



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

**Held at Sports Association WA, Stancliffe Street, Mt Lawley  
Tuesday 21st October 2008 at 7.30 pm**

**MINUTES**



**1. OPEN MEETING**

Acting President George Holman opened the meeting at 7.45 pm.

**2. PRESENT**

James Strong, Denmark AC & Patron  
Don Cox, Melville AC  
George Holman, SCAC  
Terry Fuller, SCAC  
Joe Horvath, OSAC Beach

Ian Cook, SCAC  
Rick Cameron, OSAC Sth Coastal  
Chas Riegert, OSAC Mount Barker Beach  
Pat Shinnick, LAAC  
Diane McDonough, Secretary/Treasurer

**3. APOLOGIES**

Jason Pember, Russell Bunce

**4. VISITORS**

Mark Hansen (SCAC), Wendy Hansen (SCAC), Peter Pekaar (SCAC), Marcia Pekaar (SCAC),  
Bob Henderson (SCAC)

**5. NEW MEMBERS OR PROXIES**

- Bunbury Angling Club has advised in writing that they will no longer be affiliated with AAAWA
- Offshore Angling Club (Beach Branch) has advised in writing that Mr Chas Riegert will now act as the proxy delegate for Mount Barker Branch.

**6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was proposed by Don Cox and seconded by James Strong that the minutes of September meeting be accepted.

**7. ERRORS OR OMISSIONS FROM MINUTES**

Nil

**8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Nil

**9. CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS**

**From**

1. Bunbury Angling Club
2. Surf Casting & Angling Club WA
3. Marmion Angling & Aquatic Club
4. Australian Anglers Assoc
5. Recfishwest
6. WA Sports Federation
7. Hillarys Yacht Club
8. Dept Environment and Cons.
9. Offshore Angling Club - Beach

**Subject**

- Withdrawal of affiliation with AAAWA  
Reel Talk Oct 2008  
Newsletter Sept 08 & Oct 08; Financial Statements for 30 June 08  
Cheque for \$200 for on-forwarding to R Siudak, AAARA (done)  
Notification of AGM & Ballot Papers  
ANZ Sports Star Awards nomination forms  
Compass Oct/Nov 2008  
Bushland News Spring 2008  
Letter to appoint Chas Riegert as proxy delegate for Mt Barker Branch

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS

- Minutes & Agendas
- Letter to Recfishwest detailing how DSR funding was spent in 2007/2008
- Letter to Recfishwest advising delegates elected to the RFW Board

## 11. CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS (BY EMAIL)

From	Subject
1. iiNet Limited	Low Credit
2. RECFISH AUST	2008 National Recfishing Conference, Awards and Workshops
3. Pember, Jason	RE: AAAWA State Rock & Beach Championships - Registration
4. Anglers Action Grp	AAG's Google site
5. Laurie & Sue Malton	affiliate member
6. Michael Currie	FW: FYI - Tuesday 16/09/08
7. Marcia Pekaar	Clubs Not Represented
8. Terry Fuller	Proposed motions for AAA National Drycasting rules
9. Terry Fuller	Recfishwest Report for September Delegates Minutes.
10. MediaNet Ops	Fraud Leads to Big Fine for South West Commercial Fisher
11. Pat Shinnick	Minutes of last meeting. plus Doug Clegg Memorial Notice
12. Michael Currie	Fine for Fraud
13. Ian Cook	Jewfish
14. Terry Fuller	Re: DRAFT MINUTES - SEPTEMBER DELEGATES MEETING
15. MediaNet Ops	Recreational fishers reminded to be aware of fishing rules
16. Michael Currie	Out of season marron fishing doesn't pay
17. Pat Shinnick	Fisheries URGENT
18. Pat Shinnick	FW: Norman Moore
19. MediaNet OPS	Cockburn Sound closed to pink snapper fishing
20. Pember, Jason	Info
21. Michael Currie	Annual snapper fishing restriction now applies in the Sounds
22. RECFISH AUST	WWF 30th Anniversary Competition for Teens in Years 7-12
23. iiNet Limited	Payment Confirmation
24. RECFISH AUST	AUST SEAFOOD INDUSTRY WELCOMES CLIMATE CHANGE REVIEW
25. John Crompton	Changed Email Address
26. Michael Currie	FW: Ignoring the rock lobster fishing rules leads to big fines
27. Michael Currie	Minister's recreational fishing package strikes sustainable balance
28. Pat Shinnick	Bereavement Notice
29. Michael Currie	FW: West Coast demersals - Minister's announcement
30. Michael Currie	FW: Investigations underway after apprehension of fishing boat
31. Recfishwest	Casting around the internet with Recfishwest
32. MediaNet OpS	Marine Education Initiative Wins a WA Environment Award
33. Terry Fuller	Notification of RFW Board Members
34. Michael Currie	FW: Stolen Outboard Engine
35. RECFISH AUST	Minister's adv council a step in the right direction for rec fishing
36. Carmel LANGDON	September minutes
37. Recfishwest	Casting around the internet with Recfishwest

