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Thank you all.

Dry Casting food and drinks

The dry casting sausage sizzle will be available AFTER the main dry casting events have been run, so please try to keep the dry casting moving along. Cool drinks will be available during the day.

Drinks are \$1.50 each. Sausage and onion in a bread roll \$2.50 each.

Presentation night 2015

The Woodvale Tavern has been booked for 6pm Saturday 20 June 2015.

Please put this date in your diary NOW, and keep this night free of other engagements or other things to do, so you can come to the Presentation night.

Please consider donating prizes for the winners of the Club's competitions.

Social Organiser, Pat McKeown



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Terry Fuller

Dry Casting Officer

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Secretary / Membership Coordinator

Eric Parker

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Peter Osborne

Property Officer (Maintenance)

Property Officer wanted

Assistant Field Day Officer

Ken Howells

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Reel Talk Editor / Recorder /

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Terry Fuller All club mail to

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Notes 1 and 3

Committee Person

Ray Walker

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Reuben Ball

Social Organiser

Pat McKeown

Committee Person

Jason Zerella

AAAWA Delegates

George Holman Ken Howells Note 3

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- Note 2. All emails addressed to the Club via the Secretary should use the Club's email address surfcast@iinet.net.au not the Secretary's private email address.
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- Note 4. The Immediate Past President (IPP) is a consequential fact. It is not a Committee position elected by the members or filled by Committee resolution, as are all other Committee positions and functions.

Life Members of the Club

Jim Strong, George Holman, Ric Parker, Ian Cook, Bob Henderson, Terry Fuller.

Deceased life members:-Vic Davis, Doug Edward, Lloyd Dunn, Dudley Brown, Noel Knight, Les Shand, Ron Kildahl, Bob Klein.

Reel Talk February 2015

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Contents of minutes of General meeting

In accordance with standard practice, I have written these January minutes following some fundamental guidelines:

- 1. Minutes are meant to give an outline of what happened in the meeting, such as some reports, actions assigned and decisions made, not be a record of who said what during discussions.
- 2. Contents are not necessarily in exactly the order as raised during the meeting, but are sometimes recorded under the agenda item where they should have been raised.
- 3. Where there is a need to refer to other documents, minutes say where these can be found. In this case in Reel Talk which is sent to all members and published on the Club's website.
- 4. The minutes of club meetings do not report some of the detail that is discussed at club meetings, particularly not some of the negative stuff which club members simply do not want to know about or waste time on.

Minutes Secretary, Terry Fuller

Minutes of General Meeting 14 January 2015

<u>Venue</u> Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room. Commenced 8pm. President George Holman presiding.

Present
George Belin, Wilf Core, John Crompton, Terry Fuller, Gary
Gildersleeves, Malcolm Head, Robert Henderson, George Holman, Allan Jones, Eliza Leano,
David Maxted, Terry McLean, Mark Nurse, Peter Osborne, Eric Parker, Gary Parkinson,
Peter Pekaar, Rob Pekaar, Michael Pisano, Geoff Raftis, Slavka Schilo, Victor Schilo, Klaus
Schönwolf, Dean Stewart, Chris Stickells, Ray Walker, Martin Wearmouth, Peet Wessels,
Sandra Wessels, Shane Wignell, Glen Wong, Jason Zerella, Total 32 members.

<u>Apologies</u> Pat McKeown, Ken Howells, Ron Thomas, Reuben Ball, Eddie Korin, Debbie Korin, Peter Butland.

<u>Visitors</u> Lydiya Laver

New member Terry McLean was welcomed into the club.

<u>Minutes of previous meeting</u> Business arising. Bob Henderson asked about the letter from the President of AAAWA. Due to the contents of the letter, this topic had been placed on the agenda for the December Committee meeting to be handled at first by Committee and make a recommendation or proposal to the General Members. See articles in Reel Talk for more details.

Moved Gary Gildersleeves seconded Peter Osborne the minutes of the previous meeting as published in Reel Talk are a true record, carried.

<u>Previous Committee meeting</u> Action points from the minutes of the December Committee meeting, as published in Reel Talk, were reviewed.

The membership letter sent to Mark Hansen was signed at that December Committee meeting so there was no need for any action point to be followed up after the meeting.

Outgoing correspondence from the Club is generally signed personally by the Club Secretary. Some authorised correspondence or extra copies may be signed on behalf of the Secretary for convenience. See the Reel Talk for the explanation of the particular example questioned.

Terry Fuller gave members a page of information and moved "that this General meeting confirms the December Committee's motion - "that SCAC delegates will not attend the AAAWA Delegates meetings until the end of AAAWA's financial year on 31 July 2015, and the Club will defer a decision on renewing affiliation until the currently paid up affiliation expires on 31 July 2015" Seconded Ray Walker. Members asked for more information and the motion was reworded to be a **Notice of Motion** to be printed in Reel Talk and debated at the February General meeting. See articles in Reel Talk for more details.

Correspondence in Minutes of December 2014 Delegates' meeting AAAWA President AAAWA

Behaviour of Club Delegates at Association

Delegates Council meetings

Details of future fund raising sausage sizzles Bunnings Malaga Recfishwest Recreational Fishing Initiative Funds (Large

grants) are available

City of Stirling Clubs Forever newsletter Pat McKeown Field day suggestions

Correspondence out AAAWA Secretary All Club correspondence should be addressed to

or via the Club Secretary, not directly to members Request for information on proposals for cricket

City of Stirling, Reserves pitches at Yokine Reserve East.

Cancellation of membership

Mark Hansen

Bunnings Malaga Clarification of days/dates for sausage sizzle

Business arising from correspondence

Bunnings Malaga have tentatively offered Easter Monday 6 April, Sunday 26 July and Sunday 6 December for fund raising sausage sizzles even though the Club has not yet formally requested any. A formal application letter is to be prepared. Committee to consider the offered days of the week, seasons and dates. AP GM1/15 #1, #2

Two Rocksteady Rockholders as described in the January Reel Talk have been received. Peet Wessels and Peter Osborne will try these out and prepare reports. AP GM1/15 #3

Terry Fuller had a meeting today with City of Stirling about the proposal for cricket pitches at Yokine Reserve East. Some details to be put in Reel Talk.

Moved Peter Osborne seconded Jason Zerella that correspondence be accepted, carried.

Secretary's report Nothing to report

Treasurer's report. Glen Wong gave the following report.

Paid since 12 November General meeting. (this was not noted on the 10 December 2014 report)

Woolworths Beechboro Club Fund Raiser - Bunning's Sausage Sizzle \$282.62

Paid since 10 December General meeting.

Woolworths Beechboro Club Fund Raiser - Bunning's Sausage Sizzle \$797.14

New accounts for approval for payment at 14 January General meeting.

То	For	Amount	
Elizabeth Pett	Cleaning Kalbarri House 20 & 24 Dec 2014	\$140.00	
Terry Fuller	Printing of January Reel Talk	\$153.00	
Terry Fuller	Stamps for February Reel Talk	\$84.00	
Terry Fuller	Toner Cartridge TN3290 compatible	\$30.10	T Fuller total
Terry Fuller	Pack of 50 B5 envelopes	\$6.50	\$273.60
Ivy Home & Maint	Kalbarri House Lawn Mowing & Edging 31-12-14	\$50.00	
Glen Wong	Kalbarri House Bond Refund	\$100	
Theo van Niekerk	Kalbarri House Bond Refund	\$100	
Rob Pekaar	Kalbarri House Bond Refund	\$100	
Mark Hansen	Pro rata refund of 2014/15 membership fees	\$70	
Total new accounts for	approval at 14 January 2015 GM	\$763.60	

Bank account summary

Bank balance at 13 January 2015.	
Accounts for payment	
new accounts	
Cash/cheques held for banking	
Outstanding cheques	\$439.75
Total available at 14 Jan. 2015	 \$ 10412.62

Total income received since 10 December General meeting......\$4015

Income / money received since 10 December General meeting

General meeting	
Donations	\$6
Membership fees	\$70
Club Shirt	
December Dry Casting	\$132
January Dry Casting	
November Field Day - Cervantes	
(NOTE: treasury report for December GM had	
reported November Field Day which was incorre	ect
and should have read October Field Day)	
December Dry Casting Sausage Sizzle	\$71
Kalbarri House Deposit	\$200
Kalbarri House Rental	\$630
Club Raffle-December General Meeting	\$91
Fund Raiser Bunnings Malaga Sausage Sizzle \$24	402.80

Moved Sandra Wessels, seconded Gary Gildersleeves the Treasurer's report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment, carried.

Property Officer Ray Walker gave a summary of the last six months' income and expenses for the Kalbarri Property. \$5775 spent, income \$4,000. Expenses included a replacement air conditioner.

<u>Field Days</u> Peter Osborne gave certificates for winners at the White Hills field day.

He reminded members of the article in Reel Talk asking for suggestions from members for field day venues. He handed out some summaries of information.

<u>Dry Casting</u>
DCO Ron Thomas was an apology. Terry Fuller gave some details of scores from the January casting. A 112 gram Open event will be held at the February casting.

<u>AAA report</u> Bob Henderson read from an article referring to attendance at the 2015 AAA National Convention, and requested publication in Reel Talk.

The statement read out by George Holman at the December meeting is printed in the February Reel Talk.

<u>Social Organiser</u> Pat McKeown is recovering from an operation and will not be able to lift for several weeks. Sandra Wessels offered to do the work for the General meetings.

Help is needed to run the sausage sizzle at drycasting.

Recorder Terry Fuller said he had not received any new entries for Club

competitions.

Reel Talk Nothing specific to report

<u>Club website</u> Website is up to date with content.

General business

Motices of motion

Bob Henderson produced a written authorisation to present the motion that "No SCAC AAAWA Delegate can move or second a notice of motion at a Delegate's Council Meeting unless the said notice of motion has been first moved, voted on and passed at a SCAC General Meeting. Further, all notices of motion tabled at the Delegate's Council Meeting must be moved and voted at a SCAC General Meeting before the SCAC AAAWA Delegate shall vote accordingly at a subsequent Delegate's Council Meeting. If these procedures are not followed, then the SCAC AAAWA Delegate must abstain from moving, seconding and or voting on said notices of motion at the AAAWA Delegate's Council Meeting." John Crompton seconded this motion.

There was brief discussion on the legality of Terry Fuller's notice of a motion to amend the above motion, and Terry then withdrew the amendment.

The original motion was discussed, put and carried.

Gary Parkinson moved his motion to "Change the start time of General meetings to 7:30pm". This was seconded by Klaus Schönwolf, and was carried.

Address to the January General meeting. Victor Schilo read a 4 page address to the meeting. At the conclusion he moved that his address in full be incorporated in the minutes and published in Reel Talk. Seconded by Bob Henderson.

AP GM1/15 #5

Terry Fuller said there were answers to and other facts about many of the statements, comments and questions in the address, and advised Victor that these would also be published in Reel Talk.

AP GM1/15 #6

Raffle Not run

Meeting closed Formal meeting closed at 9:53pm.

<u>Instruction period</u> George Holman showed how he does live and slide baiting, the rigs

used and how to use them.

Action points	Action points from January 2015 General meeting.							
Number	Action By Status							
AP GM1/15 #1	Prepare letter to Bunnings Malaga requesting allocation of dates for a sausage sizzle	Terry Fuller						
AP GM1/15 #2	Committee to consider the days of the week, seasons and dates in Bunnings' sausage sizzle offers	Committee						
AP GM1/15 #3	Try out and prepare reports on the "Rocksteady Rodholders"	Peet Wessels Peter Osborne						
AP GM1/15 #4	Prepare an article about proposal for cricket pitches at Yokine Reserve	Terry Fuller						
AP GM1/15 #5	Publish Victor Schilo's 4 page address to the January meeting in Reel Talk	Terry Fuller						
AP GM1/15 #6	Answer the statements, comments and questions in Victor Schilo's address, and publish in Reel Talk	Terry Fuller						

Action points from July 2014 General meeting.								
Number	Number Action By Status							
AP GM7/14 #1	Reserve Saturday evening 20 June 2015 for Presentation night	All members						

Future General meeting instruction periods.

February Preparation for Bluff Creek field day.

March Extended reports from members on Bluff Creek field day

Possibilities for Cooking fish, including smoking fish.

other months Invitation to experienced and successful fisherman to show their rigs.

Solunar charts

Sharpening and care of knives.

Minutes Secretary and Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Action points from January Committee meeting

A summary of points from the previous Committee meeting is given at each General Meeting. For members' information, here is the set of action points and status from the last Committee meeting as recorded in the draft minutes.

