



### OFFICE BEARERS AS AT 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2009

President:	Pat Shinnick
Senior Vice President:	George Holman
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Treasurer/Secretary :	Diane McDonough
Assistant Secretary:	Marcia Pekaar
Publicity Officer:	Position vacant
Trophy Officer:	Don Cox and Jason Pember
Records Officer:	Ian Cook
Property Officer:	Position vacant
Competitions Officer:	Jason Pember
Website Editor	Terry Fuller
Recfishwest Board Members	Terry Fuller (1) and Pat Shinnick (2)

### CURRENT AFFILIATED CLUBS

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| Cockburn Power Boat Association            | Melville Amateur Angling Club                |
| Denmark Boating and Angling Club           | Northampton Districts Angling Club           |
| Drifters Deep Sea Angling Club             | Northern Districts Angling Club              |
| Esperance Surfcasters Club                 | Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club                   |
| Fremantle Amateur Angling Club             | Offshore Angling Club Beach                  |
| Fremantle Sailing Club (Angling Section)   | Offshore Angling Club Mount Barker           |
| Geraldton Angling Club                     | Offshore Angling Club South Coastal          |
| Hillarys Yacht Club (Angling Section)      | Perth Offshore Boat Angling Club of WA (Inc) |
| Kalbarri Offshore & Angling Club           | Quinns Rocks Fishing Club                    |
| Lancelin Angling and Aquatic Club          | Rockingham Offshore Fishing Club             |
| Mandurah Breaming Association              | Surf Casting and Angling Club of WA Inc      |
| Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club | Swan Yacht Club                              |
| Marmion Angling and Aquatic Club           |  |

### AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION, (WA DIVISION) INC.



### DELEGATES' MEETING



Held Sports Association WA, Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley  
 Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 7.30 pm

### MINUTES

#### 1. OPEN MEETING

Pat thanked all for attendance, especially visitors.

#### 2. PRESENT

Ian Cook (SCAC), Terry Fuller (SCAC), George Holman (SCAC), James Strong (Denmark), Joe Horvath, (OSAC Beach) Paul Frzop (HYC), Pat Shinnick (President & LAAC), Chas Riegert (OSAC Mt Barker), Marcia Pekaar (Northampton), Jason Pember (Melville), Peter Pekaar (Geraldton), John Crompton (Esperance), R Bunce (FAAC), Don Cox (Melville)

#### 3. APOLOGIES

Ric Cameron (OSAC, South Coastal)

#### 4. VISITORS

Mark Hansen (SCAC), Greg Walker (SCAC)

#### 5. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES

Nil

#### 6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by James Strong and seconded by Joe Horvath that the August meetings be accepted.

#### 7. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS FROM MINUTES

Nil

#### 8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM (AGM) MINUTES

At the recent AGM Chas Riegert raised the subject of the number of executive committee members required to form a quorum (according to the AAWA constitution).

Terry Fuller was able to provide the required information from the constitution, which states (Section 43) that four of the following executive committee members are required to be present to make executive decisions: President, Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, Records Officer. Given that the Secretary/Treasurer is currently an appointed position, this leaves 5 executive positions filled. James Strong offered to be elected to the Executive Committee as patron, however this is not required and Pat Shinnick thanked him for the offer.

#### 9. CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS (BY MAIL)

Surf Casting & Angling Club of WA Inc	Reel Talk Sept 2009
Department of Sport and Recreation	2009 Sport and Industry Awards – invitation to nominate
DMA Chartered Accountants	Circular to Creditors of Access Boating & Leisure Pty Ltd (in liquidation)
Dept Environment & Conservation	Reconvene of Focus Group re Walpole and Nornalup Inlets Marine Park (forwarded to T Fuller)
Hillarys Yacht Club	Compass Sept/Oct 2009
WA Sports Federation	ANZ Sports Star Awards 2009 – invitation to nominate
Perth Offshore Boat Angling Club of WA Inc	New incorporated association – formerly known as the Offshore Angling Club of WA – Boating Branch
Telstra	Advice that Telstra will now charge \$2.20 per invoice paid at Australia Post