## 12. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Just clarifications. It was proposed by James Strong and seconded by Don Cox that the correspondence be accepted.

## 13. TREASURERS REPORT

Bank statements: General Account \$20,707.21      Carnival Account \$1381.71

**Income:**

Fremantle Sailing Club Inc	\$200.00	Affiliation Fees 2008/2009
Hillarys Yacht Club	\$200.00	Affiliation Fees 2008/2009
Esperance Surf Casters	\$100.00	Affiliation Fees 2008/2009
Westpac Bank	\$29.05	Interest – General Account
Westpac Bank	\$1.83	Interest – Carnival Account
Melville Amateur Angling Club Inc	\$200.00	Affiliation Fees 2008/2009
Total income	\$730.88	

**Expenditure for approval**

Telstra	\$37.72	September Account
WA Toner Supplies	\$117.06	Toner Cartridge – reimburse to D McDonough
Dep for Planning and Infrastructure	\$49.00	Box top Trailer Licence 1TGK150
Telstra	\$38.60	October Account
Gwarda Sports	\$1431.00	Track pants, jackets & polos for SA Convention
Blue Print Screen Art	\$191.40	Screen printing
The West Australian Newspaper	\$46.97	Death Notice – Doug Clegg (reimburse P Shinnick)
inet internet service provider	\$50.00	Reimburse to D McDonough
Woolworths	\$6.09	Stationery (D McDonough)
D McDonough	\$500.00	Secretariat costs
Trophy Choice	\$527.90	Trophies for State Rock & Beach Comp Sept 2008
Don Cox	\$24.90	Reimbursement – ink cartridges for Rock & Beach
AAA (SA) Inc	\$1105.00	Registration for Team travelling to
Ian Cook	\$50.00	\$50.00 for Dry Casting Records
Total	\$3020.64	

The treasurer advised that she would transfer \$2000 from the General Account to the Carnival account in order to cover the cost of SA convention expenses drawn on that account. It was moved by Joe Horvath and seconded by Ian Cook that the treasurer's report be accepted.

**15. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS****President's Report**

Nil

**Estuary, Rock and Beach Report**

Don Cox advised that the recent State Rock & Beach competition went well, with 94 people competitors from 9 clubs, some as far away as Geraldton. \$350 was spent on prizes and the event made a total profit from entry fees of \$600.00. Don circulated the competition results sheets to delegates. On behalf of the clubs, George Holman commended Don for his efforts in organising the event. Conditions were poor for the weigh-in, but results were available after 10 minutes of the last fish being weighed. It was noted that the medals and trophies given out were mistakenly dated 2007/2008 instead of 2008/2009. No action will be taken on this.

Don Cox will shortly be posting out the registration forms and information regarding the State Estuary Comp November 29-30<sup>th</sup> at the Walpole Estuary.

## Boating Report

Pat Shinnick advised there would be a meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

## Dry Casting Report

George Holman advised that team lists were needed by Thursday night to avoid late registration fees. There will be a Captain's meeting at 7.45 am on the day. All trophies are organised, sinkers made and ready; he just needs people to help on the day.

Entry forms are coming in for the South Australian convention and George advised there will be a meeting for those attending 8pm on Monday 3rd November at 89 Clontarf St Sorrento.

## Recfishwest Report

### Minister announces decision on West Coast closures & rule changes

Fisheries Minister Norman Moore has announced the revised package of recreational fishing rules to take effect in **January 2009**, at the same time that further changes to reduce commercial fishing effort.

The Minister found a strong case to reduce fishing pressure after considering management options made public by the previous government. But he deferred a decision on the previous proposal to impose seasonal bans between October 15 and December 25 starting this year. "I am concerned that the previously proposed closed seasons for recreational fishing may not be the most effective approach," he said. "Consequently, I have approved the workable elements in the previous management package **as an interim measure**, while I consider further action.

