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Minutes of Delegates' Meeting 20 September, 2005 at WA Sports Association, Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley.

The Delegates' meeting was opened at 7:35 pm. Vice President Nick Allsworth took the Chair.

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

Apologies:

Kevin Hughes, Adam Eastman.

Notification of Proxies:

T Fuller for Northampton Angling Club.

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 August Executive Meeting had not been held due to people being away. **Correspondence Inwards.**

By Post	In From	Subject	Date	Action
John Crone	AAA Nat President	Complaint about unacceptable conduct at National Dry Casting Men's Double Handed Accuracy and request for action by AAA WA to discipline the person and prevent any repeat.	13 Sep	## For decision and reply
Bob Henderson		State Captain's report on the protest and conduct at National Men's Double Handed Accuracy Dry Casting.	16 Sep	## For decision
Recfishwest		Notice of RFW Annual General Meeting and nomination of the AAA representative to cast the AAA WA vote	Sep	## For decision
Dept of Fisheries		South Coast Recreational Fishing Review	Sep	## Discuss
Women's' Sports Foundation of WA		Nominations for Brownes Sportswoman of the Year	Sep	## Discuss
Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club		Invitation to AAA President opening day 16 Oct	Sep	## For decision
Naturaliste Game and Sports Fishing Club		Will not renew affiliation with AAA WA due to drop in numbers and lack of interest from land based anglers	Sep	## Info and discuss.
Sharing the Fish Conference		Registration info and conference details Feb 2006	Sep	## Discuss later
MAAC		Club Newsletter	Sep	Info
Hillarys Yacht Club		Club Newsletter	Sep	Info
Westpac Bank		Bank statements August	Sep	Treasurer
Dept of Agriculture		WA Border Biosecurity changes and brochures	Sep	Info
AON Insurance		Association Professional Liability Insurance (not public liability)	Sep	Info
Fremantle Amateur Angling Club		Club details – but no fees	Sep	Info
Northampton Districts Angling Club		Nomination T Fuller as proxy, club details & 2005/6 fees	Sep	Info
Geraldton Angling Club		2005/6 fees	Sep	Info
Esperance Surfcasters		2005/6 fees	Sep	Info
Mandurah Offshore Fishing & SC		Club details and 2005/6 fees	Sep	Info
Cockburn Power Boats Assoc		Club details and 2005/6 fees	Sep	Info
WA Sports Federation		Minutes of WA Sports Fed Council 6 Sept.	Sep	Info

Emails	In From:-	Subject	Date	Action
Pat Shinnick		Not enough volunteers to set up the State Boat Championships for Jurien Bay	14 Sep	### Discuss
John Romano, President SCAC		Protest and conduct at National Men's Double Handed Accuracy Dry Casting.	15/16 Sep	Info
Various		Management of fishing in Perth Metro area (Zone 5)	Various	Progressing
Adam Eastman		Apologies for not being able to attend any meetings for the next couple of months	2 Sep	Info
Various		Routine AAA Info	Various	None

Outgoing Correspondence.

Posted	Out To:-	Subject	Date	Action
AAA clubs, Delegates, etc		Minutes of August 2005 Delegates' meeting, Aug 2005 Annual General Meeting and attachments.	August	None
Recfishwest		Names of Recfishwest Board member and Alternative Board Member elected at AAA AGM.	Sept	None
Trevor Stam		Details of payment to him for 2003 Yamba Convention to replace lost cheque which has now been found.	Aug	None

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John Crone, AAA Nat President		Acknowledge letter of 11 Sep about protest and conduct at National Men's Double Handed Accuracy Dry Casting.	13 Sep	Info
AAA clubs, Delegates, etc		Reminder Sep Delegates' and Annual General meeting.	19 Sep	None
Various		Routine AAA Info	Various	None
Various		Management of fishing in Perth Metro area (Zone 5)	Various	Progressing

Business Arising from Correspondence:-

George Holman will cast the vote at the RFW AGM on behalf of AAA.

Nominations for Brownes Sportswoman of the Year is to be the top lady in the 4 AAA events.

Nick Allsworth to confirm if he can accept the invitation to Ocean Reef Sea Sports opening day.

Secretary to write to Naturaliste Game and Sports Fishing Club about affiliation.

Moved George Holman seconded Jim Strong 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 19 September 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	\$
Carnival Account Westpac Bank	\$

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

Up to 20 September 2005. Total 6 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

Advised will not renew:-

Naturaliste Game & Sports Fishing Club

Business Arising from Treasurer's Report.

Moved Jim Strong seconded George Holman 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.

Property Officer's Report

A Property Officer is still needed.

Records Officer's Report

Adam Eastman had tendered an apology.

Competition Officer's Report

Adam Eastman had tendered an apology.

Boating Report.

No one available to report.

Estuary, Rock and Beach Report

A booklet has been prepared for the coming event and will be distributed. 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.

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

Consideration will be given to using a short, strong leader for the distance events to help remove the weights which bury into the soft ground.

George Holman to contact Paul Frzop about doing the computer scoring on the day.

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.

AAA Web Page

Routine updates.

