



AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION, (WA DIVISION) INC.

DELEGATES' MEETING



**Held at Sports Association WA, Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley
Tuesday 19th October 2010 at 7.30 pm**

MINUTES

1. OPEN MEETING

The president John Curtis welcomed all delegates and visitors.

2. PRESENT

- Pat Shinnick, LAAC
- Kevin Murphy, MAAC
- Greg Evans MDSSC
- Peter Stoeckel, Beachcombers
- James Strong, Denmark AC
- Don Cox, Melville AC
- John Curtis, President
- Chas Riegert, OSAC
- George Holman, SCAC
- Terry Fuller, SCAC
- Peter Pekaar, Geraldton AC
- Marcia Pekaar, Northampton AC
- John Crompton, Surfcasters Esperance
- Ian Cook, SCAC/Beachcombers
- Russell Bunce, FAAC
- Jason Pember, Melville AC
- Diane McDonough, Secretary/President

3. APOLOGIES

Paul Frzop YHC, Paul Longo, POBAC

4. VISITORS

Mark Hansen - Beachcombers

5. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES

Nil

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

7. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS FROM MINUTES

Nil. It was moved by Don Cox and seconded by James Strong that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

9. CORRESPONDENCE

INWARDS (BY MAIL)

Surf Casters & Angling Club WA	Reel Talk Oct 2010
Dept Environment and Conserv	Bushland News Spring 2010
Dept Environment and Conserv	Ord River and Parry Lagoons Nature Reserves Draft Mgt Plan
WA Sports Federation	Notice of AGM 9 th November 2010

INWARDS (BY EMAIL)

1. Pat Shinnick	RE: Notice for Mariners
2. Paul Longo	RE: AAWA DELEGATES MEETING
3. Pat Shinnick	FW: IFAAC Submission
4. Pat Shinnick	RE: AAWA Submission
5. Marcia Pekaar	Re: AAWA CALENDAR
6. Terry Fuller	RFW Report for minutes of Delegates meeting as requested
7. Terry Fuller	Business arising from RFW report for minutes of Delegates meeting
8. Robert	Peter Pakula to attend MAAC for a night of fun and education
9. Jenny Travis	Australia's world class fisheries management demonstrated, but threats
10. Paul Longo	RE: AAWA DELEGATES MEETING
11. Terry Fuller	Update of Perth Offshore Boat Angling Club on AAA website
12. John Curtis	Re: MINUTES
13. Jenny Travis	New patrol boat extends Fisheries reach in South-West waters.
14. John Curtis	Re: AFFILIATION HYC
15. John Curtis	Inwards email (Item 4) September minutes
16. John Curtis	State Records.
17. Marcia Pekaar	Delegates List
18. John Curtis	RE: State Records.
19. Jenny Travis	Recfishwest at the Mandurah Boat Show
20. Jenny Travis	Recreational fish catch falls 50 per cent to meet mgt plan target
21. John Curtis	Re: RADIO INTERVIEW
22. Narelle Finch	Notice of AGM of the Women's Sport Foundation of WA
23. Pember, Jason	State estuary Flier
24. Jenny Travis	Final Notice - Recfishwest AGM
25. russell bunce	change of email address
26. Carmel LANGDON	September minutes
27. Medianet Operations	West Coast Demersal Fishery Now Closed to Recreational Fishers
28. Jenny Travis	Recfishwest Reel News Issue 14 - Recfishwest AGM
29. John Curtis	State Estuary Nomination Form
30. Michael Dawson	Overfishing school project

OUTWARDS (BY MAIL)

Affiliate Clubs	Minutes of September delegates meeting
Integrated Fisheries Allocation Committee	Response to the Fisheries Management Draft Allocation Report West Coast Demersal Scalefish FMP237

OUTWARDS (BY EMAIL)

1. AAWA	AFFILIATION HYC	Curtis, John SCAC
2. AAWA	Re: AAWA Submission	Pat Shinnick
3. AAWA	AAWA DELEGATES MEETING	Paul Longo
4. AAWA	RFW REPORT FOR MINUTES	Fuller, Terry
5. AAWA	AAWA CALENDAR	Pekaar, Peter
6. AAWA	Re: AAWA CALENDAR	Marcia Pekaar
7. AAWA	Re: RFW Report for minutes	Terry Fuller
8. AAWA	MINUTES OF SEPT MEETING	Curtis, John
9. AAWA	AAWA DELEGATES MEETING	Fuller, Terry
10. AAWA	Fw: state drycasting for 2010/2011	Curtis, John
11. AAWA	Re: Delegates List	Marcia Pekaar
12. AAWA	RADIO INTERVIEW	Curtis, John
13. AAWA	Re: change of email address	russell bunce
14. AAWA	Fw: STATE ESTUARY CHAMPS	Fuller, Terry

10. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

- John Curtis urged delegates and club members to attend the GAMEssentials Pro Tips on Game Fishing 26 October 2010 at the Marmion Angling & Aquatic Club.
- John also urged delegates who are Recfishwest members to attend the RFW AGM on Friday 29 October (Fremantle Sailing Club) 7.30 pm.