Action points from 21 January 2015 Committee meeting.							
AP No.	Action	Ву	Status				
CM 1/15 #1	Send letter to Mal Head thanking him for his time on Committee	Secretary					
CM 1/15 #2	Ask February General meeting to change the February Field day to be same as the January extended local	Peter Osborne					
CM 1/15 #3	Prepare a summary of suggested Field day venues for publication in Reel Talk	Peter Osborne					
CM 1/15 #4	Research and prepare a draft covering Committee confidentiality and penalties for breaches	Terry Fuller					
CM 1/15 #5	Article in Reel Talk about need for a replacement for Treasurer	Terry Fuller					
CM 1/15 #5	Accept the offer from Bunnings Malaga for a sausage sizzle on Sunday 6 December. Note This is the usual dry casting day but club has not been able to get this booking for the last 2 years	Terry Fuller					

Minutes Secretary and Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Coming Club events - summary

Barbecue and night cast, Saturday 31 January.

February Dry casting, Sunday 1 February.

February General meeting. Wednesday 11 February, 7:30pm. Note earlier start time.

February Field day, Saturday/Sunday 14/15 February.

February Committee meeting, Wednesday 18 February, 7:30pm.

February Dry casting

When Sunday 1 February 2015.

Competition casting starts at 8:30am.

All casters please come early, no later than 7:30 am

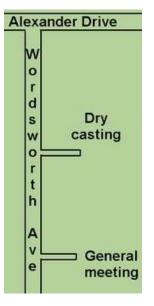
Members need to pay their fees and sign themselves on, and help to set up the casting courts, targets and warning flags, do the marking and scoring, and clear down, pack and put away all the dry casting equipment used on the day.

If you <u>really</u> can't get there early or <u>really must</u> leave early, please make sure you explain why to other people, and help more while you are there so that you do your share.

<u>Fees</u> \$10 per person, \$12 per family, to help cover booking charges for the oval and public liability insurance. Please bring the correct change.

Paying fees You need to make sure your fees are paid before 8:30am.

There will be a locked container, some plastic money bags, pieces of paper, and pens on a table near the back of the Terry Fuller's white Pajero 4WD.



<u>Signing on</u> <u>You</u> need to sign yourself on. <u>Before 8:15am</u>, put your name on the list of casters, on the table near the back of Terry Fuller's white Pajero 4WD. The list **will close at 8:15am** so that the list of names in casting order can be prepared in time for the 8:30am start of competition.

Name tags All casters, please wear your name tag.

Where Yokine Reserve East, Wordsworth Avenue, using the area to the south of the

amenities building.

Events Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 56 gram distance, Artificial

bait distance, 112 gram distance PLUS 112 gram Open after other events.

<u>Casting order</u> Month Seniors, Ladies and Juniors Veterans

1 February	Distance first, then accuracy	Accuracy first, then distance
8 March	Accuracy first, then distance	Distance first, then accuracy
29 March	Distance first, then accuracy	Accuracy first, then distance

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

February General meeting

When Wednesday 11 February 2015, 7:30pm. Note earlier start time.

<u>Where</u> Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.

Sign In Please remember to have your name ticked on the attendance sheet. See

helpers at the front table.

Raffle tickets From helpers at the front table.

Name tags All members, please wear your name tag.

<u>Instruction period</u> Preparation for Bluff Creek field day.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

February Field Day

When Saturday/Sunday 14/15 February 2015

Where Cervantes / Jurien. Note. The February General meeting will be asked to

approve a change to an Extended Local, Binningup to Jurien.

If this change is approved the details will be the same as for the January

Field day. For those details, see the January Reel Talk.

Boundaries Jurien Marina north wall to south side of Cervantes. New members are

encouraged to fish with older members for guidance and help.

Fish together Check at the General Meeting before each field day for arrangements and

discussions about when and where members can meet to fish together locally

in the metropolitan area or at the main away venue.

<u>Sign on</u> Saturday 12:30pm at service station at Cervantes.

<u>Late sign on</u> Phone the Field Day Organiser. The club will assume you will not be fishing

if you haven't signed on at the sign on place or phoned.

Sign off If you have signed on then you must sign off in person at the weigh-in place

at the nominated time or by phone no later than ½ hour before the weigh-in time if you have no fish, have an emergency outside of the Field Day, or

have personal reasons and will not attend the weigh-in.

Lines in Saturday 2pm.
Lines out Sunday 10am.

Fees \$10 per person, \$12 per family. If you sign on you must pay the Field day

fees. Please bring the correct money because the Field Day organiser

cannot give change for lots of \$50 notes.

<u>Times</u> Lines in 2pm Saturday to Lines out 10am Sunday. Fish caught within those

times are eligible for the Club Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open fishing

competition.

Weigh in Sunday 11:30am at service station at Cervantes.

<u>Tides, sun</u> Tide heights and times shown are tides in metres at Jurien

and moon

 Saturday
 0.51m at 1.05m at 4 m
 1.05m at 5:15pm
 Moonrise Moonset
 12:50am at 111 deg 2:50pm at 249 deg

Moon above About 7:45am Moon below About 8:15pm

 Sunday
 0.49m at 1.09m at 4:05am
 1.09m at 6:35pm
 Moonrise Moonset
 1:45am at 111 deg 3:45pm at 249 deg

Moon above About 8:45am Moon below About 9:12pm

Sunrises About 6am at 106 deg Sunsets About 7:10pm at 254 deg

Prepared by Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Local Field Day for February

When Saturday/Sunday 14/15 February 2015.

Where Floreat. Note. The February General meeting will be asked to approve a

change the away field day to an Extended Local, Binningup to Jurien.

If this change is approved the details will be the same as for the January Field day, and there will not be a separate local Field day. For those details,

see the January Reel Talk.

<u>Sign on</u> At General meeting or phone Field Day Officer before 8pm on Thursday.

<u>Late sign on</u> Phone the Field Day Organiser. The club will assume you will not be fishing if

you haven't signed on at the General meeting or phoned.

FDO Local FDO to be advised at the February General meeting.

If you have signed on then you must sign off in person at the weigh in place at Sign off

the nominated time or by phone no later than ½ hour before the weigh in time.

Saturday 2pm. Lines in Lines out Sunday 10am.

\$10 per person, \$12 per family. If you sign on you must pay the Field day **Fees**

fees. Please bring the correct money because there may not be change.

Lines in 2pm Saturday to Lines out 10am Sunday. Fish caught within those **Times**

times are eligible for the Club Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught

before or after those times are eligible for the Open fishing competition.

Sunday 11am, location to be set at February General meeting, or the Local Weigh in

Field Day officer may set an alternative or additional location or time by arrangement with the members who have signed on. Scales will also be available on George Holman's back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No money = no

points. Results to be phoned to FDO by 8pm the next night.

Boundaries Floreat beach. Details to be decided at February General meeting.

Check at the General Meeting before each field day for arrangements and Fish together

discussions about when and where members can meet to fish together locally

in the metropolitan area or at the main away venue.

Tides, sun Tide heights and times shown are tides in metres at Fremantle

and moon

0.53m at 1.04m at **Moonrise** 12:45am at 111 deg Saturday 14 Feb 3:40am 6:10pm **Moonset** 2:50pm at 248 deg

Moon below About 8:15pm

Moon above About 7:45am 0.48m at 1.08m at **Moonrise** 1:40am at 112 deg Sunday 15 Feb 4am 7:10pm Moonset 3:45pm at 249 deg Moon above About 8:45am Moon below About 9:12pm

> About 5:55am at 105 deg Sunrises Sunsets About 7:05pm at 255 deg

> > Prepared by Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Fishing together on field days

The Club encourages members to fish together on Field days, and will help arrange this. However it helps everyone if members who want a lift, want help or want to fish with someone, ask and arrange to go with other members. It's best done early, but can also be done either before or during the sign on or at the previous General meeting or any Club event.

Check at the General meeting for arrangements and discussions about when and where members can meet to fish together locally in the metropolitan area.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

February Committee meeting

Wednesday 18 February 2015, 7:30pm. When

Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room. Where

Visitors Club members who wish to see what's involved in Committee work may attend

Committee meetings by invitation as visitors and observers and at the

discretion of the President. Please contact the President or the Secretary well

before the meeting to arrange your invitation.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

March Field Day Bluff Creek

When Saturday/Sunday/Monday 28 February, 1 and 2 March 2015.

Where Bluff Creek.

Sign on Phone FDO before Thursday night, or Saturday 12 noon at Bluff Creek camping

area for people camped at Bluff Creek.

Lines down Saturday 1pm

Fees \$10 per person, \$12 per family. If you sign on you must pay the Field day fees.

<u>Times</u> 1pm Saturday to 10am Monday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for

the Club Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those

times are eligible for the Open fishing competition.

Barbecue 12 noon Sunday to 2pm Sunday. Check at the sign on for confirmation of times.

If you don't come to the barbecue, you must stop fishing for those times. It's a great time for socialising with your fellow club members and yet another highlight of the Bluff Creek field days when we go back to how field days used

to be "in the good old days".

Weigh in Monday 10am Bluff Creek camping area. Check at General meeting for weigh

in arrangements for 2 wheel drive users not able to get in to Bluff Creek.

240 volt powerGeorge Holman will take the Club's 240 volt petrol powered alternator, and power will be available to other club members camped nearby. Members using power

must share the supply and/or cost of fuel. This alternator will power lights and fridge/freezers, but not high powered items like kettles and microwaves. Please bring your own long power cords and power boards. Please use compact fluorescent or LED globes, not incandescent, to reduce the power and fuel

consumption.

Boundaries Dunsky Beach (about 15 km west of Albany) to as far as you can walk past the

rocks at the eastern end of Bluff Creek.

<u>Tides, sun</u> Tide heights and times shown are tides at Bluff Creek. Sun and moon times are

and moon for Bluff Creek.

Friday 28 Feb	0.3m at 4:20am Moon bel		0.8m at 2:40pm 7:20am	0.9m at 7:40 pm	Moonset Moonrise Moon above	About 0:02 at 292 deg About 2:20pm at 67 deg About 7:45pm	0
Saturday 1 March	0.3m at 4:30am Moon bel	0.9m at 8:10pm ow About	8:10am		Moonset Moonrise Moon above	About 0:50am at 293 deg About 3:05pm at 68 deg About 8:35pm	0
Sunday 2 March	0.4m at 4:30am Moon bel	1m at 8:35pm ow About	9am		Moonset Moonrise Moon above	About 1:45am at 292 deg About 3:50pm at 70 deg About 9:25pm	0
Monday 3 March	0.4m at 4:25am Moon be l		0.7m at 2:25pm 9:45am	1m at 8:55pm	Moonset Moonrise Moon above	About 2:35am at 289 deg About 4:30pm at 72 deg About 10:10pm	O
	<u>Sunrises</u>	About	5:50 am at	100 deg	<u>Sunsets</u>	About 6:45 pm at 260 deg	

Local Field Day for March

When Saturday/Sunday/Monday 28 February, 1 and 2 March 2015..Sign on At the General Meeting or to FDO before Thursday evening.

Late sign on Phone the Field Day Organiser . The club will assume you will not be fishing if

you haven't signed on at the General meeting or phoned.

Sign off If you have signed on then you must sign off in person at the weigh in place at

the nominated time or by phone no later than ½ hour before the weigh in time.

Fees \$10 per person, \$12 per family. If you sign on you must pay the Field day fees.

<u>Lines down</u> Saturday 1pm <u>Lines up</u> Monday 10am

<u>Times</u> 1pm Saturday to 10am Monday. Fish caught within those times are eligible

for the Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those

times are eligible for the Open fishing competition.

Weigh in Monday 10am, location to be set at February General meeting, or the Local

Field Day officer may set an alternative or additional location or time by arrangement with the members who have signed on. Scales will also be available on George Holman's back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No money = no

points. Results to be phoned to FDO by 8pm the next night.

Boundaries Penguin Island sand spit to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including

the Swan and Canning Rivers, the North and South Mole.

Fish together Check at the General Meeting prior to each field day for arrangements and

discussions about when and where members can meet to fish together

locally in the metropolitan area.

Tides, sun and moon

Tide heights and times shown are tides in metres at Fremantle.

Saturday 28 Feb	0.52m at 3:50am Moon bel	0.98m at 6:50pm bw About 8	3:10am		Moonset Moonrise Moon above	About 1:10am at 292 deg About 3:10pm at 69 deg About 8:35pm	0
Sunday 1 March	0.54m at 4:20am Moon bel	1.0m at 7:25pm ow About 9	9am		Moonset Moonrise Moon above	About 2am at 291 deg About 4pm at 70 deg About 9:25pm	O
Monday 2 March	0.56m at 4:30am Moon bel	1.01m at 8pm bw About 9	9:45am		Moonset Moonrise	About 2:55am at 289 deg About 4:40pm at 73 deg	O
	Sunrises	About 6:05	5 am at 100	deg	Sunsets	About 6:50 pm at 260 deg	-

Happy birthday to

Michael Pisano, 5 February Greg Keet, 10 February, Slavka Schilo, 13 February

Maureen Wignell, 22 February Coen Richards, 26 February Dean Stewart, 28 February

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Calendar for next three months

Here's a calendar showing the dates for Dry Casting, General and Committee meetings, Field Days and other Club events in the next three months.

