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AUSTRALIAN ANGLERS ASSOCIATION, (WA DIVISION) INC.

DELEGATES' MEETING



**Held at Sports Association WA, Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley
Tuesday 16th June 2009 at 7.30 pm**

MINUTES

1. OPEN MEETING

Vice President George Holman chaired the meeting and welcomed attendees.

2. PRESENT

James Strong, Denmark Angling Club & State Patron
George Holman, SCAC
Terry Fuller, SCAC
John Crompton, Esperance Surf Casters
Joe Horvath, OSAC, Perth Beach Branch
Marcia Pekaar, Northampton Angling Club

Peter Pekaar, Geraldton Angling Club
Jason Pember, Melville Angling Club
Russell Bunce, Fremantle Amateur Angling Club
Ian Cook, SCAC
Rick Cameron, OSAC South Coastal
Diane McDonough, Secretary/Treasurer

1. APOLOGIES

Pat Shinnick, Don Cox, Chas Riegert

2. VISITORS

Mark Hansen, SCAC, Greg Walker, SCAC

3. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES

Nil

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was reported in the May minutes that participants in the National Championships were presented with trophies. Keith Heaney's name was omitted from the Men's Team winners and the minutes will be amended accordingly.

With this amendment, it was moved by James Strong and seconded by Joe Horvath that the minutes of the May 2009 meeting be accepted.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

6. CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS (BY MAIL)

Surf Casting & Angling Club of WA Inc	Reel Talk June 2009
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7. CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS (BY EMAIL)

1. Yvette Guy	Denham hooks \$8.5M prize with new Fisheries Dept offices
2. Yvette Guy	Casting Around the Internet No. 56
3. RECFISH AUSTRALIA	Environment minister launches first salvo in the Battle for the Coral Sea
4. Steve Pretzel	Southern Darling Regional Recreation Strategy - Request for Information
5. Pat Shinnick	Application for Aquatic Event State Boat Championships 2010
6. Pat Shinnick	Appreciation Booklet and Advertising sheet

7. Pat Shinnick	Invoices Scanned
8. Magnocavallo, Gianna -	Biosecurity Australia Advice 2009/12 - Draft import risk analysis report for ornamental finfish with respect to iridoviruses: Extension to the consultation period
9. MediaNet Operations	Fisher goes for greed, ignoring pink snapper sustainability
10. MediaNet Operations	Mid West fishers fined over rule breaches
11. Andy Cass	Ocean Reef Marina Development
12. Cheryl Poustie	Sportsview Alert - Issue 16
13. Terry Fuller	Recfishwest report for inclusion in minutes of May Delegates Meeting
14. Carmel LANGDON	debrief & planning 201
15. Terry Fuller	Comments as requested on draft MINUTES OF MAY AAABA DELEGATES MTG
16. Pat Shinnick	Comments as requested on draft MINUTES OF MAY AAABA DELEGATES MTG
17. Terry Fuller	Update to Recfishwest Report for the Minutes of May Delegates Meeting
18. Recommendations 4	Re: AAABA MAY 2009 DELEGATES MEETING
19. Pat Shinnick	Invite
20. AAABA	AAABA JUNE DELEGATES MEETING
21. MediaNet Operations	Mandurah crab catches up, but sector shares remain similar
22. WA Sports Federation	Sportsview May 2009
23. Terry Fuller	FW: 2009/10 DSR funding via Recfishwest - acquittal for 2008/9
24. John Crompton	Emailing: Newsletter at the Stirling Shire for APRIL
25. Pat Shinnick	Nomination for Certificate of Honour to National Body of the AAA
26. Cheryl Poustie	FW: Sportsview Alert - Issue 17
27. MediaNet Operations	Commercial Fisher Loses Licence for 12 Months
28. Bob & Rosemary	Copper Coast 2009 Minutes & Reports Attached
29. Rod Burston	Australian record inquiry
30. Pat Shinnick	RE: PRESENTATION
31. Cheryl Poustie	Sportsview Alert - Issue 18
32. Pat Shinnick	Apologies
33. Pat Shinnick	Apologies

8. CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS

BY MAIL	
Delegates & Clubs	Minutes & Agendas

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

George Holman read out email no 11 from Andy Cass regarding the proposed Ocean Reef Marina. Discussion followed and Russell Bunce believed that if it was environmentally viable, it would be a welcome facility. Joe Horvath commented that his club OSAC Perth Beach Branch would be pushing for vehicle access and disabled access to the groynes.

Regarding Email No 18, Chris Bunce (Field Officer, FAAC) queried the AAABA Calendar dates.

1) There is an error in that 2010 has been repeated twice. The second one should read 2011 and the calendar has been amended.