It was proposed by Peter Pekaar and seconded by Chas Riegert that the correspondence be accepted.

11. TREASURERS REPORT

General Account Balance \$16406.95	Carnival Account Balance \$1535.29
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Income for Oct 2010

Lancelin Angling & AC	2010-2011 Affiliation Fees	200.00
Melville Amateur AC	2010-2011 Affiliation Fees	50.00
Mandurah Offshore AC	2010-2011 Affiliation Fees	200.00
Perth Offshore Boat AC	2010-2011 Affiliation Fees	200.00
Westpac Bank	Interest General Account	16.33
Westpac Bank	Interest Carnival Account	1.42
Bob Henderson	State and National Record Application for Buffalo Bream	20.00
Fremantle Amateur AC	2010-2011 Affiliation Fees	200.00
Total		887.75

Accounts for payment Oct 2010

Diane McDonough	Secretariat	\$500.00
Mxcslne	2 printer toner replacement cartridges	76.00
Department of Transport	Licence and 3 rd Party insurance – Trailer 1TGK150	57.30
Telstra	Telephone account	40.62
City of Stirling	Hire of Yokine Reserve (NB: 2009 fees)	130.00
Don Cox	State Estuary Prizes	350.00
Bunnings (G Holman)	Rees for State Dry Casting Competition	88.94
Total for payment		\$1242.86

It was moved by Marcia Pekaar and seconded by Peter Stoeckel that the Treasurers Report be accepted and the accounts passed for payment.

12. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

President's Report

John drew attention to the Integrated Fisheries report from RFW which has been released but there appear to be problems with the links on the RFW website. This 8 page document contains a lot of valuable and useful information which applies to all fishermen.

<http://www.recfishwest.org.au/content/submissions/>

John has been requested to talk on Curtin FM radio next week (26th October) in respect to fishing for older people (as part of Seniors' Week) and asked delegates for suggested topics, which included:

- Use of the AAAWA website and other clubs' websites to gain information
- Clinics through RFW for over 50's
- Encouraging listeners to join clubs so that they get the benefit of insurance
- Ocean Reef has a power boats section which provides experiences for people with disabilities
- Some sites around Perth have shore based fishing for people with disabilities
- Offshore Angling Club are doing some clinics through the City of Joondalup at Pinnaroo Point

John highlighted the need for risk management plan for all AAAWA events and competitions and Pat advised that this has been done.

Estuary, Rock and Beach Report

State Estuary event to be held 27-28 November, Swan & Canning Rivers/Cockburn Sound. Briefing at Troy Park (for captains only), weigh in at Cockburn Powerboats Association. Nomination forms have been distributed and put on the AAAWA website. Trumpeter and Butterfish have been removed from species list and Jason Pember will re-issue the list for publication on the website. Spares are Herring and Tarwhine. He is working on the weigh-in procedures. Registration is encouraged by the 19th November. Jason confirmed that competitors can fish on the south side of South Mole.

Boating Report

All going well and on track for the 2011 event. Some small changes are being made to the weigh in area due to concrete problems.

Dry Casting Report

- Everything ready to go for the Dry Casting Competition on 31st October. Nomination forms, rules and rig diagrams have been distributed
- Gear in trailer is ready; trophies are ready. Pompoms will be available on the day.
- Captains briefing to be held at 7.45 am.
- George may need some help during the day so please offer, particularly on distance events.
- Any questions, please ask on the day through the captains.
- Chas Riegert queried the casting rules, reading from a document which says "only casts from behind the baseline should be accepted". Terry Fuller believes that this was a matter of interpretation and not an issue for the competition.
- George asked that competitors submit their nominations by 27th Oct at the latest.
- Captains to be nominated on the form.
- Expression of interest forms have been distributed for the National Championships at South West Rocks NSW in 2011

Recfishwest report for AAAWA Delegates Meeting 19 October 2010



2010 update on fishing for demersal fish in the West Coast Bioregion.

Fisheries Minister Norman Moore announced catch restrictions in July 2009 as part of a set of new recreational fishing management measures designed to protect vulnerable fish stocks, to halve the recreational demersal scalefish catch on the West Coast, and said a review would be held after 12 months.

The new management rules came into effect in October 2009. The latest survey from the Department of Fisheries has shown the changed rules have achieved almost the desired 50 per cent catch reduction.

In addition to estimating the catch of demersal species, the survey also showed a significant increase in the release of some species such as pink snapper. See graphs in the link below. This issue will require further investigation along with a higher than expected catch of baldchin groper in the Mid-West and around the Abrolhos Islands.

While this may lead to some focused management solutions in some regional locations, the overall sustainability rules that apply to the West Coast region will remain unchanged for the next 2 years. Reference:- <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/pub/FishingDemersalSpecies/index.php?0102>

Recfishwest AGM and election of Board members.

The RFW AGM and election of Board members will be held on Friday 29 October at Fremantle Sailing Club.