19 Deadline for Reel Talk articles, 5pm

1 Dry Casting 11 General Meeting 14 15 Fishing Field days 18 Committee Meeting

February 2015								
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun		
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27	28	29	30			

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Deadline for Reel Talk articles and reports

The Reel Talk needs to be delivered to members during the week before the first Club event for that month. I try to get the Reel Talk printed on Friday so I can post it on the weekend or the Monday for delivery in the metro area during that week, however public holidays or Australia Post holidays can change that. Can I please have all general articles and reports

For the March Reel Talk, no later than 5 pm Thursday 19 February. Next Field day is early. For the April Reel Talk, no later than 5 pm Thursday 19 March. Next Dry casting is early. For the May Reel Talk, no later than 5 pm Thursday 23 April.

I really appreciate getting articles well <u>before</u> the deadline, please. If I have all the regular articles and enough content, I may go to print earlier than the dates shown. <u>Please note:</u> These dates and times are deadlines and closing and cut off times, not targets for you to aim to just meet. If your article will be close to the deadline, please make sure you contact me well before or risk missing out.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Bookings for Kalbarri house in 2015

See the article on the inside back cover of Reel Talk for rates and more information.

Please note. These dates have been adjusted to show the nights the house is **NOT** available for a booking, and dates are now the same as shown on the Club website.

The Club's Kalbarri house has bookings for the following dates/nights. Tenants will leave by 10am on the **day after** the last day and date shown. All other dates/nights not listed are currently available. This list has been updated in late January and does not include any bookings or changes which may have been made between then and whenever you read this. Pets may be allowed by prior arrangement but must stay outside the house.

Please contact Terry Fuller 9447 4545 for bookings or more information. Collect keys in Perth before leaving for Kalbarri.

Feb 2015	Fri 6 to Sun 8 Feb							
Apr 2015	Fri 3 Apr to Fri 24 Apr	May 2015 Sat 2 May to Fri 15 May						
Oct 2015	Sat 17 to Sat 31 Oct	Nov 2015 Sun 1 Nov to Fri 6 Nov						
		Property Booking Officer, Terry Fulle						

New member applications

Applications for membership have been received and will come before the next Committee meeting. If any member has any reason why any of the applications should not be accepted, please contact a Committee member and state the reason.

None this month

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, Eric Parker

New member acceptances

The following application for membership has been accepted, and will be invited to the next General Meeting to be welcomed into the Club.

None this month

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, Eric Parker

Club shirts, jackets, hats, badges and stickers

Legionnaires cap yellow	\$15		
Bomber jacket waterproof	\$50	Lightweight jacket waterproof	\$45
Polo shirt long sleeved	\$35	Polo shirt short sleeved	\$30
Cloth Club badges	\$4.50	Vehicle stickers Club logo	\$2

Social Organiser, Pat McKeown

Social Organiser's report

Hello Fellow club members,

Certainly hope you all had a safe and very merry Christmas with family and friends.

Family and friendship is what Christmas is all about. This in turn flows into our lives and make us all a better person giving friendship and support where needed.

Belonging to a Club or organisation means all of those things. We all belong to Surfcasters with this goal in mind.

At the end of the day we all want to go fishing and enjoy the company of fellow likeminded members.

At the moment this is not happening with the heart getting torn out of the club. Why is this so?

What has caused such a turn of events that we are devouring our club of 61years?

The founding members did not start up Surfcasters for hurt and squabbling going on at the moment.

Yes we have respect for long standing members BUT even they must stand aside and let the club go forward to its new destination. It's called progress. Without it you won't survive.

We must stop and have a good look at what is causing this and rectify it.

Everybody is entitled to their point of view put forward and done with understanding.

Be constructive and not destructive. Think before you speak. Will this benefit all, or just me?.

You are all Surfcasters who love fishing lets all go forward together.

As most of you are aware I have just come out hospital and have to take it easy for a month or so, it was requested that somebody put their hand up and take over for that period nobody came forward this was most disappointing.

As you don't seem to want the Sausage Sizzle at Drycasting I will not be doing it any more. Ron Thomas rang me and offered to do it but he already has his hands full setting up the courts etc. Why should he be asked to carry a bigger load?!!

I have been told that Sandra Wessels will be doing tea and coffee at the meetings. Thanks Sandra.

You all enjoy the refreshments at the meetings so put your hand up and help. I am not your servant and once it gets taken for granted that I will do it all for you I will no longer be there.

Just think about the load the Committee carries. Help us to run your club.

Social Organiser Pat McKeown

Recorder's report, January 2015

Nothing new to report, apart for the Species badge, because members haven't given me any new entries for the competitions.

Recorder 2014/15 Terry Fuller

Barron Lure competition 2014/15

No change from list in the January Reel Talk.

Recorder 2014/15, Terry Fuller

Open fishing competition 2014/15

No change from list in the January Reel Talk.

Recorder 2014/15, Terry Fuller

<u>Update to Species Badge competition</u>

This is a continuous work in progress. The list of species registered to members has been checked for catches on the January Field day as recorded by the FDO in the Field Day spreadsheet, plus some additions, marked by #, for catches made in the past eligible under the approved policy, plus some species previously missed by me for Ray Walker.

A member may ask for a capture to be added by advising the Recorder of the details of a capture already recorded in the Club's fishing Field days or Open competitions. Badges will be presented at the annual Presentation night. The full list of members' recorded catches is on the Club website at http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/SpeciesCompetitionEntries.pdf

Species badge rules, from section 5.1 of Competition Rules, are:

- 1. Submit entries to the Recorder on the appropriate form, unless caught on a Field Day.
- 2. Fish may be caught at any time including on Club fishing Field Days.
- 3. A member must capture ten (10) of the listed species to qualify for a Species badge.
- 4. Weighing of fish, photographs and witnesses to weight are optional.
- 5. Fish must be a minimum of 20 cm or comply with Department of Fisheries minimum lengths if these are greater.

Name	Bream	Flathead	Flounder	Garfish	Herring	Yellow Eyed Mullet	Mackerel	Mulloway	Pink Snapper	Salmon	Samson Fish	Snook or Pike	Tailor	Tarwhine	Trevally	Whiting	Wrasse	Amberjack	Dart	Banded Sweep	Western Rock Blackfish	Yellowtail Kingfish	Number caught
John Lee		1#			1#			1#	1#	1#		1#	1#		1#	1#			1#				10
Ray Walker		1		1	1		1	1					1	1	1	1							9
Sarah Wignell		1	1	1	1							1	1		1	1							8

Recorder 2014/15, Terry Fuller

Dry casting report 4 January 2015

The first dry casting day for the new year didn't go off with a bang at all, especially for me, as I had a shocker. The casting was down a little on previous months due to the conditions once again, and the lack of numbers didn't help, with only 16 casters in all.

There were 3 bullseyes on the day. Bob Henderson and Allan Jones with 1 each in the double handed accuracy and Terry Fuller with one in the single handed accuracy.

Jeff Hewton had the highest score in the double handed accuracy for the seniors with 114 and Bob Henderson the highest in the veterans with 150 and Gary Gildersleeves not far behind with 142.

The 2 highest section scores for the single handed accuracy were seniors Alan Hale with 23 and Peter Osborne for the veterans with 29.

I had the longest casts in the artificial bait and 112gram distance, so at least something was going right for me.

Many thanks once again to all the helpers on the day. I believe we will be looking for a chef on our next dry casting day as Pat McKeown will have had his visit to hospital by then. We all wish him the best and a speedy recovery.

A 112gram Open distance will be held at the February casting day. I hope to see a few more faces there.

Cheers

Dry Casting Organiser, Ron Thomas

Dry Casting winners for 4 January 2015

Event	Senior	s winner	Vetera	ns winner
56 gram score	22	Jeff Hewton	25	Gary Gildersleeves
56 gram distance	117	Jeff Hewton	125	Gary Gildersleeves
Artificial bait score	23	Jeff Hewton, Alan Hale	22	George Holman
Artificial bait distance	120	Alan Hale	123	Ron Thomas
112 gram score	26	Alan Hale	26	Bob Henderson, George Holman
112 gram distance	130	Alan Hale	137	Ron Thomas
Double handed accuracy	114	Jeff Hewton	150	Bob Henderson
Single handed accuracy	23	Alan Hale	29	Peter Osborne
Section highest points	187	Jeff Hewton	252	Bob Henderson

Event	Overal	I winner for 4 January	Year's	best for 2014/15
56 gram score	25	Gary Gildersleeves	33	Robert Pekaar
56 gram distance	125	Gary Gildersleeves	168	Robert Pekaar
Artificial bait score	23	Jeff Hewton, Alan Hale	33	Peter Pekaar
Artificial bait distance	123	Ron Thomas	165	Peter Pekaar
112 gram score	26	Alan Hale, Bob Henderson, George Holman	37	Peter Pekaar
112 gram distance	137	Ron Thomas	190	Peter Pekaar
Double handed accuracy	150	Bob Henderson	158	Bob Henderson
Single handed accuracy	29	Peter Osborne	36	Bob Henderson
Section highest points	252	Bob Henderson	287	George Holman

Dry casting spreadsheet developer and data entry, Terry Fuller

Dry Casting top scores for 2014/15

Total scores are up to and including January casting but not January General meeting. Competition Rules section 3.8.1 specifies only the best 11 months out of 12 will count at the end of the competition year. All results will be announced at the Presentation of Trophies in June 2015, and adjusted scores will be published after that.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points Rank N		Name	Points	Rank
George Holman	2238	1	Gary Parkinson	926	14	Shane Wignell	182	27
Bob Henderson	2171	2	Wilf Core	874	15	Mick Burgin	179	28
Terry Fuller	2125	3	Robert Pekaar	837	16	Pat McKeown	150	29
Gary Gildersleeves	1759	4	Malcolm Head	593	17	Geoff Raftis	146	30
Jeff Hewton	1510	5	Reuben Ball	502	18	Sarah Wignell	121	31
Peter Osborne	1435	6	Greg Keet	451	19	Andy Thorgersen	80	32
Klaus Schönwolf	1432	7	Morgan Keet	436	20	Tony Ayrey	78	33
Ron Thomas	1422	8	Ken Howells	422	21	Jason Zerella	67	34
Peter Pekaar	1381	9	Andrew Pekaar	401	22	Terry Willison	59	35
Alan Hale	1376	10	Glen Wong	338	23	Deirdre Thomas	40	36
Allan Jones	1282	11	Trevor Stam	298	24			
Eric Parker	1172	12	Olivia Keet	275	25			
Dean Stewart	1107	13	Mark Taylor	192	26			

Dry casting spreadsheet developer and data entry, Terry Fuller

Win 1 year's free membership of the Club

The Committee has decided to once again offer free Club membership for one year to the winner of a raffle. This offer is aimed at attracting new members to join the Club.

In the draw to be held at the Presentation night in late June 2015, all members who have been accepted into the club between July 2014 and June 2015 will be in a draw to receive one year's free membership, valued at up to \$120. The free membership will be the same type as they held in 2014/15, that is, single, or family membership, etc.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Dry Casting results 4 January 2015

Results for the day		56 gra	m	Α	rtificial	Bait		112 gram Double Handed Accuracy									Sir	igle F	lande	d Acc	curacy						
	Cast	Cast		Cast	Cast		Cast	Cast				Ta	arget i	numb	er				Ta	rget o	distan	се		Day	Attend	dance	Total
Seniors	1 (m)	2 (m)	Points	1 (m)	2 (m)	Points	1 (m)	2 (m)	Points	3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L	S	Points	Total	DC	GM	Points
Jeff Hewton	101	117	22	115	110	23	Out	Out		14	21	21	13	4	14	8	19	114	0	9	0	9	18	177	10		187
Eric Parker	98	102	20	106	105	21	124	124	25	6	13	2	23	4	2	20	7	77	6	3	1	6	16	159	10		169
Alan Hale	110	В/О	11	120	113	23	130	130	26	0	18	19	15	3	17	3	0	75	5	7	5	6	23	158	10		168
Gary Parkinson	81	76	16	82	B/O	8	96	98	19	1	17	19	5	18	0	0	14	74	0	3	6	0	9	126	10		136
Reuben Ball	93	98	19	69	69	14	108	111	22	0	0	20	0	0	4	17	0	41	0	0	6	3	9	105	10		115
Veterans																											
Bob Henderson	102	109	21	103	105	21	130	129	26	22	19	24	13	8	25	20	19	150	5	7	6	6	24	242	10		252
George Holman	117	116	23	110	113	22	129	132	26	8	21	23	22	19	23	5	19	140	3	7	4	3	17	228	10		238
Gary Gildersleeves	125	123	25	107	105	21	127	127	25	14	14	19	23	7	23	23	19	142	1	2	1	0	4	217	10		227
Terry Fuller	92	87	18	80	76	16	100	102	20	18	18	17	15	17	18	8	19	130	10	6	1	8	25	209	10		219
Peter Osborne	86	89	18	86	83	17	117	102	22	14	11	20	7	16	10	21	15	114	4	9	7	9	29	200	10		210
Allan Jones	91	95	19	91	85	18	104	107	21	0	12	18	25	13	0	10	22	100	0	9	7	0	16	174	10		184
Ron Thomas	114	27	14	Out	123	12	137	Out	14	23	23	11	20	3	0	14	9	103	6	4	5	6	21	164	10		174
Klaus Schönwolf	102	117	22	86	99	19	121	123	24	1	0	8	0	0	8	1	23	41	0	5	3	9	17	123	10		133
Wilf Core	72	65	14	63	57	12	84	83	17	0	0	16	15	0	9	23	16	79		D	N	С		122	10		132
Dean Stewart	30	90	12	66	77	14	103	98	20	18	6	15	4	0	1	0	15	59	0	0	0	8	8	113	10		123
Trevor Stam	D			N			C			0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	13		D	Ν	С		13	10		23
Pat McKeown	Did not cast. Helped with marking and scoring and ran sausage sizzle.												10		10												
Andy Thorgersen		Did not cast. Helped with sausage sizzle.														10		10									
Malcolm Head								Did no	ot cast.	Help	ed w	ith m	narkir	ng an	d sc	oring									10		10

Scores include January casting but not January General meeting. DNC=Did Not Cast. B/O=Break Off. Out=weight landed out of court.