#### 10. CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS (BY EMAIL)

From	Subject
1. Chas Riegert	re-sending as requested
2. Pat Shinnick	RE: re-sending as requested
3. Pember, Jason	State Estuary Information for posting
4. Marcia Pekaar	AGM Thank you
5. Cheryl Poustie	Sportsview Alert - Issue 25
6. Cheryl Poustie	Recommendation for WASF Membership - Calico Pty Ltd
7. Terry Fuller	Fwd: Recommendation for WASF Membership - Calico Pty Ltd
8. Terry Fuller	Re: Recommendation for WASF Membership - Calico Pty Ltd
9. Cheryl Poustie	WASF Council Meeting - Agenda and Papers - Tuesday 1 September 2009
10. graeme walker	New email address.
11. WA Sports Federation	Sportsview August
12. iiNet Limited	Payment Confirmation
13. Yvette Guy	Casting Around the Internet No. 67
14. Marcia Pekaar	Estuary Championships
15. Cheryl Poustie	Sportsview Alert - Issue 26
16. George Penny	Re: MINUTES OF RECENT MEETINGS, ETC
17. Cheryl Poustie	FW: WASF General Meeting of Council - Draft Minutes

18. Terry Fuller	Dhufish and snapper fishermen wanted to help with research
19. Pember, Jason	RE: Estuary Championships
20. Cheryl Poustie	Sportsview Alert - Issue 27
21. John Crompton	Emailing: scan0001 (2), scan0002, scan0003, scan0004
22. Rec Fishing Alliance NSW	NSW RecFisher September 2009
23. Yvette Guy	Minister orders investigation into 'roting' of research fish carcasses
24. Yvette Guy	Incorrect email attached to Minister's Release
25. Pat Shinnick	RE: AAAWA INSURANCE POLICY
26. Terry Fuller	Re: AAAWA INSURANCE POLICY
27. Carmel LANGDON	August minutes
28. Pat Shinnick	AAA Boating Booklet Advertisers
29. Pat Shinnick	AAAWA State Boat Championships letter of assistance.
30. Pat Shinnick	AAA WA State Boat Championships for 2010
31. Paul Frzop	AAA 2009 State Boat Raffle income.

## 11. CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS

BY MAIL & EMAIL	
Delegates & Clubs	Minutes & Agendas
Clubs	Account for 2009/2010 Affiliation Fees

## 12. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Terry Fuller commented on the fact that some emails received do not have titles which it makes it difficult for delegates to understand the subject matter of the email. Marcia Pekaar suggested that all people sending emails to AAAWA **ensure there is a title on the "subject" line on their email.**

Ref email 23: "Minister orders investigations into roting of research fish carcasses". This relates to a number of filleted fish being sent by fisheries personnel to colleagues, reported by a research person. Ian Cook commented that in the past waste fish such as this were given to charitable organisations. Terry Fuller believed it was an attempt to discredit the fisheries research organisation; the practice has been suspended and is being investigated

It was proposed by Don Cox and seconded by Chas Riegert that the correspondence be accepted.

## 13. TREASURERS REPORT

General Account Balance \$17,491.76	Carnival Account Balance \$1221.54
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Income for September:

Cockburn Power Boat Assoc	2009/2010 Affiliation Fees	\$200.00
Perth Offshore Boat Angling Club of WA Inc	2009/2010 Affiliation Fees	\$200.00
Hillarys Yacht Club	AAAWA State Boating Championships raffle proceeds	\$296.00
Total		\$696.00

Accounts for payment September

Diane McDonough	Secretariat	\$500.00
Coles Supermarket	Angler of the Year expenses (D McDonough)	\$11.95
Woolworths	Stationery	\$11.22
Australia Post	500 Envelopes	\$18.75
Sports Assoc of Aust (WA Division Inc)	Membership 2009/2010 for 12 members @ \$40.00 plus City of Stirling Lease Fees adjustment	\$505.20
Graham S Knight & Ass	Insurance renewal – Liability	\$691.00
Telstra	Telephone Account September NB: Telstra will now charge \$2.20 per invoice paid at PO	\$38.77
Total		\$1776.89

R Bunce made a query about public liability insurance and whether AAAWA insurance covered activities at club level. This subject was raised some years ago and it was clarified that the insurance only covers AAAWA activities and events at which clubs participate, not club's individual activities.