There are 9 nominations for 3 public board members for two-year terms. Steven Gill, Norman Halse, Ian Stagles, Des Wood, Ian Sewell, Geoff Ellis, Cameron Trowbridge, Gary Wotherspoon, Fraser Hocks.

There are 4 nominations for 2 representatives of Association members for two-year terms. Mathew Howard, nominated by the Charter Boat Owners and Operators Association; Ben Malton, nominated by Australian National Sportfishing Association; Joe Petrovich, nominated by the Spearfishing Commission (WA) of Australian Underwater Federation (AUF) and Ryan McConigley, nominated by West Australian Trout Fishing Association.

Full information has been emailed or posted to Recfishwest members.

My term as the Recfishwest Board Member for the Australian Anglers Association continues until the end of October 2011.

Changes to fish possession limits.

See also my report for September. The Minister for Fisheries has demanded simpler fishing rules. Dept of Fisheries piggy backed changes to possession limits on to this "simplifying fishing rules."

The Recfishwest Board is very concerned that recent public comments by Dept of Fisheries staff which led to recent articles are pre-empting that "consultation" will support changes, and/or are assuming that the changes someone in Fisheries wants will mostly go ahead regardless of the results of any "consultation".

A number of discussions between RFW and Fisheries staff have shown that the rationale for changes to possession limits is not biologically based, (e.g. are not needed for sustainability, etc.) but rather are anecdotal and ideological.

The Recfishwest Board has approved a letter to the CEO of the Dept of Fisheries on this and requested his formal advice that any changes to the possession limits would only be promoted by the Department after thorough community discussion and in response to biological information, or as part of a longer term strategy to address overall recreational fisheries management.

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@iinet.net.au with any questions or comments.

Business Arising from RFW Report

Nil

Recording Officer Report

- Bob Henderson has submitted an application for a national and state record for a Buff Bream, at 7.6 kg, caught on a 4 kg line with a one ounce lure. It is yet to be identified.
- John Curtis has a contact at the WA Museum who has agreed to do some identification on outstanding applications and once identified they will be presented to delegates for ratification and accepted as records. If not identified they will be omitted as records.

Competitions Officer Report

No report

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Pat Shinnick commented that many people are still unaware that a closure on demersal fishing applied from 15th October 2010 and he believed that Fisheries had not advertised this widely enough
- Terry Fuller responded that Fisheries had placed a ¼ page advertisement in the Fridays and Sunday papers around that date.
- Pat maintained that this should have been done well before the 15th October, and that Recfishwest should also advertise the closure
- Ian Cook suggested that Fisheries put a notice regarding the closure on all boat ramps.

Kevin Murphy welcomed everyone to the Marmion Angling & Aquatic Club for the GAMEssentials Pro Tips on Game Fishing 26 October 2010.

Peter Stoeckel queried why Beachcombers had been placed at the bottom of affiliated clubs on the AAAWA website when all other clubs are placed in alphabetical order. Terry Fuller responded that he had placed it there because that is where the available space was.

- George Holman queried whether anyone was going to cast as a Super Vet in the forthcoming Dry Casting Competition.
- Pat Shinnick commented that the Boating group will not have a Super Vets section
- Terry has included a Super Vents category in the MS Access database so that they are included in risk management plans. Terry will provide a copy of this to Jason Pember.

- It was noted that a Super Vets category could make a difference to Angler of the Year calculations
- Jason Pember commented that areas such as Sugarloaf and Torpedo cannot be fished and Terry Fuller understands that boundaries should take into account areas that should not be fished in competitions
- John commented that safety rings were requested to be installed at those sites
- Melville had club put in safety line points and made it known that harnesses and ropes were available but the Dept Environment and Conservation asked for these to be removed. Sugarloaf and Torpedo Rocks have rings in them, as well as Rocky Point and other locations in conjunction with DEC Busselton.

14. CLOSE MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm. The next Delegates meeting will be held on 16th November 2010 at 7.30 pm.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010-2012

2010	
October	• Dry Casting Competition Sunday 31 st October 2010 at Yokine Reserve
November	• Estuary event 27 th / 28 th November. Swan & Canning Rivers/Cockburn Sound.
2011	
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th, 6th & 7th March. Beach and Rock event at Cheynes Beach Caravan Park, boundaries Bremer Bay river mouth to Albany Harbour Jetty. • State Boating Championships. To be held at Hillarys, hosted by Marmion Angling & Aquatic Club.
July-Aug	• National Championships at South West Rocks, NSW 26 July-11 August 2011. Casting Mon & Tues 1 st & 2 nd at Port Macquarie.
April	• 20-23 April New Zealand Nationals – Held at Orewa (north of Auckland). More info: nzaca@xtra.co.nz or secretary@nzaca.co.nz
October	• Beach & Rock event at Port Gregory. Boundaries Kalbarri to Bowes River Mouth.
2012	
March	1 st weekend in March 2012 State boat champs Jurien Bay hosted by TBA.

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

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