Dry casting spreadsheet developer and data entry, Terry Fuller

Please wear your name tag and Club clothing at Club events

The heading says it all. New members and visitors will be grateful for the name tag and the Club clothing advertises the Club.

If you don't have a name tag, please make one or contact Secretary Eric Parker. Club clothing can be bought from the Social Organiser.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

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January 2015 fishing field day

Local with extended boundaries 17/18 January 2015

Synopsis. The January 2015 field day was spread from Binningup to Jurien with about half of the members fishing the White Hills area and the others fishing at Jurien, one fishing at Seabird and one person fishing Swanbourne. All captured at least one tailor, with some managing to bag out on quality fish

Field Day highlights. Sign-on was at the preceding Wednesday night General meeting.

A total of 4 anglers fished the White Hills area. Gary Parkinson, Mark Nurse, Peet and Sandra Wessels, and 4 anglers fished the Jurien /Hill River area. George Holman had limited time available due to family commitments. Congrats, Grandpa. He fished the Seabird area. Michael Pisano fished Swanbourne.

Gary and Mark headed down to Preston and went north along the beach; and fished a piece of reef some 15 km north of the Preston beach entrance. This was the same section of beach they fished on the December field day.



Gary Parkinson and tailor

At late afternoon they found tailor. Gary caught a couple but Mark bagged out on good size tailor with one being the heaviest fish for the field day at 1.15 kg gilled and gutted.

He also had a ball on herring where he kept 4 and released more than the 17 for bag weight make-up. This added another 1.7 kg to Mark's bag weight. Mark also managed to find a size whiting among the herring. Mark had a prolonged battle with a huge ray that gave him a good workout.

Gary continued to confirm he can catch herring without throwing them away. He also showed he can catch tailor and weighed in 2 quality fish of this species.

Peet and Sandra let down their vehicle tires on the last major sand dune to the White Hills beach track.

As was encountered last month the drive along the beach was over very soft sand in most sections, and some 4WD skills were needed to negotiate the beach. Driving south some 15 km down from the White Hills entrance track, Peet and Sandra found the reef area that they fished last month was not occupied. They had to assist a driver of a 4WD who managed to tip his machine on its side by driving just slightly off the track and sliding down a small embankment. As last month, both parties ended up fishing less than a kilometre from each other.

The Wessels found a very large school of tailor just in front of them, Other parties fishing some 50 metres away did not get any fish, Peet and Sandra had one of those dream tailor catching experiences, where as soon as their mulie bait hit the water, a Tailor bite. So much so that they had to go into a catch and release mode whereby they figured between them they probably released some 60 of these fish. As before herring were scarce, probably the tailor school kept them from appearing but Sandra managed a wirrah and a tarwhine and Peet managed to capture a flounder and a couple of banded sweep.

Peter, Martin and Shane and daughter Sarah fished the usual spots in the Jurien area, where results were very disappointing. Expectation was high, as it was last month, with weather and water conditions looking good for tailor, but these fish did not show.

Martin went to the Hill River and initially tried the river for bream. He could not get one size and on trying the ocean, no tailor. He only managed 3 herring for the Saturday session. In the morning he tried our spots at the points south of Jurien with an absolutely zero result.

Shane and Sarah also fished the mouth of the Hill River. Shane managed to capture 4 herring and 1 garfish, with Sarah landing 1 herring, 2 garfish and 1 flounder.

On Saturday Peter fished his usual spots on the points just south of Jurien. One stray tailor, a wrasse, a whiting and 4 herring were the result of some concentrated fishing from 2 to 10 pm. Of course during this period Peter also had a 20 min battle with a huge ray. After getting a

comfortable night rest at the Apex accommodation, getting up early on Sunday morning Peter went and joined the Wignells team at the mouth of the Hill River. Peter put out his tailor rod with mulie bait, where apart from blowies etc chewing the bait, no tailor. Shane and Peter also put heaps of burley out with expectation of having herring make an appearance. Despite calm conditions, a slick going out to sea, no herring appeared. Peter fished with his light rod using a blob and hook baited with prawn.



Peter Osborne with gardie and tailor

Observing the blob, there was disturbances behind it and the guess was there were some garfish. While not prolific, this was confirmed when Peter managed to land 4 garfish – the big 3 x 2 kind. i.e. They were really a good size and while bony, delicious eating. On observing Peter catching the first gardie, Shane and Sarah immediately switched to a blob and prawn bait with resultant success.

Again fishing Sunday morning from 5am to 10am, very limited success, i.e. no tailor or herring with only a few quality size gardies appearing. Course have to mention that Shane managed to cast out and have a break-off with his blob. It initially started to go out to sea, then started to travel back to land. Ever see a man wade out chest deep to retrieve a blob – with a blowie hanging off the end – now that's dedicated fishing.

George went to Seabird; he had to look around a bit as there was lots of seaweed. He found a spot adjacent to reef that although still weeded, with his skills was fishable. George managed to capture 3 tailor, and as with those caught south were of good size.

George also managed a tarwhine. Again not prolific tailor fishing, his hard work resulted in this small bag of fish.

Michael Pisano went to one of his local haunts, Swanbourne, a long walk down the beach. Michael managed to capture 3 tailor and 1 herring.



Michael Pisano with tailor

The weigh-in at Perth under the Narrows bridge was from 3pm Sunday and was completed by 3:30 with plenty of stories swapped on successes or otherwise and usual light hearted ribbing or teasing between fishos.

The tailor captures were interesting with the following showing the weigh-in results.

Mark had the heaviest bag of tailor weighing in at 5.3 kg including the heaviest tailor of 1.15 kg. Mark was pipped at the post with a heavier tailor bag of 5.43 kg by Peet where his heaviest fish was only 0.79 kg.

Similarly Mark was pipped by Sandra with a heavier bag of tailor of 5.35 kg of which her heaviest of 1.04 kg.



At the weigh in under the Narrows Bridge



Mark Nurse with the heaviest fish - 1.15kg tailor



Peet Wessels with his heaviest tailor 0.79kg

The rest of us had tailor captures of 1, 2, or 3 fish, including George with a 2.39 kg bag of 3 tailor with his heaviest tailor at 0.98 kg. The scales showed the majority of tailor were in the 0.6 kg to 1.15 kg range. The results bring in the question of whether we should continue with the venue for the February Field day as being Cervantes/Jurien. Our fishing efforts there in Oct, Nov. and Jan gave results very much lower than previous years including the poor showing of tailor.

It intended we shall review venue selection at the February General Meeting. Refer to this edition of Reel Talk.

Hope to see you at this meeting and expectation we shall have a good participation at this fishing venue.

Tight lines

Field Day Officer, Peter Osborne

Sportsperson of the Year section winners for January 2015

Best scale fish	Mark Nurse	Tailor	1.15kg
Best bag of scale fish	Mark Nurse	Mixed bag	7.56kg

Field day section winners for January 2015

Best scale fish	Mark Nurse	Tailor	1.15kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed bag	6.08kg

Catch results and points for January 2015 Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Mark Nurse	7.56kg	3	27	125.6
Sandra Wessels	6.4kg	3	10	114
Peet Wessels	6.08kg	3	11	110.8
Peter Osborne	2.36kg	5	11	93.6
George Holman	2.76kg	2	4	67.6
Michael Pisano	1.34kg	2	4	53.4
Gary Parkinson	0.93kg	2	2	49.3
Sarah Wignell	0.74kg	3	5	47.4
Shane Wignell	0.6kg	2	5	46
Martin Wearmouth	0.38kg	1	3	33.8

Points include Field day and January General meeting points.

Species weighed at the January field day were: tailor, herring, mulloway, whiting, tarwhine, banded sweep, cod, garfish and flounder.

Field Day top scores for 2014/15

Total scores calculated automatically by the field day scoring spreadsheet including January Field day and General meeting. Competition Rules section 2.4.5 specifies only the best 11 months out of 12 will count at the end of the competition year. The winners will be announced at the Presentation of Trophies in June 2015, and adjusted scores will be published after that. Names with equal scores are sorted alphabetically.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Peter Osborne	1008.9	1	Peter Pekaar	157.4	13	Christian Wearmouth	38.1	25
George Holman	934.9	2	Peter Butland	145.8	14	George Belin	33.7	26
Peet Wessels	803.6	3	Geoff Raftis	124.6	15	Victor Schilo	32.3	27
Sandra Wessels	687.3	4	Michael Pisano	119.3	16	Jason Zerella	30	28
Martin Wearmouth	421.8	5	Terry Fuller	110.6	17	Nicolas Terpkos	28.5	29
Pat McKeown	361.3	6	Gary Gildersleeves	109.9	18	Slavka Schilo	22.2	30
Mark Nurse	335.6	7	Shane Wignell	100.9	19	David Maxted	20	31
Glen Wong	317.8	8	Sarah Wignell	99.4	20	Alan Osborne	10	32
Ken Howells	227.6	9	Paul Terpkos	84.6	21	Ian Taggart	10	33
Ray Walker	227.4	10	Dean Stewart	58.8	22	Robert Pekaar	10	34
Gary Parkinson	216.1	11	Klaus Schönwolf	40	23		•	
Theo Van Niekerk	175.7	12	Thomas Wearmouth	38.5	24	1		

Field Day sections 2014/15

Up to and including January 2015 Field Day: no change from list in the January Reel Talk.

Field day spreadsheet developer, Terry Fuller

President's report for January

Member news. Our assistant Field Day Officer, Ken Howells has had a rough time of late ending up in hospital and received a stent or two after an angina attack. He is back to his usual chirpy self and planning fishing trips.

Pat McKeown has had his operation and has come out on top, and Ron Thomas is green with envy as he still has some problems. Pat has little discomfort and is planning to go down to Bluff Creek with Dean Stewart. Great to see.

Trevor Stam rang me to let me know he has a new knee brace and it has helped him to be more mobile.

Ray Walker has resigned as Property Maintenance Officer because he plans to travel for several months but is still a committee member and wishes to remain so into the future. We thank him for all the work he has done and wish him safe travelling.

We need a volunteer to take over his position but there is not a lot to do as Ray has completed most of the work required, and at present Terry Fuller is doing all the booking work for the Kalbarri property.

Mal Head has resigned from committee due to medical reasons and we take this opportunity to thank him for his efforts along with the money he has raised by collecting cans as well as selling burley cages.

Thanks to Sandra Wessels for offering to do the tea and biscuits at our next general meeting while Pat is out of action.

Ron and Deirdre Thomas are organising the sausage sizzle at our next Drycasting until Pat is active again. It is amazing how much work Pat has been doing and some people do not realise that

I remind you all that the night cast is still on at my place in Sorrento on Saturday 31 January. Details are in the Reel Talk. Take the trouble to attend and enjoy each other's company.

Treasurer. At our last meeting, two people had a lot to say which had the effect of upsetting a lot of people and as a result it has cost the club our Treasurer. He has resigned and we now urgently need a Treasurer, because we cannot operate without one. Any volunteers?

AAAWA. Victor Schilo had a lot to say but on request he came and saw me at home and a heavy discussion resulted. I pointed out that the committee decision stands on Mark Hansen and we have a Constitution we have to abide by. Other matters were discussed and I provided him with documentary evidence of what was going on with the AAAWA. He then volunteered to be a Proxy Delegate for our club until the election of officers in August this year, and this was formalised at the January committee meeting. Thank you Victor.