It was moved by James Strong and seconded by Joe Horvath that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

## 14. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

### President's Report

Pat Shinnick and Terry Fuller have been attending many meetings, representing boating people and trying to make sure beach people aren't affected in the recent Fishing Licence discussions. Pat was delighted to be invited as president to a function at Tony D'Alonzo's.

### Fishing Clinic Report

Pat Shinnick will prepare a document to get club's views on how to move forward on Fishing Clinics. This should be an objective of AAAWA to demonstrate that Department of Sport and Recreation funding is being used appropriately, e.g. providing information and education to the general public.

### Estuary, Rock and Beach Report

A registration form and flyer regarding the forthcoming State Estuary Championships was sent out with the last minutes and queries have been received about competition numbers. Jason Pember is looking at resolving this problem and if anyone needs details of club competition list numbers or they have new member numbers, please contact Jason Pember [Jason.pember@fpc.wa.gov.au](mailto:Jason.pember@fpc.wa.gov.au). If necessary he can allocate new numbers.

### Boating Report

A meeting to be held on September 16<sup>th</sup> at MAAC club. Things are progressing, rules are set. Organisers are awaiting the minister's new rules.

### Dry Casting Report

There is still no one available to run the Dry Casting competition this year, as George Holman is not able to do it. Ian Cook offered to assist but would like to see some instructions in writing. Paul Frzop will assist on a working committee. Paul and Ian will get together to discuss further.

### Post Script:

- Jason Pember has offered to be Competition Officer for the event
- Joe Pullella, Joe Horvath, Chas Reigert and five Surf Casters members are willing to assist if a leader will come forward to show them what to do.

## Recfishwest report for AAAWA Delegates Meeting 16 September 2009. Updated.

### 1. West Coast fishing licences and rule changes – alternative proposals

The Government announced licence and management changes to commence on 15 October 2009. Those were decisions by the whole of Cabinet (the Government), and not by the Minister for Fisheries or the Department of Fisheries.

The "Fishing Tax Grab" group <http://www.fishingtaxgrab.com/> is opposed to the proposed licences and urged people to write to their Members of Parliament, resulting in thousands of letters.

Supported by those, the Labor Opposition has threatened to block those changes using a Disallowance Motion in Parliament. Some Government backbenchers signaled a possibility (or stronger) to also oppose the Government. The Premier and the Fisheries Minister have stood firm that the **50% reduction** in the mortality of demersal fish due to recreational fishing is **not negotiable**, and challenged the opponents to come up with alternatives to achieve that.

Recfishwest called a meeting of Industry, etc attended by representatives as listed below, to produce a combined alternative proposal. Ben Patrick (Fishing Tax Grab), Ian Stagles (WA Game Fishing Association), Mike Roennfeldt (Media), Matt Howard (Charter), Simon Joll (Boating Western Australia), Bruce Barnett (Boating Western Australia), Doug Bathgate (Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee), Tim Carter (Australian Fishing and Tackle Association), Paul Duggan (Australian Fishing and Tackle Association), Scott Coghlan (Media), Geoff Ellis (Boating Industry Association of WA), Pat Shinnick (Australian Anglers Association), Lindsay Joll

(Dept of Fisheries), Craig Leatt-Hayter (Recfishwest), Frank Prokop (Recfishwest), Terry Fuller (Recfishwest), Norman Halse (Recfishwest), Des Wood (Recfishwest), Kane Moyle (Executive Support, Recfishwest)

That **complete group** (not just Recfishwest) came up with an agreed alternative to the management and licences proposed by the Government, which they believed more than met the 50% reduction target, based on calculations using data available to the group.