"Recreational fishers also need to reduce their take of 'at risk' species," he said. "However, in accordance with our pre-election commitment, I will defer adopting the previously proposed closed season until an independent review is carried out on the various research and management options."

1. Reduced mixed bag limit for high risk (Category 1) fish reduced from 7 to 4 fish in the West Coast Bioregion.
2. Reduced species bag limit for pink snapper reduced from 4 to 2 per person per day.
3. Increased minimum legal size for pink snapper south of Lancelin, from 41cm to 45cm on 1 January 2009 and then from 45cm to 50cm in 2010.
4. A Boat Limit for "high risk" (Category 1) fish is introduced for recreational boats and licensed fishing tours. Where one to four fishers are on board a boat, the boat limit would be eight "high risk" fish (subject to individual daily bag limits). Where five or more fishers are on board, an additional two "high risk" fish per person (over and above the new boat limit) is permitted for the fifth and additional fishers.

Number of people on a boat	Number of "high risk" fish they may theoretically land at present	Number of "high risk" fish they will be permitted to land under the new boat limit.
2	14	8
4	28	8
6	42	12
8	56	16
10	70	20
etc	7 per person	2 per person

5. Discourage fishing competitions from targeting "high risk" fish.
6. Reduced possession limit at Abrolhos Islands to 10 kilos per person. Reduced from 20kg to 10kg of fillets or from 2 day's bag limit to one day's bag limit of whole fish per person. The possession limit to remain in place for at least two years while a review to assess the option of managing the Abrolhos Islands as a wilderness "no take away" fishing area is undertaken.
7. Voluntary logbook program for "high risk" (Cat 1) fish to provide additional catch and effort information.

8. The Recreational Fishing Fund will be reviewed with a view of providing recreational fishing stakeholders more meaningful input into recreational fishing spending priorities.
9. Research into large-scale closures:- further research be undertaken to investigate the appropriateness of introducing large scale fish reserves or closed areas to provide protection for large numbers of fish or over an area, which is particularly important to spawning.

Closure has been deferred, not abandoned, subject to a review to be conducted, hopefully with the terms of reference, the timetable and who will be involved to be announced soon, and results early in the coming year. Links to more details about this can be found in <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/SubDemersalFishingFMP228.htm#Decisions>

### **Recfishwest 2008 Annual General Meeting (details updated)**

The Recfishwest 2008 Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Friday 24 October.

The Fisheries Minister, Hon Norman Moore accepted an invitation, attended the AGM, addressed the members and answered some questions.

Information and nomination papers had been posted to Recfishwest members. Nine nominations were received to fill 7 Public Board Member positions, and there was one uncontested Special General Board Member position on the Recfishwest Board of Management.

The AGM also presented the Recfishwest 2007/8 Annual Report and provided the opportunity for Recfishwest members to discuss anything about recreational fisheries management and to share some refreshments at the end of the formal proceedings.

Full details including the Agenda for AGM, Candidates' background paper and Board members elected on the night, the minutes of 2007 AGM are in

<http://www.recfishwest.org.au/AGMNotice2008.htm>

The annual report for 2007/8 is in <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/AnnualReport2007-8.htm>

### **Recfishwest membership**

Recfishwest is looking after **YOUR** recreational fishing future. Recfishwest needs **YOUR** support. We would really like you to become a member, get involved and help us.

Single membership costs **only \$20** a year, Family membership is **\$40.00 for two adults and two children** living at home, **over 65:- \$10.00**, Junior membership (**under 18**): **\$10.00**.

You can join by post, by phone 9246 3366, fax 9246 5955, by email [recfish@recfishwest.org.au](mailto:recfish@recfishwest.org.au) in person, or fill in a website form see <http://www.recfishwest.org.au/MembershipDet.htm>

**You need Recfishwest to look after your recreational fishing interests.** Who else has the time, the knowledge, the professional approach, the realistic alternatives, the willingness and the contacts? Tell us what you think and ask us to explain anything you don't agree with - you may give new details which will change Recfishwest's decision.

You are the ones who benefit when Recfishwest succeeds, or you will lose out when Recfishwest is ignored.

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**

After some discussion on who AAAWA should vote for the RFW Board member elections, delegates agreed that the voting for the RFW Board members would be left to Terry Fuller and Pat Shinnick to consult and decide.

