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**AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION, (WA DIVISION) INC.
DELEGATES' MEETING**



**Held at Sports Association WA, Stancliffe Street, Mt
Lawley
Tuesday 18th Oct 2011 at 7.30 pm**



MINUTES

OPEN MEETING

John Curtis opened the meeting and welcomed delegates and visitors

PRESENT

Terry Fuller, SCAC	John Curtis, President
George Holman, SCAC	Richard Siudak, Independent Delegate
Don Cox, Melville Amateur Angling Club	John Crompton, Proxy, Surfcasters
Russell Bunce, FAAC	Esperance
Peter Stoeckel, Beachcombers	James Strong, Proxy, Denmark Angling &
Joe Horvath, OSAC Perth Beach	Boating Club
Kevin Murphy, MAAC	

APOLOGIES

Diane McDonough, Pat Shinnick, Jason Pember, Peter Pekaar, Marcia Pekaar, Paul Longo

VISITORS

Mark Hansen, Beachcombers/OSAC
Malcolm Cruickshank, Proxy OSAC Mt Barker

NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES

Martin Humbert, Proxy OSAC South Coastal

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

it was moved by George Holman and seconded by Joe Horvath that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as an accurate record. Motion carried.

ERRORS OR OMISSIONS FROM MINUTES

Dates of Boating Championships and Rock and Beach events in March 2012 were clarified.

- State Boat Championships 3rd, 4th & 5th (Long weekend) March at Jurien Bay
- Beach & Rock event 24th & 25th March at Jurien Bay.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Following from the September meeting, delegates discussed whether fees and other financial matters can be determined autonomously by subcommittees or whether they need to seek approval from the Delegates Council. John Curtis confirmed that subcommittees **do not have the authority to determine fees or charges.** Sub-committees can only recommend these changes to the delegates council for approval.

CORRESPONDENCE

INWARDS (BY MAIL)

Dept Env & Conservation	Bushland News Spring 2011
Blackwater Prawning	Invitation to attend book launch
Kalbarri Offshore & AC Inc	Brochures for Kalbarri Sports Fishing Classic 4 th March 2012
Dept Env & Conservation	Lane Poole Reserve and Proposed Reserve Additions Mgt Plan

INWARDS (BY EMAIL)

1. Pat Shinnick	State Boat Championships 2011-2012
2. Pat Shinnick	Reply from Offshore re State boats
3. Carmel LANGDON	2010/11 Review minutes
4. Manager	FW: Mandurah Offshore Fishing Sailing Club - New Rear Commodore Fishing
5. John Curtis	DSR 2011 SSA Census
6. Ian Cook	RE: ansa?
7. Jenny Travis	Notice to Mariners
8. Jenny Travis	Media Releases
9. Lisa Hill	FW: Recfisher Wins Grand Prize for Assisting Fisheries Research
10. NW Marine Plan	Australia's Marine Bioregional Planning program - North-west Marine Region
11. Pat Shinnick	RE: TROPHY STORAGE
12. Pember, Jason	Overall angler results for Sept presentation
13. John Curtis	Questions
14. Jenny Travis	Media Statement - WA Fisheries' research supported with new boats.
15. Pat Shinnick	AAAWA State Boat income
16. Jenny Travis	Reel News Issue 34 - Recreational Fishing Small Grants Now Available
17. Terry Fuller	Winners and full results of Angler of the Year and Champion Club
18. Pat Shinnick	FW: AAWA State Boat Championships 3rd March 2012
19. Robert Smith B.M.	Fw: AAA Results are now up on NSWFC website
20. John Curtis	Rhys Jones Record Claim
21. John Curtis	Re: INSURANCE DOCUMENTATION
22. Recfishwest	Recfishwest Preliminary Notice Nomination AGM 2011
23. John Curtis	Draft Management Plans
24. Medianet Ops	Marine Heatwave Prompts Significant Abalone Fishing Closure
25. Cheryl Poustie	Sportsview Alert - Issue 27
26. Graeme Dawber	NZACA Secretarial Jottings September 2011
27. Carmel LANGDON	AAA Boating Subcommittee minutes
28. Russell bunce	AAA Beach.docx subcommittee meeting 30 Aug 2011.docx
29. Jenny Travis	Media Release - Lobster fishers to pay \$7,500 each for bag limit breach
30. Jenny Travis	Notice to Mariners - Marine Cable Route Survey
31. Cheryl Poustie	Sportsview Alert - Issue 28
32. MOSFC	MOFSC Club Membership Information...
33. Jenny Travis	Recfishwest Reel News Issue 35 - Pink Fly Fishing Clinic Returns
34. Pember, Jason	Up dated Angler of the year results
35. AAWA	DELEGATES MEETING 20TH SEPTEMBER
36. John Curtis	Re: ANGLER OF THE YEAR
37. Swan Yacht Club	RE: DELEGATES MEETING 20TH SEPTEMBER
38. Jennie Stoeckel	Apology
39. Paul Longo	RE: DELEGATES MEETING 20TH SEPTEMBER
40. John Curtis	Attendance at Delegates Council Meetings
41. Graham	casting trailer
42. Jenny Travis	Notice to Mariners - Fremantle Port Whale Season
43. Cheryl Poustie	Sportsview Alert - Issue 29
44. Terry Fuller	Recfishwest report for the minutes of the September Delegates meeting
45. John Curtis	Report for Recfishwest Annual Report from AAA(WA Division) Inc
46. Jenny	Nominate for an Association position on the Recfishwest Board
47. John Curtis	Re: Fw: Nominate for an Association position on the Recfishwest Board
48. Jenny	Notice to Mariners: FREMANTLE PORT Unlit Marker Buoys
49. Wendy Hunt	FW: Recreational Fishing for Health and Well-being
50. John Curtis	Re: Fw: Recreational Fishing for Health and Well-being
51. Wasf	Sportsview Alert - September 2011
52. Cheryl Poustie	WASF Board Nominations & Annual General Meeting
53. John Curtis	Re: MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER MEETING
54. Medianet Ops	Closures give demersal species a vital seasonal break
55. Cheryl Poustie	Workplace Safety Briefing Session