Recfishwest presented the outcomes of that meeting to the Minister, including presenting the alternative views of some of the Industries on licences. The Minister asked the Dept of Fisheries to advise him if the proposal met his non negotiable 50% reduction in the mortality of demersal fish. The Department advised that it did not, in its opinion, meet the 50% target, and changes were proposed to the package.

That revised package was discussed at a second meeting of the above group on Monday 7 September, called by the Boating Industry Association. AAAWA's dissenting opinion as written by Pat Shinnick on behalf of AAA's boating clubs was presented by me and is recorded in the notes of the meeting. The proposal reported (not completely accurately) in Wednesday's (9 Sept) paper is a combined proposal from those industry groups and people, not just Recfishwest. Pat Shinnick has been involved in this as Australian Anglers Association WA President. He provided a written paper, he attended and spoke at the first meeting, and he gave written comments to be used by me on his behalf at the second meeting, which he was not able to attend because of work commitments in the country that week.

I talked with Pat Shinnick about this before the second meeting, and he told me he had consulted with some people from the AAAWA boating clubs. The opinions of club recreational anglers have been represented to Recfishwest through the President of the Australian Anglers Association.

The Recfishwest Board considered the package at the 9 Sept Board meeting. Recognising the long time which has elapsed debating management for West Coast demersal fish and the strong opposition to the high cost licensing package proposed by the Government, Recfishwest has advised the Minister that Recfishwest supports this package as an alternative. Some other groups are opposed to some parts of the package.

A meeting was held on Friday 11 September between the Minister, RFW Board, representatives of the groups above, and more fishing media people at which the Minister spoke and took comments from people. The Minister and Government will now consider the alternative proposal.

As many people would be aware, there are enormous differences of fisher's and industry opinions about many aspects of all this, including some strong, diametrically opposed and "**not negotiable**" stances by some.

Recfishwest is well aware of all these opinions. Recfishwest can **PRESENT** these but cannot **REPRESENT** (which means "*promote and expect the acceptance and use of*") **ALL** of these conflicting and opposing opinions and then achieve an outcome.

It is one thing to come up with a proposed package, but then the fine and consequential details need to be worked through, before a final agreement can be reached. In this case there are **very** complicated political and Government issues, as well as the fisheries management issues.

Publicity for such ongoing and rapid negotiations is always problematic until enough details are final and agreed. Recfishwest recognises that there are many different views on such an important matter such as licensing and demersal scalefish management, and are pleased that the government is negotiating on a number of the more contentious aspects of the previously announced package.

Recfishwest has now advised its members and the public of this proposal through a media release <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/MediaReleaseDemersalPackage.htm> (copy handed out at the Delegates meeting)

The very busy times continue!!

## 2. **Update:- West Coast fisheries management and licence decisions by Government.**

On 16 September, the day after the Delegates meeting, the Minister for Fisheries announced the Government's decision on the alternative management package proposed by Recfishwest. The government's decision package and frequently asked questions are covered in <http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/docs/pub/RecFishArrange/index.php>

Here is a summary. Please note there are lots of other details covered in the FAQ, and some which will become obvious when the Regulations are released.

- Abolishing the proposed annual \$150, fortnightly \$60 and daily \$20 demersal scalefish licence
- Introducing a mixed daily bag limit of 2 **demersal** scalefish from the West Coast Demersal Scalefish sub category, of which only 1 can be a dhufish
- Introducing a mixed daily bag limit of 2 **pelagic** scalefish from the West Coast Pelagic Scalefish sub category.