### **WARCO Report**

No report

## Recording Officer Report

No report

### 16. NOTES OF MOTIONS AND SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

At the September 2008 meeting the following notices of motion were proposed. George Holman read out the motions and provided a background to the rationale for the changes, in that it was to encourage casting and national records

#### **Motion 1**

Amend AAA National General Competition Rules (March 2008 version) Casting section, rule C.9 (c) from:

“(c) Breaking strain of leaders is optional and leaders will be permitted in:-

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|----------|---|
| Event 1. | Accuracy                                |
| Event 3. | Artificial Bait Distance - Teams        |
| Event 5. | Artificial Bait Distance – Individuals” |

to read

“(c) Breaking strain of ALL leaders must not exceed 40kg, must be of monofilament line, with only one clip, one loop, and/or one swivel to be used. Leaders will be permitted in:-

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|----------|---|
| Event 1. | Accuracy                                |
| Event 3. | Artificial Bait Distance - Teams        |
| Event 5. | Artificial Bait Distance – Individuals” |

**Reason for the proposed amendment:** There are far too many variations in rigs being used which have caused arguments over an equal competition. These specifications will ensure equality.

Ian Cook suggested that a minimum weight must be nominated as well as a maximum weight on the line or a range of weights. An important reason for the leader is so that markers can pull the weight out of the ground using the leader. He recommended a range of 30-50 kg and this was seconded by Terry Fuller. Chas Riegert suggested a range of 30-100 kg, seconded by Joe Horvath.

After much discussion Terry Fuller suggested that delegates take the two options back to their clubs for comment and these two weight ranges will be voted on at November’s meeting.

With respect to leaders, Chas Riegert believed there should be no restriction as long as it is a monofilament, and brought a sample in with him of a rig made up with 190kg crimped monofilament which he circulated. He commented that the rig had been approved at the national convention and well received by casters because once it was made they don’t have to worry about tying up new rigs, what rules have changed and that they are widely used. George recalled discussion at the mid term meeting regarding the rig and thought the rig was defeating the purpose of what it was designed to do, and was too heavy. Chas felt that equality would be achieved if competition organisers supplied the rigs to be used.

Options for comments by clubs at the November Delegates meeting

#### Option 1

“(c) Breaking strain of ALL leaders must be **between 30 and 50kg**, must be of monofilament line, with only one clip, one loop, and/or one swivel to be used. Leaders will be permitted in:-

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|----------|---|
| Event 1. | Accuracy                                |
| Event 3. | Artificial Bait Distance - Teams        |
| Event 5. | Artificial Bait Distance – Individuals” |

Option 2.

“(c) Breaking strain of ALL leaders must be **between 30 and 100kg**, must be of monofilament line, with only one clip, one loop, and/or one swivel to be used. Leaders will be permitted in:-

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|----------|---|
| Event 1. | Accuracy                                |
| Event 3. | Artificial Bait Distance - Teams        |
| Event 5. | Artificial Bait Distance – Individuals” |

Chas Riegert said line class is only one part of the motion. Another part affects accuracy rigs with swivels, pompoms, etc. He showed an accuracy rig which used a swivel at the top to tie on to the main line, and a swivel/clip combination at the bottom to attach the weight. He said that the pompom was attached to the weight with a swivel and this would not be possible if the motion was passed. Terry Fuller clarified the wording of the motion as “one clip, one loop **and/or** one swivel”, and there are clips available which don't have swivels attached.

Chas said that this rig had been used for the last 8 years and felt things were just being made more complicated and that WA clubs were being pedantic. He felt that 75-80% were only doing dry casting during the National Championships because it went towards total championship points. Chas said that people who don't cast often have no idea what is going on, there are not enough people around with knowledge George suggested an amendment that on the accuracy pompom a clip or swivel can be used to fix it to the sinker. Pat Shinnick highlighted that many people are unaware of this leader/pompom issue. Terry pointed out that this talks about the leader, not how the pompom is connected, a clip and swivel on a pompom is acceptable and suggested that people check the rules. He also suggested that this be deferred and people look at the entire set of rules about pompoms and how they could be attached. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Discussion then followed about instruction boards at State and National competitions to show how casting rigs should be made. This varies in other States. In WA there is a board available to show rigs.

**Motion 2**

Refer AAA National General Competition Rules (March 2008 version) Casting section, rule C.6. Add the words “Casting order shall be to distance 3, 1, 4 and 2.” so that the rule C.6 will read: “C.6 Each competitor shall have two (2) casts for each Event nominated, except Event one (1). In Event one (1), two (2) casts will be allowed at each target. Casting order shall be to distance 3, 1, 4 and 2.”