56. Wendy Hunt	RE: Recreational Fishing for Health and Well-being
57. Medianet	Fisheries officers monitor Southern Zone abalone season
58. Rob Harvey	Becoming affiliated
59. Cheryl Poustie	Sportsview Alert - Issue 30
60. Jenny Travis	Final Notice of Recfishwest AGM
61. Russell bunce	event management plan
62. Dan Musgrave	Australian Record
63. Lara Vasta	Fishing Clinics
64. Pat Shinnick	RE: event management plan
65. Terry Fuller	Fwd: Round 17 of the Recreational Boating Facilities Scheme
66. Terry Fuller	State Dry Casting Championships Report 2011
67. Jenny	Media Release: Recfishwest Praises Angler Support for Two Month
68. iiNet	Low credit

OUTWARDS (BY MAIL)

All clubs	Minutes & Agendas
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OUTWARDS (BY EMAIL)

1. Curtis, John	MOFSC - New Rear Commodore Fishing
2. Margaret Riddel	REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT
3. Con Costa	DSR Funding acquittal 2010 2011
4. Shinnick, Pat	TROPHY STORAGE
5. John Curtis	Re: Questions
6. Pat Shinnick; 'John Curtis'	Re: AAWA State Boat income
7. Terry Fuller	Winners and results of AOY & Champion Club
8. Terry Fuller	Winners and results of AOY & Champion Club
9. John Curtis	INSURANCE DOCUMENTATION
10. John Curtis	Re: INSURANCE DOCUMENTATION
11. John Curtis	STATE DRY CASTING REGISTRATION FORMS
12. Water Based Activities	Re: MOFSC Club Membership Information...
13. Curtis, John	ANGLER OF THE YEAR
14. Pember, Jason; Curtis, John	ANGLER OF THE YEAR
15. John Curtis	Re: ANGLER OF THE YEAR
16. Curtis, John	Fw: Apology
17. Pat Shinnick	Re: AAWA State Boat income
18. Curtis, John	Nominate for an Association position on the RFW Board
19. John Curtis	OCTOBER MEETING
20. Curtis, John	Fw: Recreational Fishing for Health and Well-being
21. Shinnick, Pat	YOUR REQUEST FOR CLUB CONTACT DETAILS
22. John Curtis	MINUTES SEPTEMBER MEETING
23. Curtis, John	MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER MEETING
24. Pekaar, Marcia NDAC	OCTOBER MEETING
25. John Curtis	OCTOBER DELEGATES MEETING
26. Wendy Hunt	Re: Recreational Fishing for Health and Well-being
27. Rob Harvey	Re: Becoming affiliated
28. Curtis, John	Fw: Australian Record
29. Shinnick, Pat	Fw: event management plan
30. Lara Vasta	Re: Fishing Clinics
31. Bunce, Russell	Fw: event management plan
32. ALL CLUBS	Fw: Round 17 of the Recreational Boating Facilities Scheme
33. ALL CLUBS	Fw: State Dry Casting Championships Report 2011

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

- Email inwards no 11 refers to Pat Shinnick's agreement to store trophies at his premises
- Inwards by mail Kalbarri Sports Fishing Classic 4th March 2012 – clashes with State Boat Championships