Victor attended his first Delegates meeting and was surprised to be introduced by the chair as a visitor even though an email had been sent notifying the meeting of his proxy delegate position. A green folder was handed out to all present at the meeting, and in that was the letter addressed to you the club members at our January General meeting dealing with the Committee's motion on the letter from John Curtis, President AAAWA, on which a decision has not yet been made. Victor asked for the copies to be removed, and the AAAWA President said it had been included "in error". Members can guess what would have been done with that information if Victor had not been there.

These show the action continues against SCAC but the other delegates are not picking up on it. We hope we can achieve a solution for our course of action after you the club members make your recommendation at our next general meeting.

Bob Henderson's efforts at our last meeting caused a lot of concern and disruption. This was targeted against Terry Fuller and me, and reminded me of the continuance of the group who followed John Curtis into our meeting in March last year to defeat the acceptance of the revised Constitution. The same group seemed to be involved in this action at our January meeting. I

think they need to make up their minds as to what they want out of our club as they are too busy kicking backsides and have forgotten that our club should be about comradery, enjoyment, fishing, casting and social.

We need positive people to make this happen, not what was going on at our last meeting. The Terry Fullers and the George Holmans have not been putting in to the Club for up to 49 years for the benefit of everybody to be thanked by the conduct at our last meeting.

I remind club members that you made a decision at our last Annual General Meeting and Committee elections about that kind of behaviour and people with big egos when you refused to elect them to committee and other positions, and I respect you for that.

Anonymous letters. Of even greater concern to me was to get phone calls from a new member and from another member concerned that they had received an unsolicited, anonymous letter in the mail posted to their private address containing a copy of AAAWA President John Curtis's letter to the club. They questioned who would send it and who had their private addresses. The copies used by the committee were marked "Confidential SCAC Committee only" across them, but the copies posted were clear. These particular copies had to have been supplied from a source outside of the club, and I will leave it to you to add up one plus one to get the answer of where they must have come from.

Committee confidentiality. To instigate both of the issues raised at that January meeting it is obvious we had a committee person who did not keep the confidentiality of our committee meetings, despite the reminder at the meeting and notes in the minutes. Confidentiality of some things for some time period is essential for effective operation of every Committee. Everything that was discussed at committee was brought up to create an untenable situation at our general meeting to "kick backsides." We will have to keep a tighter rein on the way things are handled on committee in future and if anyone is found to transgress they will be asked to step down from your committee. We need to work together for the club's benefit.

Our delegates tried to look after the interests of our club members who are going to Wallaroo by trying to let them have a say early last year with regards to the survival and future of the National AAA Carnivals. Surfcasters members have been the main supporters of these events from WA since the year 2000 at Kangaroo Island in South Australia. At no time have you or anyone else been able to have any input into this for the 2015 Convention, and the Delegates Council has not been allowed to discuss this at their meetings. This is a real concern and is controlled by just one person.

It seems that every 8 to 10 years there are detrimental issues brought up by either individuals or a small group who cause problems to the smooth running of our club. But each time you, the real Surfcasters, have dealt with this, made resolutions and made our club what it is. To survive 62 years means a lot to the majority so let us get on with it and get back to what the club is about, and do not let people who want to target our club get away with anything!!

President 2014/15, George Holman

Wanted - replacement for Treasurer

The Treasurer has decided to step down from the job. He said he needed to distance himself from meetings as it has become ridiculous; he respected the club and loved fishing with you all, but the nonsense at the General meeting on Wednesday night is not what he was looking for, and that is simply having fun fishing with like minded people. He said he did not want to contribute his time for the trouble makers who do not contribute anything but discontent.

Terry Fuller has stepped in several times in the past when other Treasurers have left or when no one else was prepared to take on the job at the election of Committee.

Terry has said he will not take on the Treasurer's job this time, because he already does too much for the Club and because other members could just say "it's all sorted" and may not do anything to help.

The January Committee meeting agreed to advertise in Reel Talk for a Treasurer. Until a member volunteers and is elected to do the Treasurer's job, the arrangements will be:

1. Treasurer's existing records to be delivered to the Secretary for storage until someone takes on the job.

- 2. Treasurer's reports to the General meetings will only list accounts to be paid without any summaries or the usual reconciliations, bank balances, outstanding cheques, income, etc. Cheques will be signed and posted for payments needed.
- 3. Members who collect any money for the Club, or need to pay any money to the Club, will need to deposit that money over the counter at a Westpac Bank, or direct deposit it, and give, post or email copies of the payment and banking documentation to the Club Secretary for storage until someone takes on the job and processes and records the details.
- 4. Payments to the Club received by post will be deposited over the counter at a Westpac Bank and details given to the Secretary as above.
- 5. The Secretary will only be required to hold the Treasurer's and payment records, not to process or check them in any way.
- 6. Transfer or diversion of the Treasurer's email address <u>treasurer.scac@outlook.com.au</u> will need to be researched.

Contact Terry Fuller for details for details of what's involved to do the Treasurer's work.

Update. Glen Wong has offered to continue to do the Treasury work **until the club gets a replacement**, he can attend the committee meetings only, but will not attend the general meetings. He will also continue with the reports **until replacement**.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Payments into SCAC bank account.

Payments to the Club may be made by direct deposit into the Club's bank account. Westpac Bank, BSB 036 059, Account 880334, name Surf Casting and Angling Club of WA General Account. Please make sure your deposit can be identified.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Replacement for Property Officer (Maintenance)

Kalbarri Property Officer (Maintenance) Ray Walker will be away from Perth travelling with his camper trailer for six months from mid March 2015.

Ray has stepped down from the job while preparing for his trip. Someone will be needed to take on the property maintenance role for the Kalbarri house for this time.

Accommodation bookings for the house are done by Terry Fuller, cleaning by a local cleaner on dates required by bookings as listed by Terry, and mowing and edging is done by a local lawn mowing contractor.

The house has had a lot of maintenance and some new appliances in the last three years, so the maintenance left is mostly just what comes up from time to time, and mostly involves organising local contractors to do some work.

Please contact Ray Walker for details of what's involved.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Statement by Bob Henderson

At the December Club meeting a Club person mentioned that he would not be attending the 2015 AAA National Convention in Wallaroo, because of "no team spirit". A fellow Club member also declined to attend for the same reasons.

These persons cannot speak of "team spirit" when they fail to communicate with their fellow team members in the first instance. Abandoning your fellow team members without consultation is not "team spirit".

I wish to inform you that Peter Osborne, Mal Head, Alan Jones, Eddie Korin, Geof Hewton, Rhys Jones, Peter Pekaar, Rob Pekaar and I will be attending the AAA National Convention and are proud to represent the AAA of WA and our State of WA.

We look forward to catching up with established friends from other states and enjoying the friendly rivalry.

Bob Henderson

Statement by George Holman at December General meeting

At the December General meeting, George Holman read from a prepared written statement, and tabled copies for members to take away and read.

"I wish to notify our club that Kaye and I will not be attending the AAA National Championships at Wallaroo next year even though we had booked a caravan site and paid the deposit on our way back from Caloundra.

The problems evidenced whilst over there with John Curtis and his dictatorial manner have continued into this year's arrangements.

The lack of communication regarding the future of the AAA National Conventions and allowable input from people who attend and from State delegates is of concern.

The email received on 5 December and requiring Notices of Motion by 14 December is not practicable. This request should have been done earlier this year for submission at the midterm meeting.

The team spirit is not there and if people are going to spend their money to go away they must be in a position to enjoy the experience.

Also the normal funding from Recfishwest and Department of Sport and Recreation is not available and is a concern.

A couple of letters I have received recently, even though they may be well intentioned, show lack of knowledge of what is really going on and previous history.

The position the club has been put in by current actions does not encourage anyone to commit themselves whilst the current management of the Association continues.

I apologise if my decision has any influence on our club particularly after the 40 years I have put in to support the Australian Anglers Association WA Division.

Sincerely

George Holman 10 December 2014"

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George also spoke and repeated some points that were included in his written statement. The statement included more reasons than just "no team spirit" as claimed in Bob Henderson's statement.

What George did not mention was that the two letters referred to had come from Bob Henderson and had a big part in the decision not to attend the 2015 Convention.

The first, dated 26 August, supported George, and said "There is a definite attempt to remove you from any future involvement within the AAA of WA by egotistical, self centred, ignorant and arrogant leadership..." and "I honestly believe the Delegates at the AAA will NOT SUPPORT YOU, for they are not interested and can't be bothered. The only support you will get is from fellow Club members who appreciate what you have done...." and "I give the finger to today's (AAAWA) leadership and will stand aside and watch them destroy the Association and themselves, and when the grumblings start just say "serves you right"...."

The second, dated 18 November, turned completely around and placed the blame fully back onto George with no mention of the sentiments in his earlier letter, saying "There is also anger that you did not stand up at the October SCAC meeting and present a strong argument concerning the worth of belonging to the AAA, for you have been a strong advocate in the past...." and "I urgently ask you to take serious look at this situation and recommend submitting a sincere apology to the Club, the members and to the AAA of WA and the delegates."

A 4 page reply was sent to Bob Henderson, and included "You have not attended many SCAC General meetings in recent years and no AAAWA Delegates meetings, so you do not know what has been going on. You are apparently believing things that you are being told by some people without checking them with other people who know the facts. You need to work out who you can believe and trust, and who have hidden reasons behind their actions and messages."

"Bob, you talk of anger that I did not stand up at the October SCAC meeting and present a strong argument concerning the worth of belonging to the AAA. The reason for that is simply,

as explained above, I cannot lie to people and make a case when there is no case to present, and I cannot talk about the worth of something which at present I believe has little worth. Yes I have been a very strong advocate in the past. What has been done in the past and I have supported, is simply not being done at present. I cannot support what is happening and the way things are being done or not done."

The full text of the two letters and the reply are available from George Holman.

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The summary of the main points printed in the minutes, as copied below, was made by the Minutes Secretary in accordance with the conventions for preparing minutes as listed elsewhere in this Reel Talk. Recognising that the Reel Talk is publicly available on the Club's web site, some parts were not included in a wasted attempt to prevent escalation of the problems.

George told members that Kaye and he will not be attending the AAA National Championships at Wallaroo in 2015 even though they had booked a caravan site and paid the deposit.

He said the team spirit is not there, and if people are going to spend a lot of their money to go away, they must be in a position to enjoy the experience.

He apologised if his decision has any influence on this club particularly after the 40 years he has put in to support the Australian Anglers Association, WA Division.

After summarising and editing, there is always a chance that some parts may be misinterpreted by readers, or would need the complete version for the message to be properly understood, as seems to have happened here. Some decisions must be and are rightly made by the individuals themselves, and consultation with some people who are clearly not supportive would not change that.

Since the core of this current Committee was elected in December 2009, all drafts of minutes of General meetings are given to all members of the Club Committee for any comments or suggestions or requests for any changes, and are listed as agenda items at each Committee meeting, before publication in the following Reel Talk.

Minutes Secretary, Terry Fuller

Address to the January meeting by Victor Schilo

Victor Schilo read this address to the January General meeting and moved that it be published in Reel Talk.

Without Prejudice.

Mr. Chairman, I have been a member of this club for some 3 years and if you recall at my first meeting I congratulated the club on its professionalism, comradery and organisation. Well for 18 months or so the club lived up to this image. I don't know what happened lately, but during the past 12 months, the utopia bubble has burst. The meetings have degenerated to such an extent that there are members who do not wish to attend.

Lately, our monthly general meetings have not been harmonious. There have been many occasions when those at the top table have showed animosity towards some members to the extent that members are unwilling to speak up for fear of being made to sound stupid. Members need to be reminded that this is a democratic Fishing Club and everyone is entitled to an opinion.

In fact, I phoned you early in December and explained the reason why I did not stand for re-election to the committee and why I would not be attending any further club general meetings.

On reflection, not attending meetings would not help solve anything. I joined the club to learn from and mix with people who enjoyed fishing. So, in the interest of trying to bring back the harmony, comradery and professionalism that is currently missing, I decide to look back through the SCAC and AAAWA minutes to see if I could isolate some of the issues that could be causing problems.

I checked the Club's minutes from June 2013 through to December 2014 and found that the proceedings appeared to be reasonably cordial until January / February 2014 when the proposed new Club Constitution and Life Membership issues were discussed.

It was after the March 2014 Special General Meeting, when problems really started to escalate.

Mr Chairman, it appears that for some reason, there has been ongoing unresolved issues between John Curtis, you and the club's minute secretary.

In September John Curtis resigned from the club and one would think that this would have been the end of bickering and harmony would return, but unfortunately it appears that the issues between the parties seem to have moved from Surf Casters to AAAWA.