**Reason for the proposed addition:** This casting order is the standard order used but is not specified in the current rules. The addition is required to overcome any confusion about the casting order.

Terry Fuller provided a background explanation to this motion. There were no queries or comments from delegates.

**Motion 3**

Refer AAA National By-Laws (Subsidiary Rules of the Australian Anglers Association). Section 13. Records Authority subsection (l) (this is the lower case letter L, not a 1 (one)) Amend / add to the first sentence of Section 13. (l)

“(l) The Committee shall receive and process applications for Dry Casting Records cast at National Championships or State Championships. “

to read

“(l) The Committee shall receive and process applications for Dry Casting Records cast at National Championships or State Championships or interclub or club event. To achieve a National Casting Record, the casting venue must be registered with the State AAA three

(3) months prior to the event. A minimum of ten (10) casters must compete. All measurements must be by steel rule or laser device for accuracy.”

**Reason for the proposed addition:** To make it possible for records cast at properly run and properly managed events other than State or National Championships to be recognised as National casting records.

George provided background to this motion. Chas Riegert believed that a minimum of 10 casters was too high a figure. George believed that this wording prevented people from organising casual meetings at which unsubstantiated records can cast. Joe Horvath agreed that the proposed minimum of 10 casters penalised smaller clubs which had trouble attracting that number of casters.

Chas also maintained that three months notice prior to events was too long and proposed rewording the paragraph to a “minimum of one month prior to the event”, seconded by Joe Horvath. Discussion followed. Delegates voted and the motion was carried.

Chas Riegert proposed the motion read “a minimum of 5 casters”, seconded by Joe Horvath. Delegates voted on the motion (3 for, 3 against) and the motion was defeated.

Ian Cook proposed the motion read “a minimum of 8 casters, seconded by Jim Strong. Delegates voted and the motion was carried.

Chas Riegert objected to the sentence: “All measurements must be by steel rule or laser device for accuracy” because small clubs do not have access to these. George explained that national records require accuracy. In the past it has been done with a tape measure. Recorder Ian Cook commented that plastic tapes stretch, cannot be laid flat and that significant measurement errors can occur. The longer the cast the more chance of inaccuracy and records are often decided by just centimetres. Steel rules and lasers ensure greater accuracy.

Chas Riegert commented that he hadn’t seen a steel tape at any of the 4 National championships he had attended. George Holman said that was because lasers had been used for some years, but before that steel rules had been used.

The three motions will be re-worded and put to the delegates at the November meeting.

**Motion 3 Reworded as discussed at October Delegates’ meeting**

Refer AAA National By-Laws (Subsidiary Rules of the Australian Anglers Association). Section 13. Records Authority subsection (l) (this is the lower case letter L, not a 1 (one))

Amend / add to the first sentence of Section 13. (l)

“(l) The Committee shall receive and process applications for Dry Casting Records cast at National Championships or State Championships. “

to read

“(l) The Committee shall receive and process applications for Dry Casting Records cast at National Championships or State Championships or interclub or club event. To achieve a National Casting Record, the casting venue must be registered with the State AAA a minimum of one (1) month prior to the event. A minimum of eight (8) casters must compete. All measurements must be by steel rule or laser device for accuracy.”

## 16. GENERAL BUSINESS

Don Cox suggested that a board be used at the Dry Casting competition on how to make a rig.

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Chas Riegert raised the subject of the Association's general by-laws, paragraph L2, which says that "all teams and squads will be selected by the selection committee and will be subject to ratification by the delegates' council. Competing teams be selected 48 hours prior to each event". This is in regard to the State casting team to compete at Wallaroo in 2009. Chas believed this had not been brought before the delegates council for ratification in accordance with this bylaw. He acknowledged that the source was the AAAWA website which had a disclaimer and warning. That reads "This is not an approved official version. Please contact us before using any part of, or information from, this page."