- Email inwards no 56 - Delegates discussed email from Wendy Hunt, The Centre of Excellence for Science, Seafood and Health regarding their research to explore the health and well-being benefits associated with recreational fishing. They want to identify any past or present research efforts, projects, interventions etc AAAWA may have around recreational fishing, health and well-being. They are **also** interested in recreational fishing and benefits for youth. John Curtis urged individuals/clubs to provide any anecdotal or documented information either via himself or directly to Wendy Hunt at W.Newton@exchange.curtin.edu.au . Don Cox provided an example where he had assisted a couple with hearing and speech impairment to participate in recreational fishing activities. Benefits might include improvement in health and well-being, family involvement, development of friendships, etc.
- Email outwards no 21 – refers to Pat Shinnick’s request for contact details for clubs so he can invite clubs to a presentation night at the MAAC club where he will promote participation in boat angling events.

It was moved by Joe Horvath and seconded by Richard Siudak that the correspondence inwards and outwards be accepted/endorsed. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

General Account Balance \$18,340.91	Carnival Account Balance \$805.70
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Income for Oct 2011

SCAC	Affiliation fees 2011/2012	200.00
Quinns Rocks FC	Affiliation fees 2011/2012	100.00
OSAC	Affiliation fees 2011/2012	100.00
MAAC	Affiliation fees 2011/2012	200.00
Denmark Boating & AC	Affiliation fees 2011/2012	200.00
Perth Offshore Boat AC	Affiliation fees 2011/2012	200.00
Fremantle Sailing Club	Affiliation fees 2011/2012	200.00
Fremantle AAC	Nomination Fees State Dry Casting \$170.50 less \$34 taken out for Batteries – no receipt provided	136.50
Westpac	Interest Carnival A/c	.80
Westpac	Interest General A/c	15.08
TOTAL		1352.38

Accounts for payment Oct 2011

Telstra	Telephone account	42.06
Diane McDonough	Secretariat; stationery, angler of the Year expenses	555.25
Dept Transport	Trailer Rego	58.05
G Force Printing & Design	30 Weigh in books	356.07
TOTAL		1011.43

It was moved by Joe Horvath and seconded by George Holman that the treasurer’s report be accepted and the accounts passed for payment. Motion carried.

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

President’s Report

Brass Sinker Moulds

- John is seeking the whereabouts of heavyweight brass sinker moulds (2, 3 & 4 oz) which were loaned to clubs some years ago but which belong to AAAWA and need to be returned to the Dry Casting trailer. **If anyone knows where these are, please contact John Curtis.**

Insurance

- John has had further discussion with the insurance broker and this is ongoing. John is waiting for further information from John and Pam Crone in Qld regarding their insurance costs, etc.
- Once the details are finalised John will prepare a letter for Clubs to try and get a commitment for 2000 members in order to gain coverage for all competition fishing at a rate of \$4 per

person. He will also communicate with Robert Weir at MAAC regarding this insurance and possible uptake by clubs of the package and how to best cost it.

- Richard Siudak has kindly offered to administer a database of insured members once the policy is established

National Championships in 2015 or 2017

- AAAWA has been asked to consider hosting the event in 2015 or 2017 and John has prepared a document which sets out some proposed venues
- John seeks input from individuals/clubs for venues which could accommodate up to 250 competitors, taking into account the need for restaurants, accommodation, recreation. At this stage he favours a two week competition in 2017.
- Exmouth would be ideal but is considered too far away for those travelling from the east. John believes a venue between Esperance and Kalbarri would be ideal.
- A large number of organisers and planners would be required to commit to this venture
- George Holman suggested canvassing eastern states clubs to see who might be interested in attending a WA-hosted event.
- WA State laws and AAAWA regulations would apply. It would be a species-based competition.
- **Delegates should approach their clubs regarding this and come back to AAAWA for a January 2012 deadline.**

Estuary, Rock and Beach Report

- Don Cox advised that nomination forms are on the AAAWA website.
- Russell Bunce stressed that no cash nomination fees will be accepted at the State Beach and Rock event. **Clubs should coordinate their own members' nominations and pay by cheque.**

Boating Report

- No report

Dry Casting Report

- Attendance at the recent event was down on previous years, however Juniors were well represented.
- The format used to calculate results worked very well.
- Many people assisted on the day and presentations were complete by 5.30 pm.
- George thanked John Curtis for efficient handling of the paperwork and the presentations.
- Thanks to Pat McKeown and crew for the barbeque.
- The Dry Casting report has been distributed
- Trailer is packed up and ready for next year.