- Some pelagic species moved from High Risk to Medium Risk category
- A daily boat limit of 2 dhufish will apply, however, there will be a boat limit of 6 dhufish permitted for charter boats in recognition of the business pressures on charter operators
- A requirement to carry a release weight will apply to all (boat) anglers fishing for demersal species, to assist in mitigating barotrauma and improve survival rates of demersal scalefish returned to the water
- A two-month season closure from October 15 to December 15 inclusive remains for demersal species.
- The State wide \$30 recreational boat fishing licence remains but will only apply to people fishing from registered boats and will be used by researchers to build a database of boat fishers and their catch
- Any non-licensed boat fishers - not just those under the age of 16 - may fish for free with a licensed fisher provided the provisions of the licensed fisher's daily bag and size limits are honoured
- A simple \$15 'ticket' system is proposed for charter clients who don't already hold a boat fishing licence
- Standardisation of other fishing licence fees to \$40 for marron, lobster, abalone, net fishing and freshwater angling. Licences taken out concurrently are entitled to a 10 per cent discount on the transaction
- All funds raised through the sale of recreational licences will be placed in the Recreational Fishing Trust Fund to exclusively fund activities related to recreational fishing
- A 50 per cent discount for fishing from a registered boat licence will apply for pensioners and people under 16.
- **Note:-** No licence is required for line fishing from the shore for finfish.

**Proposed West Coast Demersal Scalefish sub category.** Proposed combined daily bag limit of 2 in West Coast, with individual species daily bag and existing size limits. Applies from 15 October when the 2 month closed season starts.

Cods.	Coral trout and Coronation trout
Dhufish, 1 per person, 2 per boat, 6 per charter boat	Emperors
Groper, baldchin and tuskfish	Groper, western blue
Hapuku/bass groper/trevella and grey banded rock cod	Parrot fish
Pink snapper	Queen snapper (blue morwong)
Tropical snappers and sea perch (mangrove jack, fingermark, job fish, stripey sea perch etc.)	Red snapper - bight redfish, nannygai and swallowtail
Red emperor	Foxfish and Pigfish

**Proposed West Coast Pelagic Scalefish sub category.** Proposed combined daily bag limit of 2 in West Coast, with existing individual species daily bag and size limits. Will begin on 16 December.

Barracuda	Billfish - sailfish, spearfish, swordfish, marlins
Cobia	Mackerel – shark
Mackerel - broad-barred (grey) and Spanish, narrow-barred	Samson fish/amberjack/yellowtail kingfish
Mahi mahi (dolphinfish)	Mackerel - wahoo
Trevally, giant and golden	Tuna - southern bluefin, yellowfin, bigeye

Remember this category is just for the WEST COAST region which has its northern boundary between Kalbarri and Shark Bay. Does not affect Steep Point or the Gascoyne region.

**West Coast Medium Risk** category list then becomes:- Proposed combined daily bag limit of 12 in West Coast from 15 October, with existing individual species daily bag and size limits. Transfer between categories will be from 16 December.

Bream – north-west, black and yellowfin	Trevally – silver (skippy), diamond, etc.
Flathead and flounder	Goatfish
Mackerel, Australian Spotted, and Mackerel, Queensland School	Bonito – leaping and oriental, and other tunas
Leatherjacket	Snook and pike
Tailor	Tarwhine
Whiting – King George	Whiting – yellowfin
# Cobbler	# Mulloway
# Salmon, Australian	# Sharks and rays
# Trout, brown and rainbow	# = moved from High to Medium Risk category



This list is just for the West Coast and does not apply in South Coast. See West Coast Guide for all current individual species daily bag and size limits.

**West Coast Low Risk** category and species is not changed, but the proposed combined daily bag limit is reduced to 30 in West Coast from 15 October.

Demersal scalefish caught in other regions during the two-month closure (such as Shark Bay pink snapper) can be taken into the West Coast Bioregion during the two-month demersal scalefish closure, but can only be transported by land or air, not by boat. It will not be an offence to store or possess on land demersal scalefish taken outside of the closed period (for example: frozen dhufish or pink snapper).

### 3. Regional Policy Officer employed

The Special General Meeting held on 24 August approved a revised Constitution for Recfishwest, to include regional and country representation. Extra staff will be required as an essential part of that. Interim funding has been received. Recfishwest's new Regional Policy Officer has been selected from 5 applicants. Andrew Rowland commenced work on Thursday 10 September. Extra admin support will also be provided.

