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AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION, (WA DIVISION) INC.

DELEGATES' COUNCIL MEETING

Held at the Sports Association WA,

Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley

Tuesday 18TH September 2012 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

1. OPEN MEETING

John Curtis opened the meeting and welcomed delegates.

2. PRESENT

Pat McKeown, Proxy Northampton

John Crompton, Proxy Esperance Surfcasters

Peter Osborne, ORSSC

Don Cox, Melville

Joe Horvath, OSAC Beach

Richard Siudak, Independent Delegate & Assistant Secretary

Martin Humbert, OSAC South Coastal

Terry Fuller, SCAC

James Strong, Patron

John Curtis, President

Kevin Murphy MAAC

3. APOLOGIES

Jason Pember, Russell Bunce, Peter Pekaar, George Holman, Malcolm Cruickshank, Diane McDonough, Pat Shinnick

4. VISITORS

Nil

5. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES

Nil

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of previous meeting had been circulated via email and mail.

Moved Joe Horvath: Seconded Jim Strong that the minutes as tabled be accepted as a true and accurate record. Motion carried.

7. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS FROM MINUTES

Nil.



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8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

John Curtis advised delegates that information regarding the next AAA National Championships in August 2013, to be held in Caloundra, Qld had been placed on the AAawa website.

Web Address: <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au>

9. CORRESPONDENCE

INWARDS (BY MAIL)

Dept Fisheries	Shark Tags embedded in sharks
WASF	ANZ Sports Star Awards
Hillarys Yacht Club	Compass September 2012
Drifters	Response to Census Request

OUTWARDS (BY MAIL)

All clubs	Minutes & Agendas
All clubs	Accounts for Affiliation
All clubs	Request for census information
All clubs	Letters to individuals and clubs regarding Angler of the Year

INWARDS (BY EMAIL)

1. Terry Fuller	Recfishwest report for minutes of Delegates meeting 21 August
2. Bluewater Workshop	FW: Defend your family's right to fish and eat Australian seafood
3. lbbirchall@bigpond.com	Fish Tales
4. Tara Delaney	Keep Australia Fishing
5. Bluewater Workshop	FW: Keep Australia Fishing
6. John Curtis	Re: EMAILS
7. Graeme Dawber	NZACA Secretarial Jottings August 2012 (a-b)
8. Graeme Dawber	Corrected NZACA Secretarial Jottings August 2012 (a-b)
9. John Curtis	Minutes of August Delegates Council Meeting and A G M.
10. John Curtis	Re: MINUTES
11. John Curtis	Letter to Clubs requesting information for DSR Census
12. Sally Russell	RE: INFORMATION REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DSR CENSUS
13. John Curtis	letters
14. John Curtis	Fwd: Overall anglers and club of the Year
15. Tara Delaney	Recfishwest AGM Notice 2012
16. Qafca	AAA Newsletter No 3
17. Terry Fuller	AAA accounts spreadsheet for 2011/12
18. Terry Fuller	Re: AAA accounts spreadsheet for 2011/12
19. John Curtis	Re: DRY CASTING COMP
20. Qafca	Minutes of the AAA Agm & Federal Executive Meeting 2012
21. Coby Pearson	Hillarys Yacht Club - Constitution Review & Update
22. chizzy66@bordernet.com.au	Re: INFORMATION REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DSR CENSUS
23. Terry Fuller	Re: Drycasting Competition information as requested
24. Terry Fuller	Re: AAawa BANK STATEMENTS as requested
25. Terry Fuller	Request for support for project to compile and present the history of recreational fishing in Western Australia.
26. Pat Shinnick	State Boat Location
27. Carmel LANGDON	RE: State Boat Location
28. Russell Bunce	state boat championships event management plan
29. Pat Shinnick	RE: event management plan

30. John Curtis	Letter of Support for Fishing History Project
31. Pat Shinnick	RE: event management plan
32. Russell Bunce	Cockburn Boat lifters re use of outside area
33. Terry Fuller	Re: Info for AAAWA DRY CASTING COMPETITION 28TH OCTOBER 2012
34. Terry Fuller	Re: Recording at SEPTEMBER DELEGATES MEETING as requested
35. Russell Bunce	Copy of application to hold an aquatic event
36. Pat Shinnick	Apology for September Meeting of Delegates Council
37. Simon Miller	Response to Russell Bunce re Application for aquatic event
38. Recfishwest - Tara Delaney	Recfishwest AGM will be held at Hillarys Yacht Club, October 4 th , 7pm
39. Recfishwest Media Statement	Pink snapper bag limit in Shark Bay to rise
40. Jennifer Spoor, LaTrobe University	Survey on Leadership in Sport