George also advised that AAA Victoria is folding due to lack of members and their casting trailer has been offered to AAAWA. George believes that the expense of transporting the trailer and equipment will be well worth it and he will follow this up.

Recfishwest report for AAAWA Delegates Meeting 18 October 2011



Commonwealth South West marine plans and proposals

As advised several times, conservationists have maintained and stepped up their campaigns and demanded that many more and larger areas be closed to fishing, and applied considerable political pressure on the Minister. Over 40,000 submissions were received of which only under 300 were “substantive” which means “actually had some reasons and details.”

Confidential Government briefings for stakeholders last week revealed changes to the draft proposals first released in May. They include extra sanctuary / no fishing zones in Geographe Bay off Busselton, west of Margaret River and the Perth Canyon (Rottnest Trench). A map was published in Monday's West Australian on page 15.

Recfishwest has said it is particularly concerned about no-take areas off Rottnest and in Geographe Bay. "We're extremely disappointed that the indicative management plan appears to bear no resemblance to the proposal currently before us," executive director Frank Prokop said.

This once again highlights a fundamental and major problem with the planning process for Marine Parks. A draft plan is prepared, public comments are obtained, a revised plan is prepared and there is then NO requirement for more public comments to be obtained, regardless of how many and what changes have been made to the zones, even if new areas are included.

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.

80 Mile Beach marine plans and proposals

The proposed Eighty Mile Beach Marine Park indicative management plan was released on 30 September 2011. The public comment period closes on 20 January 2012. RFW's draft response to the plans and proposals will be posted on the Recfishwest website for recreational fishers to use if they wish. Links to details are posted on the AAWA website <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/MarineParks.htm>

RFW Annual General Meeting and election of Board members.

The AGM will be held at 7:30pm on Friday 21 October at Fremantle Sailing Club, Marine Terrace South Fremantle.

The 2010/11 Annual Report of RFW activities will be provided to members at the AGM and is expected to be posted on the RFW website after the AGM.

Western Rock Lobster recreational rules

Under Integrated Fisheries Management, recreational fishers have been allocated 5% of the total allowable catch and commercial 95%. However recreational fishers currently catch only about 3% of the total, or only 60% of their allocation. Recent years' changes to rules made it even harder for recreational fishers to catch their allocated percentage.

Recfishwest has been negotiating with the Dept of Fisheries and the Minister for changes to the rules which would allow recreational fishers to catch their allocation, since one of the fundamentals of IFM is that rules **must** allow the full allocation to be accessed. Changes requested included a return to a bag limit of 8 per fisher rather than the 6 imposed recently. Despite lots of effort, little actual has been achieved because of resistance to change by regulators.

The only change introduced is the reduction of minimum legal length from 77mm to 76mm. However RFW has pointed out that increases in the height of escape gaps in pots means that most 76mm lobsters will escape from pots.

Whichever way this is looked at, these difficulties raise serious concerns about fisheries regulators' commitment to the principles of IFM, and make it difficult to support introducing IFM for other species such as demersal fish, which is currently under discussion.

West Coast seasonal closures now apply

Pink Snapper spawning season closure Cockburn and Warnbro Sounds from 1 October to 31 January. West Coast seasonal demersal fishing closure from 15 October to 15 December inclusive.

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

- Discussion followed about the legality of the SW Marine Plan and Terry advised that it is not illegal and there is no requirement for the Commonwealth to go out for further consultation once they have revised the plan.
- Federal sanctuary zones extend for 3 nautical miles; state sanctuary zones can apply from the shore
- John encouraged delegates/clubs to put comments to paper to Ministers and MPs, taking care to ensure that information provided is factually correct and accurate.

Recording Officer Report

At the last meeting John Curtis raised the issue of records not yet awarded:

- Rhys Jones set a new junior state record with a distance of 138.5 metres 2005/2006 – his Certificate is prepared and ready for issue
- Joe Pullella lodged claims for individual artificial bait record of 167.5 m and also a 56 g distance record of 174.9 m – these are now verified and certificates are ready for issue.
- John Curtis has received a record application from a commercial fisherman who has caught an Eastern Pigfish, caught with a rod and reel. This has been referred to the National Recorder Richard Siudak (individuals/clubs should note that anyone can apply for a record, regardless of occupation, provided it is caught with a line
- John has been handed several crates of documents and books from the previous Recording Officer. Two fishing books from the 1970's are, in John's opinion, inaccurate and out of date and will be disposed of.

Competitions Officer Report

Don will follow up with Jason Pember.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

CLOSE MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm. The next Delegates meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th November.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011-2012

2011	
September	• Dry Casting Competition Sunday 25 th September
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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