### 4. Community Consultation Survey - Fishing - Yanchep Lagoon Beach

The City of Wanneroo is seeking feedback on a proposal to restrict or prohibit fishing at the Yanchep Lagoon Beach. The web page says the City of Wanneroo can, by signage, restrict or prohibit activities, however it is believed that all fishing (and restrictions) is controlled by the Minister and Dept of Fisheries. The online survey gives only three options and space for some comments.

1. Support prohibiting fishing at the Yanchep Lagoon beach
2. Support restricting fishing to between 7.00 pm and 7.00 am the following day
3. Prefer that no restriction to fishing be introduced.

This is essentially a resource sharing question. Under the propose options for restrictions, there would be plenty of time that swimmers, etc wouldn't want to use the area and yet fishermen would still be locked out. City of Wanneroo says that survey closed on 18 September, despite the webpage not having any closing date on it. People can still email comments to [enquiries@wanneroo.wa.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@wanneroo.wa.gov.au)

### 5. 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](mailto: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](mailto:terryfuller@inet.net.au) with any questions or comments.

### Business Arising from RFW Report

George Holman commended Terry Fuller and Pat Shinnick for their time spent on fishing licences and other issues. There has been very positive feedback from people in the recreational fishing industry.

Russell Bunce queried Item No 4 Yanchep Lagoon Beach. Terry Fuller believed only Fisheries can close fishing and not the City of Wanneroo. This matter should be discussed by clubs as it may impact on their field days. Terry suggest writing letters to the CEO at Wanneroo City Council. **He also pointed out that this demonstrates the benefits of being a RFW member ... please consider membership**

### Recording Officer Report

No report.

## 15. NOTICE OF MOTION

At the August 2009 meeting Chas Riegert proposed the following motion (seconded by Ian Cook):

“The Rules for Drycasting Competition be amended:

- a) in Section 3.3.3. b) to read: ‘Up to 112 grams Artificial Bait, with scores to count for both Teams and Individual competition.’
- b) Removal of Section 3.3.3. c) ; and
- c) Section 3.3.3. d) to change to Section 3.3.3. c).”

### Explanation:

Under the Australian Anglers Association, (WA Division) Inc., Rules for Dry Casting Competition, the section pertaining to number of casts reads as follows(extract from current web site):

#### **“3.3.3. Artificial Bait, 56 gram and 112 gram Level Line Distance.**

Each entrant is allowed two casts in each of the following events:-

- a) 56 grams, with scores to count for the Teams competition.
  - b) Up to 112 grams Artificial Bait, with scores to count for the Teams competition.
  - c) Up to 112 grams Artificial Bait, with scores to count for the Individual competition.
  - d) Up to 112 grams Level Line, with scores to count for the Individual competition.”
- In past years, the State Drycasting competition has consistently run late into the afternoon with one instance into the early evening before presentations could be made.
  - The amount of work involved in getting these events done and completed is extensive and when competitors are waiting between events, becomes a chore for most people to just turn up for this State event.
  - Dedicated dry casters have no problem with it, however, other AAA WA Div. members do. The day becomes a long boring event which they attend simply to gain points for their Club, or themselves for the yearly awards in the AAA.
  - Instead of casting the Artificial Bait event twice, the concept of casting it only once would reduce the time spent running the event, and more importantly, the time spent tabulating the results.
  - The precedence of using one event to count towards two competitions is already in vogue, in that the Accuracy event already does this.
  - Other States already use this practise and it seems to work effectively for them.