OUTWARDS (BY EMAIL)

1. John Curtis	Re: EMAILS
2. John Curtis	Re: Minutes of August Delegates Council Meeting and A G M.
3. Curtis, John	MINUTES
4. John Curtis	Re: Letter to Clubs requesting information for DSR Census
5. Curtis, John	COMPLETED CENSUS
6. Thomson, Mark MINDARIE	CENSUS
7. Curtis, John	Fw: Recfishwest AGM Notice 2012
8. Terry Fuller	Re: AAA accounts spreadsheet for 2011/12
9. Curtis, John	DRY CASTING COMP
10. Curtis, John	Fw: INFORMATION REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DSR CENSUS
11. Terry Fuller	DRY CASTING COMP
12. Fuller, Terry	BANK STATEMENT
13. Shinnick, Pat	event management plan
14. Curtis, John	Fw: state boat championships event management plan
15. Pat Shinnick	Re: event management plan
16. Terry Fuller	SEPTEMBER DELEGATES MEETING
17. Pat Shinnick	Re: event management plan
18. Russell Bunce	Re: state boat championships event management plan

It was moved by James Strong and seconded by Don Cox that the correspondence inwards be accepted and the outwards be endorsed - Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

John read out a letter from CIPS, an international organisation in South Africa, seeking confederation, at a cost of €850. He will forward this to John Crone, the National President.

10. TREASURERS REPORT

The AAAWA annual financial statement and audit documents (not tabled at the AGM) were distributed to delegates.

General Account Balance \$15,608.42 Carnival Account Balance \$808.60

Income for September 2012

G Holman	Dry Casting Record application	7.00
Quinns Rocks FC	Affiliation fees 2012/2013	100.00
Fremantle Amateur FC	Affiliation fees 2012/2013	200.00
Marmion Angling & Aquatic Club	Affiliation fees 2012/2013	200.00
Total		\$507.00

Accounts for payment September 2012

Telstra	Telephone account	60.52
Sports Assoc WA	Angler of the Year refreshments	60.00
Diane McDonough	Secretariat August 2012 + stamps & copy paper	570.00
John Curtis	Angler of the Year expenses (refreshments)	126.46
TOTAL		\$816.98

Pat McKeown queried whether the Secretary should be paid \$500 for the month of July when not present at the meeting.

It was moved by Pat McKeown and seconded by Richard Siudak that the Secretary be approached with an official letter of warning. AAawa agrees that she receive one month's payment and be asked to keep AAawa up to speed with what is going on. If she can't keep the conditions, then dismiss her, as would happen in private enterprise. Motion carried.

11. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Census

John Curtis advised that census documents had been sent to all clubs, in compliance with Recfishwest's request as part of their funding agreement with the Department of Sport and Recreation. Despite his request for an urgent response, only some clubs had completed the information (Drifters Deep Sea, Esperance, Northampton, Quinns Rocks FC and Surfcasters). **Other clubs are requested to attend to this urgently** and forward returns to jcurtis@iinet.net.au

Delegate Responsibilities

- John was recently asked if there was a set of guidelines for delegates of the AAawa and this is a matter to be dealt with. Delegates are the vital link between AAawa and the clubs and the buck stops with them, as they control what goes on. However, AAawa must be doing something right, as we currently have better attendance than in previous years.

National Convention

- John has been busy also with the national convention matters. He asked that delegates go back to their clubs and requested that planning commence for those attending the National AAA Convention in August 2013 in Caloundra, Qld. All information is available on the website. John would like to see a strong contingent.
- With the next convention being 2015 in Wallaroo and possibly in WA in 2017, John would like to see delegates familiarising themselves and participating in the event to gain experience and getting a feel for the National Competition scene.
- George Holman generally coordinates the group travelling, and John would like to see others such as those from the Boating, Rock & Beach and Estuary groups also having some input.

Estuary, Rock and Beach Report

- Cockburn Power Boats premises are being refurbished and they cannot offer their facilities for the November Estuary event.
- Russell Bunce has made inquiries with another nearby organisation, Cockburn Pleasure Boat Storage, who have a suitable large grassed area, and is waiting for a reply from them.
- Russel has also sought approval from the Department of Transport for the Aquatic Event Licence.

Boating Report

- Kevin Murphy advised that a meeting was held last week, there being some hiccups with the Mindarie Club running next year's boating championships.
- The event will now be held at the **Ocean Reef Club on 6th April 2013** (still being run by Quinns Rocks Fishing Club).

Dry Casting Report

- Nomination forms for the October event have been distributed and are available on the website. Clubs need to ensure that their affiliation fees have been paid to ensure that club members are eligible to participate in the event.