At the September meeting a motion was passed to only pay 50% of the AAAWA affiliation fee. This action has caused friction between this club and AAAWA. One needs to ask the question as to why, after many years of being one of the best AAAWA supporting clubs, we suddenly become so confrontational.

As the AAAWA Secretary is a member of this club and we also have members who belong to other AAAWA associated clubs, this continual friction between the Surf Casters and AAAWA leads to disharmony within this club.

The October and November Surfcaster's minutes continued to high light the difficulty our delegates are experiencing at AAAWA meetings.

It seems odd that out of 17 AAAWA member clubs, it's only our delegates who are complaining about AAAWA meetings procedures and minutes.

Mr Chairman, it is obvious that there continues to be an issue between the AAAWA and Surfcasters Committee/Delegates which has affected not only this club but also the harmony of the AAAWA Delegates Council meetings.

As the AAAWA October and November minutes were not posted on the AAAWA Website, I requested copies. The minutes contain examples of how our delegates represent this club. In order to be fully informed and understand the issues, all members must have access to all AAAWA minutes.

I believe there may be a concern that publishing the contents of the AAAWA October and November minutes may lead to legal action. I wish to inform members, that as our Club and AAAWA are incorporated bodies, their respective Committees are protected by the Western Australian Volunteers (protection from liability) Act 2002.

The AAAWA November minutes record that a complaint had been made by a AAAWA member club, regarding the behaviour of our delegates at the Delegate's Council meetings.

The following is an extract from the minutes:

"Following the Chair reading the letter to the meeting, the ensuing discussion resolved that the Association should write to the club outlining the complaint and point out that there is a notice of motion contained within the letter and that if not acted upon as the letter requests, would not be in the best interests of the club and its members."

What is the notice of motion and how does it reflect on this club? Why has the membership not been informed of what appears to be a serious issue?

Our delegates must be reminded of the definition of the word DELEGATE:

A PERSON AUTHORIED TO REPRESENT OTHERS

Our AAAWA delegates and the Committee are part of this club and all communication must be disseminated to the membership.

We, the members, need to be fully informed at all times especially on any issue which may impact on the Club.

An issue that will continue to cause disharmony:

I notice that our 10th December meeting minutes as published in Reel Talk, record that Mark Hansen was handed a letter headed "conduct at meetings and content of emails".

I believe that the Committee was unimpressed by the fact that he had emailed the AAAWA October minutes to a number of club members. I have obtained a copy of this "warning letter" and was amazed at the allegations.

Part of the letter states:

"On 12 November you emailed members of the club with biased and misleading comments about Delegates to AAAWA, enclosing minutes which were not confirmed."

"The Committee considers that your actions are intended to or will cause ill feeling, friction or dissention amongst the members or reflect discredit on the reputation of the Club.

The Committee advises you that it will act under Section 12 of the Club's Constitution if you continue to repeat such actions, or do anything else which is covered by Section 12."

Section 12 states that:

The Committee shall have full power to suspend, expel or impose any other penalty which it may deem fit upon any member of the Club who shall in the opinion of the Committee, been guilty of any conduct, act, matter, practice or act conducive to or tending to cause ill feelings, friction or dissention amongst the members or reflects discredit on the reputation of the club"

The offending email included the October AAAWA minutes and the following statement:

"Here is the circulated minutes from the last AAAWA delegates council meeting. They are yet to be passed at the next delegates meeting, however they are an indication of the state of affairs that our current two delegates and one proxy delegate have created within the AAAWA delegates council meetings over the passed (SIC) year or so and how it has affected the standing of the SCAC."

How can the email be interpreted as "biased and misleading comments about Delegates to AAAWA" or an act that is "intended to or will cause ill feeling, friction or dissention amongst the members or reflect discredit on the reputation of the Club.

All I see is an email from a concerned member; there are no biased or misleading comments. The AAAWA minutes are certainly not biased or misleading; they were passed at the AAAWA November meeting as a true and correct record.

There appears to be no record in any minutes, of any written or verbal complaints being received or made about the email. What evidence did the Committee use to conclude that the email caused ill feelings, friction or dissention amongst the members or had discredited the reputation of the Club?

Bearing in mind that the October and November minutes are not posted on the AAAWA Website, nor have been fully disclosed to our membership, the email is the only way members have been made aware of their contents. Any member who has read these minutes would and should be concerned.

I understand that Mark Hansen has now been expelled from the club. The 17th December committee meeting considered that his action of emailing a copy of the AAAWA November minutes on the 10th December was a disregard of their warning letter, which was handed to him at approximately 8.15 pm on the 10th December. It appears that the alleged second email was sent at 1.20am on 10th December some 19 hours prior to him receiving the "warning letter".

In fact the Committee appears to have retrospectively acted on the warning which was:

"The Committee advises you that it will act under Section 12 of the Club's Constitution if you continue or repeat such actions, or do anything else which is covered by Section 12."

Based upon the above facts I believe the expulsion action taken by the Committee was completely out of order. Even if the Committee was convinced that Mark's email was of concern, then under Section 12 there are other opinions available. Why use the most draconian sanction?

Not being satisfied with cancelling his membership the Committee adds a further sanction of barring him from attending as a visitor at any future events run by the club. Where is this covered in the Constitution, or do we now make up rules on the run?

Where did natural justice go? When did it become an offence to inform members of issues that may affect the club?

Mr Chairman, I ask, how do you think the Club's reputation will be affected once the fishing community hears about the way we treat our members?

The Committee and our AAAWA delegates need to read and understand the Club's Code of Conduct which highlights the following:

- o Display appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions
- o Act with integrity and objectivity
- o Be consistent, impartial and objective when making decisions
- o Act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the sport as a whole
- o Ensure that any information acquired or advantage gained from the position is not used improperly

o Conduct club responsibilities with due care, competence and diligence.

Mr Chairman, after tonight's meeting, the Committee may form an opinion that I too am a trouble maker and should feel the wrath of Section 12.

At the same time, judging by the comments in the confirmed October and November AAAWA minutes, I believe that our AAAWA delegates (including proxy delegate) have certainly behaved in ways that have breached Section 12.

How do we move on from here?

Mr Chairman, the constant criticism of AAAWA must stop. Most members are not interested in the politics; they just want to belong to a good fishing club.

Both you and our Vice President have had a very long association with AAAWA, held various positions (President / Secretary etc) and it's only natural that you could form an opinion that AAAWA is not being run as well as it did under your leadership.

I believe part of the solution lies in nominating new AAAWA delegates who do not have a history with AAAWA to represent this club.

Secondly, ensure that the membership is kept fully informed of all correspondence. There should be no correspondence that is "Confidential – for Committee members only". We are all part of the same club.

Thirdly, the issue of Mark Hansen's expulsion must be fully discussed in open forum at a General Meeting and in order that all of the facts can be presented, Mark Hansen must be present. Transparency in all decision making is paramount for the good order and moral of the club.

In conclusion, Mr Chairman, unless, this club makes some major changes in attitude and gets back to being a fishing club that is worthy of its 62 year history, you will find that there are many current members who will not be renewing memberships and the club may degrade to consisting of just 2 members who will always agree with each other.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to say what many members wish they could.

I move that my address in full be incorporated in the minutes and published in Reel Talk. Seconded by Bob Henderson.

Responses to Victor Schilo's address

This Reel Talk has some responses to some of the points made in Victor Schilo's address to the January General meeting.

There is much more that could be and probably needs to be published, but this has not been collected in time for inclusion in this February Reel Talk.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Without Prejudice?

Members may be asking "What do the words "Without Prejudice" at the top of Victor's statement mean, why are they there, and what effect do they have?" Well I certainly did, since I needed to respond to the statement.

Well the first part is a can of worms, with good old Google coming up with lots of articles from law firms and legal people using legal terms and examples, most of which didn't fit well.

One article said it's a "Law phrase: Without abandonment of a claim, privilege, or right, and without implying an admission of liability."

Another article said "The "without prejudice" privilege under the common law means that any admissions made by parties genuinely negotiating the settlement of an existing dispute are privileged and will be protected from disclosure to a court at a later date. The privilege exists to encourage parties to settle their disputes and allows parties to freely explore settlement options for their disputes without fear that any admissions made in the negotiation process will be tendered against them in court at a later date. The "without prejudice" privilege belongs to all parties and can only be waived with the consent of all parties. In this respect, the "without prejudice" privilege differs from legal professional privilege which belongs solely to the person

obtaining the benefit of the privilege. It is also important to note that merely marking a document "without prejudice" does not automatically mean that the document is privileged, as the test is one of substance not form. The existence of the privilege is inferred from the intention of the parties and from the nature of the communication. This runs contrary to the view held by many people that the mere marking of a document as "without prejudice" is enough."

And the second part of the question - why? Victor may be able to explain his reasons.

And the third part of the question - what effect? Blowed if I can see in this case, since it is not a statement by a party to a dispute.

I point out that Victor seems to have been very selective and limited in who he consulted before writing and reading out that statement and then moving to ensure its original contents were published in full in Reel Talk. He did not advise or give a "heads up" to any of the Committee about the statement or give anyone on the top table a printed copy of his 4 page address to follow as he read it out, and no copy was available until emailed the following afternoon. That's hardly a fair and reasonable way to handle something with those very pointed contents and comments.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Notice of Motion

The following was handed out to members present at the January General meeting. As reported by AAAWA proxy Delegate Victor Schilo, unauthorised copies of this internal Club information letter were distributed by AAAWA to AAAWA Delegates at the January meeting but were withdrawn when Victor objected, and the AAAWA chairman claimed its inclusion was "an error." How can you make multiple copies of a document and then include those in folders handed out and say that was done "in error"?

To members of the Club at the 14 January 2015 General meeting

The Club has received a letter signed by the President of the Australian Anglers Association (WA Division)

The letter has:

Accusations without proof against Delegates from this Club;

A request to replace the three club members who have been Delegates in recent times;

A threat to move to suspend the Club for 12 months should the Club fail to replace the current Delegates with new delegates.

A warning that suspension of the Club would stop club members from participating in any events run by the Association at a State and National level.

At the December Committee meeting, a list of questions for two of the Club delegates was answered. Comments were also given from the other Club delegate and from a committee member who attends AAAWA meetings as a delegate for another club.

The Committee discussed some briefing notes, minutes of recent AAAWA Delegates meetings, emails from two members, and possible options to respond to the letter.

The Committee <u>unanimously passed</u> a motion that SCAC delegates will not attend the AAAWA Delegates meetings until the end of AAAWA's financial year on 31 July 2015, and the Club will defer a decision on renewing affiliation until the currently paid up affiliation expires on 31 July 2015.

The Committee also resolved that the motion passed by the Committee will be put to members at the January 2015 General meeting for members' vote **by secret ballot**, before informing AAAWA of the Club's decision.

The effects of the Committee's motion are:

Since the Club has paid the AAA affiliation fees up until 31 July 2015, Club members would still be eligible to participate in any events run by the Association at a State and National level.

The will be a "cooling off period" of 7 months during which the Club will not send Delegates to AAAWA meetings.

There will be little if any discussion on any AAAWA matters at Surfcasters General meetings.

A decision on renewing affiliation after 2014/15 will be deferred until August 2015.

Note. The next AAAWA State event that members from this Club would normally attend is the Dry casting at the end of October 2015.

A motion will be moved at this January General meeting for members to confirm the motion of the Committee. **Voting will be by secret ballot.**

Prepared by Terry Fuller, Minutes Secretary, 14 January 2015.

The motion put by me at the January meeting in accordance with the Committee's resolution was "I move that this General meeting confirms the Committee's motion: "that SCAC delegates will not attend the AAAWA Delegates meetings until the end of AAAWA's financial year on 31 July 2015, and the Club will defer a decision on renewing affiliation until the currently paid up affiliation expires on 31 July 2015"

There were comments that this motion should not have been put in this way. Members had the option of not passing the motion. Members asked for more information and the chance for all members to know about the motion, so the motion was reworded to be a **Notice of Motion** to be printed in Reel Talk and debated at the February General meeting.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Chas Riegert

Members will find the name Chas Riegert mentioned in some minutes of AAAWA Delegates meetings and used at various meetings and gatherings.

Not many people accurately know or remember all that has gone on and some of the most important decisions. These include whether or not there are or have ever actually been any **ongoing bans** on Chas Riegert, a topic which has come up again very recently.

The facts and records are in the link below. And for your information, the answer is See the response to claim 13.

This all started at the National AAA Championships in Yeppoon Queensland in 2005.

Later, after unsuccessful attempts to force "mediation" and making threats to put a caveat on the Surfcasters' Kalbarri property, Chas Riegert very deliberately made very serious formal legal allegations against George Holman, Bob Henderson, Terry Fuller and the Australian Anglers Association using Western Australia's Equal Opportunity Act.

The Commissioner for Equal Opportunity sent the full details of the allegations to the Association.