Discussion took place about team selection. George suggested the team selection be listed in the minutes and the team ratified by delegates at the November meeting covered by an agenda item for the next meeting. The team list includes the following:

<b>Men's</b>	<b>Ladies</b>	<b>Veterans</b>	<b>Juniors</b>
Joe Pullella	Wendy Hansen	Bob Henderson	Marlin Heaney
Mark Hansen	Beverley Grigo	Alan Jones	Makaira Heaney
Keith Heaney	Marcia Pekaar	Trevor Stam	Stephen Pekaar
Rhys Jones	Vix Alexander	Ian Cook	
Peter Pekaar		Mal Head	
Andrew Pekaar		James Strong	
Malcolm Harris		George Holman	
		Gary Gildersleeves	

Chas Riegert advised that he had nominated for the event, had not been included and asked for an explanation as to why he was excluded. George Holman said that the minutes were read out to Chas earlier in the year, and the people who were going away did not want to have anything to do with him.

Chas interjected that was a vote taken three years ago.

George said it was taken by secret ballot, was done earlier this year, the Monday after Chas contacted George and said he wanted to be in the team and be a AAA Delegate, and George asked Chas not to come to that meeting. George had put Chas' points of view, but the people had indicated they were prepared to go away but did not want anything to do with Chas

Chas said he did not recall being told that and asked George to elaborate further and confirm the date.

George quoted from the report on the Dry Casting Group meeting (which had been held on Monday 6 August 2007) in the AAAWA minutes dated 18<sup>th</sup> September 2007 which had been read out to the Delegates meeting at which Chas Riegert was present. The report included:-

"Chas Rirt approached the chairperson earlier with a request to come back to casting and the group and asked for his points to be put. A lengthy discussion then took place. The group then voted whether to accept Chas as part of the casting group - by secret ballot - the result was 13 "No" votes and one abstainer. He is eligible to compete for his club at State events".

Discussion followed about the ratification of the team nominations. Because of the number of positions in the teams and number of people available, it is only the first Veterans team which is likely to change.

Pat Shinnick moved that this Delegates meeting endorse the selection of people to go to the 2009 Convention.

Chas Riegert then challenged the number of people required to make a quorum at a Delegates meeting for voting purposes, claiming that it should be 12. George pointed out that a quorum is 8 delegates and four clubs represented. Chas Riegert pointed out that the change to 8 delegates has not been recorded with Dept of Consumer and Employment Protection and that under the Association Incorporation Act if a Constitution change is not recorded, it is not bona fide. He showed an envelope enclosing that advice he had received last week from DOCEP. The last amendment of the AAAWA Constitution registered was in 2002. George assured the meeting that this change had been voted on. Chas said it needed to be registered in accordance with the law to be valid. George will arrange for a look back through the minutes and ensure that it is registered. It is an oversight and will be rectified. Chas maintained that until it is rectified it doesn't apply and the old rules and numbers still apply. George warned Chas that this would not make the way for Chas to get into the team. George had complied with what the delegates had voted for.

Chas went on to say that things had happened in the AAAWA which should not have happened and a lot of things which should have been done had not. He pointed out that under the state legislation of the Associations Act, Section 17 requires that any change to constitution have to be registered with the commissioner and it takes 30 days for them to be approved. If they are not approved, then the constitution stands as it was. AAA needs to get the ground work here under control. George reminded Chas that the reason for some things not being done included the lack of delegates and volunteer people willing to take on the work of the Association in recent years.

Terry pointed out that if there was indeed no quorum, then this meant this meeting could neither endorse or dis-endorse the proposed State teams.

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Terry Fuller advised that the new Fisheries Minister is being asked to review the decisions of the previous government Terry believe it would be useful if the Association introduced itself to the Minister, wrote to him to congratulate him and offer support for sustainable management of recreational fisheries and looking forward to the outcome of the review of the demersal fish stocks. Pat Shinnick has already provided the Minister with a copy of the AAAWA submission. Pat and Terry will prepare a letter for sending to the Minister for Fisheries by the Secretary.

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Peter Pekaar asked for information on clubs that don't have representations so that he could offer Marcia and his services as proxies. The secretary bring a list of unrepresented clubs to the November meeting.

Terry Fuller pointed out that clubs appoint delegates under their own rules. Delegate remains a delegate until he/she resigns or is removed by the club. The association should probably look at this and clarify with clubs the way their delegates are appointed and advised to AAAWA. Some clubs reappoint their delegates each year at their Annual General Meeting.