Recfishwest report for AAAWA Delegates Meeting 18 September 2012

The Recfishwest Board meeting for September has been deferred until 26 September. The Recfishwest Board meeting for August was held early in August to approve the draft of proposed changes to the RFW Constitution. No other business was covered. This report is limited to information published to RFW members since early August.

RFW Special General Meeting - change to Constitution

The Special General Meeting voted to repeal the existing Constitution and adopt the new Constitution.

RFW Annual General Meeting and election of Board directors.

Nominations have been called for Board Directors, and notice given for an Annual General Meeting and Election of five new Board Directors. The AGM will be held at the Hillarys Yacht Club at 7 pm on Thursday 4 October. Nominations have been received from six existing Board members Andrew Matthews, Ian Sewell, Ian Stagles, Dean Thorburn, John Bormolini and Geoffrey Ellis. Expressions of interest, closing 19 September, have been called for three other directors to be appointed.

Changes approved to rules for Western Rock Lobster

The Recfishwest Rock Lobster Reference Group, which consists of passionate recreational fishers from around the State, contributed their time and expertise to develop these recommendations.

Recfishwest has successfully negotiated with the Department of Fisheries to take the peak body's recommendations on board.

Recfishwest Chief Executive Officer Andrew Rowland commended the department for making the decision based on sound science, listening to the community and in doing so ensuring fishing recreationally for western rock lobster is an enjoyable and rewarding activity.

This revised set of rules will make it easier for recreational fishers to catch a feed of western rock lobster, and it will also ensure we come closer to catching our allocated share of the resource. Recreational fishers have been catching less than half their allocated 5 per cent share of the rock lobster resource during past seasons.

Revised rule changes:

- Increase in daily bag limit from six to eight rock lobster;
- Decrease in the escape gap size on pots to 54mm;
- Increase in the number of licences able to operate from a boat from two to three;
- Boat limit increased to 24 when three or more licensed fishers on board;
- Number of pots which may be pulled per boat trip increased to six when there are three or more licensed fishers on board;
- Ban lifted on diving for rock lobster at the Abrolhos Islands.

Pink snapper bag limit in Shark Bay to rise

Recfishwest has welcomed the State Government's decision to increase the bag limit of pink snapper in Shark Bay from one fish per angler a day to two which will apply to all pink snapper, caught within Denham Sound and Eastern Gulf.

The Department of Fisheries increased the pink snapper bag limit after it had determined the stock in these areas had demonstrated a strong recovery. Within Freycinet Estuary, however, the pink snapper bag limit will remain at one while the Hamelin Pool Marine Reserve will stay off limits to all forms of fishing.

The recovery was largely a result of anglers fishing responsibly and complying with the rules in Shark Bay. Recreational fishers should be commended for putting up with the years of painful restrictions and be delighted to see the stocks return to such a healthy state.

Recfishwest is very pleased that the department has recognised the importance pink snapper has to the recreational fishing community and conscious of the fact that the stocks here will remain sustainable when the daily bag limit increase is implemented.

Business Arising from RFW Report

- Terry advised that a new board will be elected on the 4th October and that his term as board member will cease on that date. As such, this will be the last Recfishwest report provided by Terry
- John urged delegates who are members of Recfishwest to exercise caution their votes.
- Those who are not current members should consider membership for themselves and their clubs, in order to support recreational fishing in WA.

On behalf of AAAWA John thanked Terry Fuller for the outstanding work he has done as a board member of RFW. Terry has been held in very high esteem by members at RFW and the delegates joined in congratulating Terry.

Recording Officer Report

- There have been no claims or queries received.

Competitions Officer Report

- No report.
- John thanked Don Cox for organising the trophies for the Angler of the Year Awards.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

Affiliation fees

- Delegates discussed the setting of AAAWA affiliation fees for 2012/2013 (currently set at \$200 per annum)
- Fee invoices have recently been sent out, requesting that clubs who feel justified in paying less than \$200 **have to** negotiate this directly with the President
- Terry Fuller tabled information of fees paid in 2011/2012, totalling \$3580. He asked delegates to consider the risk of increasing fees to say \$400, whereby clubs could choose to negotiate a reduced amount, or whether the current fee of \$200 be retained in order to maintain affiliation numbers.
- John Curtis expressed his concern over clubs who appear to be reasonably financial but elect to pay reduced amounts. He further commented that some clubs with very low memberships were still paying their **full \$200** memberships, even though they do not participate in AAAWA events. He warned that the loss of DSR funding would have dire implications for AAAWA.

