs being replaced by a new regional representation model.*

While Recfishwest has been completely ready for some considerable time, unfortunately the Dept of Fisheries has completely botched their part of this exercise so far and there are some VERY unhappy people in Regional RFACs looking to lay the blame somewhere. RFW is the target, even though RFW were not and are not to blame for those particular things which are upsetting some of those people.

4. Regional Policy Officer employed.

Regional representation has already started. Recfishwest's new Regional Policy Officer, Andrew Rowland has started work and has already travelled to the country to start regional representation. More country trips are planned in October and November.

5. Extra admin support for regional work, etc.

Recfishwest advertised for a part time Admin Assistant and received 80 applications including some from India and Indonesia. A selection will be made soon.

6. West Coast crabbing.

The Minister has announced that Cockburn Sound will be re-opened to crabbing from 15 Dec to 31 March, and that the Peel Harvey crab closure will not be extended this year.

Recfishwest and the WA Fishing Industry Council (WAFIC) jointly support the establishment of integrated management between recreational and commercial fishers for the shared and sustainable use of crab and fish stocks in the Peel/Harvey Estuary. This includes the results of the research, the commercial take of cobbler and sports fishing for estuarine species.

Discussions will commence in early 2010 for completion by the middle of June. Both have asked for increased compliance from November this year, with a communication campaign aimed at local and Perth communities about requirements including releasing undersized crabs. Department of Fisheries to provide research information as it becomes available to allow the most informed decisions to be made for September 2010.

7. Recfishwest Membership

Recfishwest is the peak body representing the interests of recreational fishers in Western Australia. Last year when the organization was under threat, recreational fishers supported Recfishwest, but **we need you to continue that support.**

Decisions to be made in 2009 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 this crucial year.

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

Discussion followed about the completion of the RFW ballot papers for the Board Members, Association Members and Bioregional Board Member positions. It was agreed that Terry Fuller and Pat Shinnick will attend the 2009 AGM and complete the ballot on behalf of the AAAWA.

Recording Officer Report

Gerard Murphy's certificate was presented to him at the annual dinner at the Marmion Angling & Aquatic Club last weekend.

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George expressed his concerns about the lack of caravan parks. He felt shires should be taking over caravan parks and subleasing them to people so the land cannot be sold, as this is a problem due to high land prices. Permanent residents in caravan parks mean less bays are available for tourists. This is happening Australia-wide but the impact of the WA mining boom and the shortage of accommodation for workers means permanent residents are taking up bays in caravan parks.

15. NOTICE OF MOTION

Chas Riegert advised that he would withdrawing the notice of motion proposed by himself (see August and September minutes) regarding the Rules for the Drycasting

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

Apology to Pat Shinnick

Terry Fuller read an open letter to the President, Pat Shinnick in which he apologised for not assisting with the 2009 Dry Casting event. The full transcript of this letter is available to delegates upon request to the Secretary, AAAWA.

17. CLOSE MEETING. The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

NEXT MEETING Tues 17th November 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	
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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Marmion WA 6020 aaawa@iinet.net.au Tel: 9403 7383





**AUSTRALIAN ANGLING ASSOCIATION
(WA DIVISION)**

**STATE ESTUARY CHAMPIONSHIPS
28th & 29th November 2009**

Boundary: Swan and Canning Rivers Up-stream of the Fremantle Traffic Bridge

Briefing/Start Times: 11 am -12 noon Saturday 28th November. Compulsory Briefing at 12 noon, lines down at 1pm.

Weigh-in: 10 am sharp on Sunday 29th November



Both the Briefing and Weigh-in will be held at the Troy Park Club Rooms Melville. As a cricket match may be under way on the oval it is requested that participants park near the entrance and walk. The weigh in will be run behind the building unless raining.

Pre-registrations must be sent for all clubs with competition numbers by 13th November 2009 to:
Jason Pember
27 Hambly Crescent
Canning Vale 6155

Bag tags are the responsibility of each Club.

Species prizes will be awarded for the biggest –

- Mulloway
- Tailor
- Bream
- Flathead
- Flounder
- Whiting
- Spares
- Herring
- Tarwhine