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Bob Henderson (elected state captain of the 2009 convention team) addressed the delegates and tabled a letter, which read:

**To the Committee and Delegates of the Western Australian Angling Association**

I request that the Secretary check that the minutes recorder is working to record my comments clearly so there is a full and accurate transcript of the questions and answers in the minutes. I am asking on behalf of many concerned Association members. I address my questions to the Junior

Vice president of the WA Angling Association, Mr Chas Riegert. I submit 4 questions and look forward to his reply. My questions are:

1. Is it correct that you have attended the 2008 South Australian Dry Casting event? Was it the reason for you to qualify for selection in their State Dry Casting Team that will be competing at the 2009 AAA National Convention in SA?
2. If this is correct, does it create a conflict of interest as you being the WA State Vice President of the AAA yet competing against your own WA Association members?
3. It has been stated at the October Committee meeting of the Surf Casting and Angling Club by the President Mr Mal Harris that you spoke to him at the 2008 AAA State Rock and Beach competition. Did you state that you are prepared to disrupt the WA State Team by challenging the selection criteria on "technical issues"? Will you clarify these comments "disruption and technical issues"?
4. On the open public forum called Fishing Monthly you have commented on a number of "casting issues" with reference to AAA members. In it you have stated "all that is required now is to get rid of some very dead wood in a couple of associations". Do you refer in any way to any member of the WA AAA and if so would you clarify your comment to the members?

Thank you. (signed) Bob Henderson. [copies submitted to the Secretary and to Mr Chas Riegert]

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Chas Riegert responded to these questions as follows:

1. He attended the 2008 South Australian State Dry Casting event and 2007. It wasn't to qualify but to represent a SA club of which he has been a member for quite a few years. If they chose to select him, so be it.
2. Partly answered in 1.. As a State vice president competing against his own Association members, he would have been competing anyway against his team mates as individuals in the team. Had he been selected, he would have been competing for WA but he has not been selected. He is yet to be notified if he has been selected for SA.
3. He did speak to Mal Harris. He doesn't recall saying anything along those lines (of being prepared to "disrupt the WA State team by challenging on technical issues") In general passing, things may have been said but he does not recall stating that in any way or form.
4. He contributes to the Fishing Monthly and he did make a comment of needing to get rid of some dead wood in a couple of Associations in a passing comment with regard to some of his experiences seen interstate and around Australia. No person was referred to in particular, just a general statement.

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### **Nomination for President**

Chairman called for nominations for President. None had been received by the Secretary. Pat Shinnick declined to be nominated from the floor.

Following this, Pat Shinnick addressed the delegates' meeting. He was disappointed to see that old tensions were simmering again and said that delegates should be looking after the association and the clubs. The AAAWA will lose people because of this trouble. He had been considering taking the role of President but after this meeting the AAAWA probably won't see him any more. He has tried for three years to achieve reconciliation between Bob Henderson, Terry Fuller, George Holman and Chas Riegert. He acknowledges that the events of the Yeppoon convention could have been handled better but that it should not be continuing. He was bitterly disappointed that delegates are acting like children; in particular that Mr Riegert should use an oversight in the constitution's registration to undermine the AAAWA and its delegates. Pat made a warning to all involved: if you can't get over it, leave the AAAWA. because it was ruining everyone else's enthusiasm. The enthusiasm had been starting to pick up, with visitors starting to come to the meetings because they could see there was light at the end of the tunnel, and there were people out there that had really good thoughts.

George commented on how much Pat's work is appreciated and thanked him for the work and efforts he made, he had been a great president and a support to Terry Fuller on Recfishwest matters. George will happily step down as Acting President, if someone else nominates for president.

Chas Riegert agreed that he wished to get these matters behind him and that attempts to sit down and sort it out had failed.

Bob Henderson asked that Chas stop stirring and cooperate, but that he could not be invited to the casting group.

Terry Fuller and Pat Shinnick will attend the AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> October and delegates gave them approval to vote as they see fit on the night.

**17. CLOSE MEETING**

**NEXT MEETING 18 November 2008 at 7.30 pm**



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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2008-2010**

<b>2008</b>	
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AAAWA Delegates' Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> November</li> <li>• State Estuary Comp November 29-30<sup>th</sup> (normal weekend) Walpole Estuary. See registration form for info.</li> </ul>
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AAAWA Delegates' Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>
<b>2009</b>	
March-April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Angling Championships and Convention – Copper Coast at Wallaroo (SA) 21<sup>st</sup> March-3<sup>rd</sup> April 2009</li> </ul>
March 28-29 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Boating Championships hosted by Hillarys Yacht Club</li> </ul>
<b>2010</b>	
March 20-21 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Boating Championships hosted by MAAC (to be confirmed)</li> </ul>

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