It was moved by Pat McKeown and seconded by Joe Horvath that affiliation fees for 2012/2013 be retained at the same amount of \$200. Also that clubs seeking a fee reduction must negotiate directly with the AAAWA president. Motion carried.

Duyfken

- John Curtis advised that a flotilla will be assembling to escort the Duyfken as it enters through Gage Roads on Sunday 23rd September. This completes the Duyfken's circumnavigation of the Australian continent, begun on 6 April 2006.

Perth-Rottnest Swim

- John has received a request (via Surfcasters) from Brisbane based swimmer who wants to participate in the Perth - Rottnest Swim and who needs a support boat. He is willing to negotiate a fee for fuel and time. Anyone who can assist can contact John Curtis for further details.

Event Management Plans

- Recent discussions have been held with subcommittee chairs on the Event Management Plan. Pat Shinnick originally prepared the document for the State Boating Championships and Russell Bunce has requested a copy of this document in Word format, so that he could adapt the document to suit the forthcoming Estuary event.
- John read out Pat's recent email regarding his reluctance to provide the original Word document of the Management Plan as it would make it freely available for anyone to use without authorisation.
- Delegates discussed this and it was generally agreed that there is not much anyone can do to prevent use of the document, apart from stating "copyright to the AAAWA" on the front cover.

- Terry Fuller commented that the document is Pat's work. However, once the document goes outside the association, there is nothing that AAAWA can do to stop it being copied and the copyright act would cost considerable money to enforce. Once reworded, rephrased and rearranged, it would have been difficult to prove that a breach of copyright existed. He advised that copyright be mentioned on the document and that if it is used that the user acknowledge AAAWA as the source of the document.
- Further discussion followed as to whether the document is the property of Pat Shinnick or AAAWA
- John suggested that the following wording be used (from the AAAWA website):

“You are allowed to use information from the Association's website without seeking formal permission, on condition that you acknowledge the Association as the source if you use or quote large parts of the information from our website without putting the ideas into your own words”.

- The Event Management Plan will need to be completed for all AAAWA divisions and John is currently working on the Dry Casting document. These management plans need to be developed and documented for the long term. Many organisations now require them as a part of any application for events and use of property along with a certificate of public liability insurance. He encouraged subcommittees to contribute to this and thanked those who have contributed to date.
- To be discussed further at the next Delegate's meeting

Groyne Closures

- Ellen Smith, RFW policy officer, attended a meeting with Town of Cambridge regarding the closure of the City Beach and Floreat groynes to recreational fishing.
- John was not sure of the outcome of this but Ellen seemed hopeful that angling could still be permitted on parts of the groyne.
- John used to sit as an Angling Representative on the Beach Users' Group for 8 or 9 years. Many users had differing opinions about the use of the groyne and altercations have occurred between anglers and surfers
- John suggested that someone who fishes from that groyne volunteer to represent the general angling community on this group and attend meetings once a month. Many people think issues like this is “someone else's problem”.

Car Parking

- Car Parking fees. Joe Horvath raised the issue of car parking at the old Swan Brewery riverside car park in Mounts Bay Road which now has parking meters charging \$2 per hour to park there (Monday-Sunday).
- John queried the need to charge parking from 6 pm to 6 am for the sake of fishing. This needs to be taken up with Recfishwest.

Mindarie Marina

- Terry commented that the disabled fishing platform at the Mindarie Marina main south wall had been removed because rust had made it structurally unsound.

13. CLOSE MEETING

John thanked delegates for their attendance.

The next Delegates Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th October 2012

**AAA (WA Division) Inc
CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012 - 2015**

2012	
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Dry Casting Championships - Yokine Reserve Yokine - 28th
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Estuary Event – Swan / Cockburn Sound Saturday/Sunday 24/25 November 2012 (TBC)
2013	
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Boating Championships 6th April 2013 hosted by Quinns Rock Fishing Club and to be held at the Ocean Reef Club.
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Rock & Beach Championships– S Bend (long weekend) Saturday/Sunday 1ST /2ND June 2013 (TBC)
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAA 33rd National Angling Championships & Convention, Caloundra, Qld
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Dry Casting Sunday 27th October 2013
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Estuary Event – Blackwood River Augusta
2014	
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Boats Championships – TBA
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Rock and Beach Event – Cape to Cape
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Dry Casting, Sunday 26th October 2014
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Estuary Event – Walpole
2015	
March *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Boat Championships, hosted by Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club at Ocean Reef - long weekend
March *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Rock and Beach event – Cheynes Beach – long weekend
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Dry Casting Sunday 25th October 2015

*** These dates need to be reviewed as they clash and also clash with the Kalbarri Classic.**

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

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