Recfishwest Report.

Terry Fuller reported on the September 2005 Recfishwest Board Meeting.

The Recfishwest Board has support in principle the proposal for special fisheries management of the metro area, with the proposed area extended to cover from Moore River to Cape Bouvard. The seaward boundary to be the 200 metre isobath (at least, and subject to map checks for comparison with the 35 NM proposed in the "Zone 5" paper).

A seminar was held 24 August to discuss research priorities from both recreational and commercial fishermen for research studies in Marine Parks. There has been much research in the field of MPA's but little of it actually driven by those most affected by the results of such research, and much of the research, has been to 'prove' the value to MPA's rather than assess if they have any value for fisheries that are already managed for sustainability. The workshop was designed to allow fishermen (both professional and recreational) the opportunity to say what research they would like to see carried out on MPA's. It is an important area and one that has, in the past, been driven from outside the fishing community. The outcomes are available on the AAA website at <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/MPASeminarOutcomesAug2005.pdf>

Recfishwest held a fishing clinic at Albany, where the Fisheries Minister announced the outcomes of the South Coast Recreational fishing reviews which will come into effect on 1 January 2006. This will

introduce a three category list like the West Coast, but the species and bag limits have some differences.

Recfishwest has responded to the request from the Department of Fisheries for comments on some proposals on changes to recreational pink snapper, Robinson's sea bream and pearl perch fishing rules in the Gascoyne region. Recfishwest has serious objections to the process, where a request from recreational anglers are told they must wait for the next review, but request from commercial fishermen are dealt with immediately.

Recfishwest has adopted a Policy on "Wilderness and Low Impact Fishing, which will be used proactively as a suggested alternative to closed areas for Marine Park planning.

A draft policy on "Releasing Fish" is near completion. This covers releasing fish for all reasons including deliberate catch and release.

A draft policy on Placement of Rock Lobster Pots, Ropes and Floats near Breakwaters and Groynes has been prepared to provide guidelines for the sharing of the available areas near breakwaters and groynes so that both shore based recreational line fishing and potting for Western Rock lobster can be carried out with minimum interference between these two activities.

Western rock lobster and abalone integrated fisheries management is progressing.

Recfishwest has received information from the Department of Fisheries about Voluntary Fisheries Adjustment Schemes and will decide and publish its priorities for the order in which these should be tackled. RFW is also looking at the costs and benefits which have come from this program and if these are balanced.

The new rules for protection of Cockburn and Warnbro Sound and metro Pink Snapper spawning aggregations closures and size slot limits were announced on 19 August. Negotiations are continuing on buying out the last commercial license allowed to catch snapper from Cockburn Sound.

Two commercial fishing licenses for the Swan River have been bought back, and discussions are continuing with the remaining two licenses, as part of the Government's Election policy to make the Swan River recreational only fishing. Recfishwest has worked and lobbied for this over a number of years.

Work is continuing on the Sampson fish tagging and spawning aggregations studies with an extension of the project to Geographe Bay, Albany and areas off Hillarys. An information afternoon was held at the new Fisheries Research building attended by around 70 people.

The Recfishwest Annual General Meeting and election of Board Members will be held on 21 October. AAA has a vote. The candidates and recommendations for voting will be discussed at the October Delegates' meeting.

RFW has written to the Dept of Fisheries about getting the State of the Fisheries Report and up to date data released.

Business arising from the Recfishwest Report.

Terry Fuller explained the Voluntary Fisheries Adjustment Schemes.

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.

Nick Allsworth has been away from Perth and very busy with work and has been unable to contact any of the list of people / companies to be contacted about advertisements. There has not been any response from clubs, apart from the Surf Casting and Angling Club, about putting Club Information in the Year Book. Due to the lack of workers, this is now not likely to go ahead.

General Business.

The letters from the John Crone, AAA National President, the handwritten letter signed by two people, and the report from Bob Henderson, State Captain at Yeppoon covering the incidents and unacceptable conduct during dry casting at Yeppoon were read out. Nick Allsworth reported as the Senior's Team Captain.

After considerable discussion, it was agreed that action needed to be taken. Moved Don Cox, seconded Rick Cameron that Chas Riegert be banned from all AAA WA State and National events. Carried unanimously.

Due to the lack of workers, the presentations for Angler of the Year and Club of the Year will be deferred until a date to be advised.

Further AAA Action on Metro Fisheries Management.

The concept of special management for the Perth metro area, has included with the minutes of the September 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 9:10 pm.

Notice of Future AAA Meetings.

Next Executive Meeting To be advised due to absences at Yeppoon. Usually held on the first Tuesday of the month.

Next Delegates' Meeting 7:30pm Tuesday 18 October 2005, Sportsman's Association Clubhouse, Stancliffe Street, Mt. Lawley. Usually held on the third Tuesday of the month

Coming AAA Events.

State Dry Casting Championships 2005/6, Yokine Reserve, Sunday 30 October 2005

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.

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.

AAA Yearbook.

AAA 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.

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

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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Supports the 2005 Fishing Clinics.

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Magic Nissan

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