I prepared very detailed responses containing comprehensive information and supporting records and documentation covering 15 of Mr Riegert's 22 allegations and statements about what happened at Yeppoon and afterwards in WA, both in the Surf Casting and Angling Club and AAAWA.

We were looking forward to an Equal Opportunity investigation and hearings to clear our names and reputations. However without even asking us, AAAWA President Pat Shinnick convinced Mr Riegert to withdraw his complaint.

That left it all unresolved, because under the Act, a withdrawal of a complaint is the end of everything. The Commissioner for Equal Opportunity does not and will not investigate any further, even if there may be some proof that a complaint was not justified, was malicious or was knowingly misleading.

At the January 2009 Delegates meeting, I tabled a printed copy of our response for the Association's records, and said that copies of our detailed response and attachments were available to anyone who wanted them.

<u>http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/ResponseToEOComplaint.html</u> has links to these and other records and documents. I have some spare printed copies, just ask.

We found it untenable that the Act, or the administration of the Act, can allow a person to make such a large proportion of false and/or misleading statements, and then, after publicity and damage to people's reputation and serious disruption to the operation of the Association, just withdraw the complaint, and nothing can be done about the damage. That really fails the test of natural justice.

Everyone is entitled to have an opinion about this topic, but everyone else would expect that opinions expressed are **based on the facts**. Over the years there seem to have been some false and some misleading statements made which might have influenced some of the opinions **still being thrown about**. The facts and records are in that link.

And if you are too lazy to read the stuff in that link to find the truth, then don't talk about this.

Terry Fuller, the bunny caught up in all this.

Website editor for AAAWA

This is probably one of the topics which has been portrayed in the AAAWA President's letter as "make it their agenda to disrupt and derail the normal process of the AAA WA Division business so much that the meeting becomes all about them and their personal grievances with AAAWA."

At the August AAAWA Annual General Meeting and elections, John Curtis already had someone else lined up to take over the AAAWA website editor's job.

I was not attending AAAWA meetings at that time and so I did not attend the August meeting or put in a nomination for the website editor's position. Foolishly it seems, I expected still to be treated fairly and considered after doing the website job for 12½ years and emailing about the job just one day earlier.

The person that John Curtis had lined up was nominated and elected. I understand that no delegates knew the person, but I stand to be corrected on that.

I am told that some Delegates expressed surprise at that nomination but only amongst themselves and not formally to the meeting.

It was quite clear to me that this was an attempt to lock me out of this work on the AAAWA website; it had all been set up by John Curtis, and Delegates were being treated as rubber stamps. My not putting in an application for the job was exploited, and so, yes I unwittingly helped and allowed that to happen.

My emails copied below were trying to put the full story and get the decisions made by the Delegates as set out in AAAWA's Constitution, not by the President for his own purposes.

- 8. The Delegates Council shall be the controlling body of The Association and shall have the power to make policy decisions on behalf of the Association.
- 9. The management and administration of The Association is vested in the Delegates Council.

Although I sent an email to AAAWA after the AGM and attended the September meeting, I did <u>not raise</u> the topic at the September Delegates' meeting. Bruce Davies raised it in "around the table" general business. The discussion and the few things I said on this topic were rational and reasonable and could not in any way be classed as "disruptive" although there's no doubt by me that the President did not like the topic, the information I put up, or the Delegates' decision which blocked his attempt to get rid of me.

The parts reported in the minutes of 16 September are small extracts of this email without some of the explanatory parts, particularly without reporting that I twice wrote "I am still willing to do the website updates and maintenance"

Also not included in the September minutes is the motion passed by the Delegates that I continue in the role of website editor for the present.

The delegates passed a motion "That Pat Shinnick chair a subcommittee to resolve the issues relating to the Association web site management". The original minutes said that the following delegates were elected to the Sub Committee: Pat Shinnick, Dennis Loran, Bruce Davies, John Crompton & Terry Fuller, however John Crompton's name had not actually been included in the motion. Dennis Loran pointed out that mistake at the October meeting and the name was removed.

And no I did not raise that omission or that insertion of extra subcommittee member at any later meeting, even though they showed a continuation of the pattern of misleading omissions and additions.

The payment item in the 2011 Planning meeting was raised by John Curtis, and he proposed the retainer. As I had an interest in the outcome, I did not vote on that proposal, and have never followed up or requested any payment, even though I was well aware I could have. Just another of many action points for AAAWA which have vanished in the mists of time.

The website subcommittee first met on 22 December. The minutes of that meeting show:

- 1. A list of software used, and recommendations for AAAWA to obtain licences for some.
- 2. An acknowledgement that the majority of the software development, and material on the Website is automatically copyrighted to Terry Fuller under Copyright law, and needs to be made available to AAAWA to use without breaching any copyright implications
- 3. Terry Fuller volunteered to assign non-exclusive rights to his copyright in any and all files installed on the AAAWA website at the date of an agreement, in return for ongoing recognition of his contribution to the development, and maintenance of the Website.

In particular TF suggested/requested the following statement be added to the current copyright page on the Website, and any future amendments to copyright page/s on the Website:

"Australian Anglers Association (WA Division) acknowledges the contributions of Terry Fuller in developing, operating, maintaining and updating the website and contents between 2002 and 2014."

The sub-committee acknowledged TF's contribution to the website, and supported the acceptance of the above recognition statement on the current, and any future copyright page/s on the Website in return for his assignment of non-exclusive rights for usage of his copyright materials installed on the AAAWA website to the AAAWA.

The Delegates have not yet decided on the proposals in those minutes. The full minutes from that meeting are on http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/WebsiteSubCommittee-Minutes-22Dec2014.pdf and have the text of my two emails.

My offer volunteering to give non-exclusive rights for usage of my copyright materials in return for a simple acknowledgement of my contributions to the website over the years shows that I am being very reasonable about all this and not at all disruptive over copyright and my rights. I think that many other copyright owners would not do this if there was such a blatant attempt to oust them and take over their copyrighted materials.

And yes, this probably could have and should have been resolved years ago, but like many things, I did this website work voluntarily; at the time I thought it was for a worthwhile cause, and in return expected nothing but to be dealt with fairly and with respect.

I continue to update and add to the AAAWA website as requested, but with some exceptions, for reasons as covered elsewhere.

And you may ask "If as you say you have decided not to spend any of your volunteer time on AAAWA work, why do you continue to do the website?" That's a good question. The answer is that I have done this work for 12½ years, I have rights to the content and have put a lot of my personal time and effort into the website and I want those rights and my contributions to be recognised; and updating and adding to the website is trivially easy for me and so does not take much time. Whether I will continue to do this is not yet decided. See the article headed "John Curtis and Terry Fuller"

AAAWA website Editor, Terry Fuller

Magic Nissan sponsorship saga and debacle

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For more than 20 years, Magic Nissan has donated trophies for AAAWA State Drycasting. It was so easy - just order and collect the trophies from the supplier Trophy Choice, the bill gets sent to Magic Nissan who pay it. Everyone's happy.

Suddenly the AAAWA accounts show that one year's State Drycasting recorded costs are about \$500 more than ever before. John Curtis says the entry fees will have to go up because the Association can't subsidise drycasting. Fair enough, if same is applied to other events.

George Holman asked to see the accounts, and found an account clearly marked for the State Estuary had been booked against Dry casting. When he pointed out the words "State Estuary" on the invoice, the "defense" was that the invoice was sent to George's home address; George deals with drycasting, so the invoice must be for drycasting.

Then in the October 2013 Treasurer's report, the Treasurer said that all donations need to go through the Association's accounts so that AAAWA can claim the expenditure to justify the funding received from the Department of Sport and Recreation via Recfishwest. That's not been a problem before. I know because I have been the Treasurer and have done these returns and have helped the person who replaced me before the current Treasurer came on.

This would mean that any company or individual who offered donations or services would be asked "please give us the money instead and we'll buy the items or pay for the service ourselves." How stupid would that be, and what would you expect the only possible answer to be?

Remember the real cost of some things is a lot, lot less than the retail price or the cost if someone went to the supplier, and who know or cares what offset arrangements a company might have with some other suppliers or their tax deductions.

Anyway, in November George Holman moved to delete the October's Treasurer's report, the motion was seconded by Peter Osborne, and passed. The wording of the motion as recorded in the minutes is garbled and doesn't make sense, but getting the words actually used would need access to the recording of the meeting.

More questions were asked in December and those minutes state "Direct Quote from Richard Siudak - October 2013 Minutes" but the text in that so called quote is different to that in the October minutes, and some words in the November minutes. Also "states John Curtis to investigate George Holman's query and to respond at the January 2014 meeting."

The January meeting was chaired by the Vice President, Peter Osborne in the absence of John Curtis. The minutes record Peter: "I have been asked to have George formally ask Magic Nissan if AAAWA organise and make payment directly to the Trophy Choice and for that amount of money will Magic Nissan then cover that cost and reimburse AAAWA accordingly. It is further noted that Magic Nissan's Sponsorship will remain on our Letter Head i.e. all will be the same except that the Money will run through our Books!" That was the "result" of the investigation promised in the December minutes - not a result at all - just go ahead with a stupid request..

Why would someone second and vote for a motion and then do exactly the opposite? I don't know.

Because George Holman was not present, I suggested that the request to George Holman on the Magic Nissan topic be in writing.

George received that letter, asked Magic Nissan who replied predictably, exactly as expected; and the Association lost that long standing sponsorship for absolutely no good reason.

This response from Magic Nissan was reported at the February meeting. The minutes say "as there was no objection from the floor", John Curtis said "the Magic Nissan logo will be removed from the AAAWA Letterhead and also from the web site." Of course there was no objection from the floor because the removal was a statement and decree by John Curtis, not something proposed for the delegates to discuss and decide, as it should have been.

At the March meeting I moved that Magic Nissan logo should stay on the letterhead and website until the end of the Association's current competition year on 31 July because they had been sponsors in that competition year. This was passed.

Why was this all handled in such a stupid way when there was only one possible result - losing the sponsorship?

Well the owners of Magic Nissan are Kaye Holman's family; George has been the person who has negotiated, organised and arranged the trophies each year, and any continuation would probably have involved George. In January George was still the elected State Dry casting Officer, even though his election was not recorded or minuted anywhere, and George would automatically have arranged the trophies for that year. As Bob Henderson wrote to George "There is a definite attempt to remove you from any future involvement within the AAA of WA...." You may be able to think of other reasons for throwing away a good working sponsorship, but I can't.

And then the questions from George and me were portrayed as being deliberately disruptive and pushing personal agendas, and even "harassing the Treasurer and Secretary" over the minutes, when in fact they were trying to prevent the Association from making a big mistake with a long standing sponsor; and getting decisions made by the Delegates who are supposed to run the Association, not decisions solely by the President.

The rest of the Delegates didn't seem to care what was happening. Why not? You ask them.

It would have been so simple to discuss what was really essential for Dept of Sport and Recreation funding and how that could be fitted in with the realities of some sorts of sponsorships.

A few months later a comment was made by one of the people involved (not George): "that was a stupid things to do." That's one of the few sensible things said by any of the others involved.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Letters to Mark Hansen

The wording of the <u>first letter</u> to Mark Hansen was approved by the Committee at the 19 November meeting. The next day, on Thursday morning, I printed copies on Club letterhead, and left them at the Secretary's home with envelopes.

The Secretary was at work then, so I didn't see him to get him to sign a copy for me. The letter was signed by the Secretary in accordance with standard practice, and was sent by Registered Post on 24 November.



The envelope of the registered letter showing all the dates

A registered post notification card was left in Mark Hansen's letterbox on 25 November, a follow up notification card was left on 2 December, but the letter was not collected from the Post Office. The letter was then marked "return to sender" on 9 December and was return postmarked 17 December and was in the Club's PO box when cleared on 24 December.

A file copy and spare copies of this letter were left with the Secretary and I asked him to bring one with him to Club events to personally hand to Mark Hansen.

The letter ended with places for the Secretary's signature and a date as shown in the scan at the right.

I also had a copy which I signed, as I recall adding the word "for" to the left of the word "Secretary." This is also accepted business practice in cases when the actual person is not available to sign an approved letter.

Secretary,
Surf Casting and Angling Club of WA (Inc.)
November 2014

I carried this with me to Club events to give to Mark Hansen. Before the December General meeting, the Secretary checked with Australia Post and was told the letter was being returned to sender.

There is a fatal weakness when using Registered Post to send letters. That is that if the person knows or is told about the coming letter and doesn't want it, the person can just ignore the Australia Post notification cards and not collect the letter, and after a time it will go away. Then he can claim that a letter was never received. I am told that this is common with Registered

Post which is why courts use process servers and police for person to person delivery of some documents.

Letters sent by regular post can also be ignored or said not to have been received, implying it was lost in the post. The only certain method is to hand the letter to the person in front of witnesses.