The motion was discussed by delegates. George Homan made the following comments against the motion:

- The competition normally finishes by 4-5 pm, followed by presentations at 5.30 at the latest. An exception to this was one event which ran late due to taking late entries on the day.
- Competitors making up the numbers for their club team can (and do) leave early after the two distance team events are cast and these are always cast before the two individual distance events.
- Making comparisons with the double handed accuracy counting for both is misleading as there needs to be two artificial bait events - the first is to count for team and casters are under instruction on what to do from the captains. This can be detrimental if counted for their individual score if they are told to “hold back”. An individual “going for broke” penalises only himself in individual casting but doing that in a team event would penalise his team.
- There has never been a state dry casting championship which has not completed the day’s program. The only state to cast a short event is South Australia – DH accuracy, 56 gram distance, and one Artificial Bait. This has been run in this manner for the last 20 years as they are not a strong casting state.
- National casting always runs a full program and we are supposed to follow national rules. Twice before national events were to be shortened by notice of motion fro South Australia and were defeated

Ian Cook commented that he had seconded the motion because of the length of the day; he believed if the issues could be resolved to make it run efficiently, the timeframe would not be an issue. He suggested running the new proposal for one year.

Terry Fuller was against the motion. He agreed with Ian Cook that if timing is an issue, it could be run more efficiently if there were more people to help. He believed that rule changes should come from groups, not individuals.



Delegates are to discuss with their respective clubs and a vote will be held at the October meeting.

## **16. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Terry Fuller advised that the AAAWA website will be updated shortly. He also made a request for funding to assist James Strong. This read as follows:

Mr Chairman,

When I joined the Surf Casting and Angling Club in 1962 as a 19 year old youth, Jim Strong and his friend Norm Giles welcomed me into that club. Jim helped me and started me on the wonderful association I have had with that club over 47 years. I have been associated with the AAA since about 2000 and in all that time Jim Strong has been up the front there helping out. I know he was doing that for many more years before. Over the years Jim has done lots for the AAA and recreational fishing, and is still doing what he can manage.

Now Jim is not in the best of health and really needs some help to be able to continue to live independently in his unit at Yokine. I congratulate our club secretary John Crompton for the wonderful work he has done so far for Him and the many members who have donated money for this. The carpet in Jim's unit needs replacement – and urgently for the good of Jim's future health. Peter Pekaar has volunteered to replace the carpet with vinyl which will be much easier to keep clean. The Surf Casters Club has contributed \$500 towards this work. I move that AAAWA allocate \$500 towards the replacement of carpet in Jim Strong's unit.

Mr Chairman, I ask the members to support this motion to recognise Jim's health and welfare situation, his great contribution to the AAAWA and recreational fishing, and his need for such assistance at this time in his life.

This motion was seconded by Marcia Pekaar and the delegates supported it unanimously. Delegates thanked John Crompton for assisting in this matter.

Mark Hansen inquired about resolution of outstanding financial issues relating to the national dry casting competition. Ian Cook contacted the Caravan Park in Wallaroo, which has a new owner who does not accept responsibility for previous overcharging. Terry Fuller will call a meeting in due course at George Holman's to resolve this issue at which time financial issues will be resolved and the bank account closed.

James Strong thanked delegates for their support; he has a lot of feeling for the AAAWA and is determined to carry on as a delegate and patron.

**17. CLOSE MEETING** 8.45 pm NEXT MEETING 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 7.30 pm.



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009-2012

<b>2009</b>	
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>25<sup>th</sup> October 2009 – Dry Casting Championships at Yokine Reserve</li> </ul>
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Estuary event 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> 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 (29<sup>th</sup>). Briefing and weigh-in at Troy Park.</li> </ul>
<b>2010</b>	
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Boating Championships hosted by Mandurah Offshore Fishing Club on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2010 with the 28<sup>th</sup> March as a backup date.</li> <li>Beach and Rock event Jurien Bay 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 14<sup>th</sup> March – <b>confirmed</b></li> </ul>
<b>2011</b>	
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beach and Rock event at Cheynes Beach Caravan Park, boundaries Bremer Bay river mouth to Albany Harbour Jetty.</li> </ul>
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Estuary event 27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> at Swan River/Cockburn Sound.</li> </ul>
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beach &amp; Rock event at Port Gregory. Boundaries Kalbarri to Bowes River Mouth.</li> </ul>

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

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