2) There appears to be a double-up in dates on 27 and 28 March 2010, with the State Boating Championships being held as well as the Beach and Rock event at Jurien Bay. The email will be forwarded to both the Boating and Rock & Beach sections to resolve this.

Discussion took place about subcommittees planning the same date for an event. It was suggested that because the State Boat Championships are traditionally on the last weekend in March, that the Rock and Beach event be possibly changed to Anzac weekend. Terry Fuller commented that the AAABA should make up its calendar and then clubs could set their field days around them.

It was proposed by Joe Horvath, seconded by Marcia Pekaar that the correspondence inwards/outwards be accepted.

10. TREASURERS REPORT

General Account Balance \$20,653.74

Carnival Account Balance \$1220.48

Income

Kasey Kok-Chuen Leong	Record Application – WA	\$10.00
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Total		\$20.00

Accounts for payment

Diane McDonough	Secretariat	\$500.00
Telstra	Telephone Account	\$38.82
Total		\$538.82

It was proposed by Russell Bunce and seconded by Joe Horvath that the Treasurer's report be accepted and the accounts passed for payment.

11. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

President's Report

Pat was fortunate to be invited to the debrief for the National Team at George Holman's residence on 8th June. The meeting was very positive and issues were addressed. A lot of good ideas came out of the evening.

Fishing Clinics

Pat requested in his report that the delegates give some thought to planning a couple of Fishing Clinics and delegates discussed this. Fishing Clinics have been run in the past for members of the public with attendances of between 80-130, the last one being at Hillarys. The Clinic includes lectures on various topics, fishing theory, casting, rigs, as well as some hands on demonstrations. They included raffles, door prizes and raised funds for the AAAWA, a \$3000 profit for the last clinic. There was also a lot of promotional material such as handout bags given to participants, including sponsor information. However there was a lot of work involved for those who organised it – about six volunteers plus helpers are required to run a Fishing Clinic.

Russell Bunce suggested the AAAWA having a stand at the Boat Show, where there are thousands of people coming through. It would have to have rostered AAAWA representatives in attendance, but this might be easier than a than a three day fishing clinic. George Holman responded that the Boat Show charges for a stall and would not allow a raffle to be run. Terry Fuller commented that AAAWA needs to be clear on whether they want a fundraiser or an educational program. This needs to be discussed further at club level.

Clubs to discuss - to be discussed at next AAAWA delegates meeting

Boating Report

There is a meeting on 17th June in Mandurah, but Pat will be unable to attend. To be discussed is the size of boats that can fish in State Boat Competitions, this may assist clubs such as FAAC and the estuary clubs to fish the titles out of Mandurah this year. More information will be available on this in the future.

Estuary, Rock and Beach Report

Jason Pember provided a report. He has booked Troy Park for the State Estuary on 28-29 November.

August AGM and Angler of the Year

Rick Cameron has all the trophies in hand and will make contact with Pat on his return. He will also liaise with Terry Bell regarding results. Jason has already done some calculations and he will confer with Terry Bell.

Jason Pember inquired about the prescription for calculating scores, using Adam Eastman's draft. He suggested that a subcommittee should be appointed to look at this, as some clubs are not aware that with

dry casting individual scores count for champion club, not team scores. Discussion followed about team and individual scores.

Terry suggested he would be happy to put on this on the website and stressed the need to have these procedures written down.

Terry Fuller moved that team scores be used (not individual scores) to calculate champion club, seconded Joe Horvath. Carried unanimously.

Jason Pember will provide an Angler of the Year calculation document for circulation and comment and this will be discussed further at the next meeting for final acceptance.

Dry Casting Report

Terry handed out copies of the minutes of the debrief meeting for the 2009 National AAA Convention held in South Australia from 22 March to 3 April 2009.

Following the tremendous amount of work done by George Holman in the past, and due to personal reasons, he will not be organising any more Dry Casting events in the foreseeable future. The implication is that someone else will have to pick up this role. The Dry Casting section will address this issue and report back to AAAWA.

A meeting to be held by the Dry Casting group to prepare for the 2009 State Dry Casting in October.

Recfishwest Report

Although Pat Shinnick has requested that Terry provide an abbreviated report, Terry said that he always handed out copies of a pre-prepared written report to all the Delegates, as is included in the Minutes. He often says "it's all there in the report for you to read and I won't read it out" He outlined that the reason he spends some time on some parts of these RFW reports is that these are often complicated issues affecting the Association or Clubs which need discussion, clarification and explanation.

Recfishwest report for AAAWA Delegates Meeting 16 June 2009

I would like to be able to give a much more detailed report, but Government sometimes works very slowly and the Department of Fisheries sometimes works very slowly.

At present it is all very frustrating because there are several very important topics "on the go" and Recfishwest has done everything it can, it has got everything ready and is just waiting for decisions or announcements by others on these topics.

Many "next steps" can and have been prepared assuming certain things, but can't be completed until the decisions.

This report will be updated if any decisions are made in the near future before the Minutes of this meeting are published.

1. Recreational consultative structures and Recfishwest changes

Following on from previous reports.

The eligibility rules for Associations to nominate people to be elected as Board Members of Recfishwest are likely to be:- (details to be confirmed and all will require approval by Recfishwest members of a change to the RFW Constitution)

Association members shall be corporate bodies that:

- (a) *Apply to the Council on an annual basis providing:*
 - (i) *Certificate of Incorporation;*
 - (ii) *Evidence of formal infrastructure in more than one bioregion being Kimberley/Pilbara; Gascoyne; West Coast; South Coast;*
 - (iii) *Evidence that the principal business or objective relates to recreational fishing;*
 - (iv) *Evidence of financial viability;*
 - (v) *Summary of Register of financial members;*

No problems there for AAAWA at present. Board members will all be chosen by voting by ordinary Recfishwest members. There will not be any "automatic" Association Board Members.

Still to be decided:-

- (1) Are Association members elected for a 1 year or a 2 year term? 1 year is likely.
- (2) The rules for replacing an Association Board Member part way through an elected term.

Very busy times ahead!!

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

Business Arising from RFW Report

Discussion followed about Proxy RFW Board Members. RFW needs to have Board Members who contribute to Recfishwest. Proxy members don't always know the history. With the proposed arrangements for electing Association members to the RFW Board, it will be important to get the right person because the voting will be influenced by both the person's reputation and the Association's reputation.

Recording Officer Report

- The fish referred to in the May minutes (record application) has been identified as:- Common name:- Bass Groper, Scientific name:- *Polyprion Americanus*, which is not a fish with a maximum size limit under the rules of the WA Fisheries Department, and therefore is not illegal. However, it cannot be a national record as the record is already held for this species. It is able to be ratified as a state record. Ian Cook will speak to Richard Siudak and see what certificate is appropriate to be issued. It will be posted in the records on the AAAWA website in due course
- A record which needs to be ratified by the delegates is the Dry Casting Certificate for Double Handed accuracy score of 176 – a state record to be awarded to Gary Gildersleeves.

It was moved by Ian Cook and second by Joe Horvath for both state records to be accepted.

Discussion followed about national dry casting records, which can only be awarded for casts made at state or national competitions and not at club events. George Holman tried to raise this subject at the national AAA meeting but was not able to get his motion seconded or debated. He suggested that this be put forward in the future as this needs to be resolved.

Another problem is the new rules which stipulate maximum sizes for fish, as some fish may be illegal and cannot be considered for records. George suggested that these restrictions on the type of fish and maximum sizes is to protect them as breeders - another reason why national and state records will be harder to achieve. Terry Fuller commented there are only maximum size limits on two groups, cod and whaler sharks. Some other fish have limits on the number which can be kept over specified sizes and/or maximum sizes in some places. There is an issue catching some fish from great depths, some as much as 200 metres or more, because some fish are badly affected by barotrauma (the bends) and are unlikely to

survive, even though it is not legal to keep them. Note. The WA Fisheries Rules are:- Cods are defined as "Family Serranidae". Within that family, "Epinephelus species over 1,000 mm or 30 kg are protected". Reference West Coast Recreational Fishing Guide, December 2008 issue.

New state record certificates need to be printed and Ian Cook will organise this.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

Russell Bunce circulated a petition for the community at Wedge Island to retain their shacks. George provided some background regarding the construction of roads and caravan parks at Wedge Island.

13. CLOSE MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm. The NEXT MEETING 21st July 2009 at 7.30 pm



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009-2012

2009	
October	• 25 th October 2009 – Dry Casting Championships at Yokine Reserve
November	• Estuary event 28 th /29 th 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 11 am (29 th). Briefing and weigh-in at Troy Park.
2010	
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Boating Championships hosted by Mandurah Offshore Fishing Club on the 27th of March 2010 with the 28th March as a backup date. • Beach and Rock event 27/28th Jurien Bay, Greenhead Jetty to Cervantes Jetty <p style="background-color: yellow;">Dates to be clarified/resolved</p>
2011	
March	• Beach and Rock event at Cheynes Beach Caravan Park, boundaries Bremer Bay river mouth to Albany Harbour Jetty.
November	• Estuary event 27 th / 28 th at Swan River/Cockburn Sound.
October	• Beach & Rock event at Port Gregory. Boundaries Kalbarri to Bowes River Mouth.

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

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