In the normal course of life, people getting notification of a registered letter would go and pick it up. As covered elsewhere in this Reel Talk, it is possible that Committee confidentiality about this letter was not respected and Mark Hansen knew what was coming in the letter.

The letter was listed in outgoing correspondence at the December General meeting. Mark Hansen said he had not received it.

With all the many other things I have to do at meetings, I had not remembered to ask the Secretary if he had brought the copy he had signed, so I used the copy I had in my folder that I had signed and gave that to Mark.

<u>The second letter</u> to Mark Hansen was discussed and approved at the 17 December Committee meeting. I had copies of a version on letterhead in anticipation of Committee approval. And before anyone says that shows I pre-empted the decision - that's rubbish. It's called being prepared to keep things moving along. If any changes had been needed I would have binned those copies and printed the edited version approved by Committee.

The copies were signed by the Secretary at the meeting. Again this is in accordance with standard practice for who signs correspondence. The next day I posted one by ordinary post, later emailed a scanned copy, and hand delivered one on 22 December when I was nearby attending a previously arranged meeting, and I carried one to Club events.

There was no action point needed from the Committee meeting on this letter because all the action apart from simply posting a letter had already been completed.

Much was made at the January General Meeting about the timings, who signed the letters and opinions that the President should have signed them. The explanations and the realities are all above.

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Cancellation of Mark Hansen's membership. The email from Mark Hansen is a last in the long history of targeting people and causing dissent. Most of these have been let pass in the interests of harmony and because each one in isolation can be portrayed as not being really serious, as these last two have been portrayed. It is not an offence to inform members of important matters however there are accepted ways of doing that and there is a requirement for full disclosure.

These last two emails were deliberate attempts to bypass and pre-empt the handling of this matter by the committee, which would have been done properly using lots more background information and explanations, not just the biased versions of minutes, as explained in other articles.

There were two written emails received by me complaining about Mark's recent emails, permission was sought to use these at the committee meeting and these were given to the Committee. Some committee members also volunteered similar opinions.

The discussions and repeated attempts to move motions about the club Rules are other examples, as are the nitpicky comments about the contents of Reel Talk to the point where at one meeting I said that Mark had made his point and he should let it rest there. Some members have pointed out to me that they thought Mark was targeting me. Even though I have answers for his points and do not really care about being targeted because I can answer that, I do care that the meetings have to listen to that and other club members are upset by it. I said to Mark that the perception was that he was targeting me but he did not accept that and continued.

The current SCAC Constitution Section 12 is quite clear. It gives **full power** to the Committee. It is **in the opinion of** the Committee. There is no requirement for a warning. There is no right of appeal. The amended version of the Rules (Constitution) proposed by the committee included the requirement for a warning and gave the right of appeal, but this amended version

was rejected by the members, and Mark Hansen clearly had a big part to play in lobbying for that rejection.

The Committee shall have full power to suspend, expel or impose any other penalty which it may deem fit upon any member of the Club who shall in the opinion of the Committee, been guilty of any conduct, act, matter, practice or act conducive to or tending to cause ill feelings, friction or dissention amongst the members or reflects discredit on the reputation of the club.

Cancellation of membership removes the right to attend club functions and events as a member. The club has invitations for visitors to attend club functions with fairly relaxed requirements. It would be ludicrous if a member whose membership had been cancelled for these reasons, could bypass the cancellation and use the invitations and then attend the club events as a visitor. In any event the club has rules that say a visitor may only attend three club events and must then make a decision whether he will commit to becoming a member of the club.

Some people may say that Mark Hansen has been unfairly dealt with, and judge the club on that.

Others may judge that the club has taken the necessary steps to deal with a major problem causing dissent in the club, and decide the penalty was deserved, and shows that the Club will deal decisively when needed.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Animosity?

Victor's address says "There have been many occasions when those at the top table have showed animosity towards some members to the extent that members are unwilling to speak up for fear of being made to sound stupid."

Victor knows full well that nothing can be done with this sort of throw in comment, which does not have any details, no context, no date, no names, no idea of what was said or done or why the members reacted that way, or if the members contributed in any way to the animosity sensed.

Such incidents are best handled privately as soon as possible, because the people accused may not recognise or remember the incident, and have no chance to explain.

Personally, I try not to show my feelings because some things such as body language and tone of voice are misinterpreted and then misused, however I am human and sometimes feelings may show.

I apologise if anyone has felt underserved animosity from me and I will be more careful in future. What more can I do at this time?

Vice President and Minutes Secretary, Terry Fuller

Minutes and recordings

Members should be aware that all club General and Committee meetings are recorded. These audio recordings are usually reasonable quality and can be used to find out exactly what was said by everyone.

Minutes Secretary, Terry Fuller

Update to Club Rules (Constitution)

Victor Schilo's address makes a link between the proposed update to the Club Rules and Life membership and the start of "escalation of problems."

As a member of Committee at the time, Victor will well remember the committee's lengthy discussions on all the contents, and how to handle the update to the Rules. He will recall that I had originally proposed that members would have another final round of discussions on the wording of the Rules and I had published that promise in Reel Talk.

Victor will also remember that he said that he had considerable experience with amending constitutions; said that the committee had done a great deal of work and had a recommended version, the Constitution said it was the Committee's role to propose changes, and so the Committee should put up a package motion to rescind the current Constitution and adopt the one proposed by the committee, without any more discussion on the contents. Then the members would have the option of either accepting that package motion or rejecting the motion and effectively staying with the previous Constitution.

I am aware that there was dissension about the change in plans for further consultation, and I was blamed and criticised for not keeping **my** word even though the final decision was a committee decision, which I supported at the time but would do differently in future.

Mark Hansen led the criticisms and wasted lots of time by reintroducing his proposed changes and misleading comments about the Rules for choosing Life members, even though they had already been discussed and the explanation for the Committee's version had been printed in Reel Talk, and the Committee had made it clear that no more modifications would be accepted at that time.

On the night of the vote, it was obvious that votes had already been decided, the numbers counted, and the decision was already made. No one had the guts to stand up and say what their concerns were about the Committee's version, so that these concerns could be handled and the realities could be explained to the people, or if these concerns were important enough, a further amendment could be made and handled at a later Special General Meeting.

Every member has the absolute right to do whatever he chooses with his vote. But every other member would expect that the vote would be based on the facts, properly discussed, for the good of the majority of the Club's members.

Any sensible person would have thought out if the changes in the new Rules would give a better set, even if they might not have been everything wanted, and then vote. It is very hard to believe that members really think that it would be better to stay with the old Constitution regardless of the merits of the proposed changes.

One very likely possibility is that the rejection was a way of sticking it up the President and committee, and make me a target, the person who had fronted for the Committee and done all the hard work on the Rules.

I heard later a comment that a concern about the new Rules was that the Club would be forced to pay for funerals for elderly members, which is a ridiculous and misleading interpretation, but typical of scare tactics used to sway and recruit people who don't take the time to check the facts. This would have easily been explained, particularly since the proposed Rules had exactly the same wording as the current Constitution which members voted to keep. I haven't heard any other concerns about the proposed rules in the many months which have passed.

And all the fuss and disgraceful behaviour over Life Membership are a direct result of another person's refusal to keep Committee confidentiality. This started well before the discussion on changes to the Rules which would have made it easier to get Life membership.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

John Curtis and Terry Fuller

Since about 2001 Terry Fuller has supported all AAAWA Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Recorders, Competitions Officers and the organisers of AAAWA's four events, and in that time was a major contributor to some other events such as Fishing Clinics and Mandurah 500. He was Secretary/Treasurer from 2003 to 2006, and a member of the AAA Executive when it existed. He represented AAAWA as a Board member of Recfishwest for many years. He has very extensive experience, email and computer records from his involvement in AAAWA over that time, and has cooperated with all other AAAWA management people.

Terry Fuller decided in January 2014 that the way AAAWA was being managed was so bad that he did not intend to waste his valuable volunteer time on attending any more AAAWA meetings, and so put a "Delegate wanted" notice in the February Reel Talk. He attended February and March Delegates meetings but none from April to August 2014, because Ken Howells was

elected a proxy delegate and then elected as a full delegate at the Club's 2014 AGM. This ended over 12 years for Terry as a Delegate to AAAWA.

Terry has since attended the September 2014 meeting as a proxy for Ken Howells, when there was only 7 hours notice of Ken's illness, and the October, November and December meetings as the elected AAAWA website editor and member of a subcommittee on that topic.

The October minutes very pointedly recorded Terry's attendance as an "unannounced visitor." Terry did not challenge that description, just let it pass.

The November meeting then showed the ill will directed from the President towards Terry, when, after very noisily putting a table and chairs at the back of the meeting, the President once again called Terry "an unannounced visitor" and demanded more than once that he move to the back of the meeting. Terry said he was the current AAAWA website editor, not just a visitor, and that entitled him to sit in the meeting. Terry declined to move as demanded, but said he would move to the back if the Delegates wanted him to move. No delegate said anything about that venomous and unwarranted attack and nothing was recorded in the minutes. Terry was quietly but firmly polite in what he said, but no doubt this incident is part of the portrayal of "recalcitrant behaviour." When Terry said he was the website editor, the Chairman made a comment to the effect "not for long".

The Chairman later noted that under Section 23 of the Constitution of the Association - Attendance at Meetings: "Any person may attend any Delegates Council meeting provided there be room and provided that preference shall be given to the members of Affiliated Associations and provided that no person who is not a member of the Delegates Council may participate in such meeting unless permitted to do so by the Chairman or by a majority of the Delegates."

The minutes go on to say "Although it is not documented, it is encumbered (sic) on the person who is intending to attend a Delegates Council Meeting seek approval from the president prior to attending that meeting. Persons **not doing so** may be embarrassed **by being asked to leave the meeting**." The Chair then called for someone move a motion to that effect and for a seconder so that this motion can be recorded in the Minutes and it **becomes binding** on all Association Clubs and their Members.

Moved Mark Hansen; Seconded; Wilf Core "That any person must seek approval from the President prior to attending a Delegates Council meeting as a matter of protocol" Motion carried.

Section 23 of the Constitution gives an absolute right to attend the meetings and does not require permission. That right cannot be qualified or changed or overruled without amendment of the Constitution, so the Chairman should have ruled that motion out of order, particularly since he had just read out the section. But of course he did not rule because he was the one pushing to have something on the books to use against me and others at his whim. I did not comment at the time, not wanting to be portrayed as disruptive, but also not caring if mistakes like that were made.

I wrote my name and "AAA website editor" in the attendance book for the December meeting, but the minutes list me as though I was a Delegate, even though no notification of proxy had been sent for that night, and I am not a nominated as a permanent proxy for the Club.

Emails on AAAWA business. Over the years while supporting him as President, many emails have been exchanged between John Curtis and me. But in the whole of 2014 I received only 4 emails from him, 3 with Wallaroo information and 1 with Dry casting results to be put on the AAAWA website.

As explained elsewhere, by early 2014 I had decided not to waste any more of my volunteer time on AAAWA. Actually, by early 2009 (see the link in the earlier article signed by "the bunny caught up in all this") I had had enough, and no longer always made detailed notes of meetings or kept copies of handouts. So I didn't care that I didn't get any emails, but it was a clear signal that I was on the outer with John Curtis.

State Fishing Records. The AAAWA Constitution 76(d) requires that the Association make copies of the current State Records list for fishing available at 3 monthly intervals. The

Delegates decided that posting these updated version on the website would fulfill that requirement. The State record list on the website has not been updated since 31 July 2013 because the AAAWA Recorder John Curtis has not given me any updated lists despite being asked to. Yes, I am aware that some applications have been listed in minutes, but I do not know if all are listed, these did not always have full details, having two people involved updating separate lists will always cause problems eventually, and it's not my job.

SCAC Recorder and Committee positions. John Curtis was the SCAC Recorder from August 2011 to August 2014. The Recorder's job is to ensure that all results of Club Field Days, Dry Casting, Open and other competitions are permanently recorded for the future. Progressive results are printed in Reel Talk each month and the final results for each competition year are printed in the July edition. As Reel Talk Editor I expected regular reports and updates.

The Field Day Officer sends me a copy of the field day spreadsheet for me to extract each month's captures for publication in Reel Talk. For a while I got updates from John Curtis to the list of the Species Badge competition entries. Because of timing of Reel Talk, I started checking through the field day catches and entering new species against members' names, and updating the list for the field day sections. I would send these updated lists to John Curtis.

I enter the dry casting results into a spreadsheet and extract each month's scores and publish in Reel Talk.

The lists for the three masters competitions, (Masters, Grand Masters, and Junior Masters,) had not been updated for some years. Some fish caught on other than on field days are eligible for these. An action point from the 18 April 2012 Committee meeting was for John to update the list of captures for the Masters competitions for Reel Talk. That action point was never completed.

Despite sending John an updated Field day list and getting confirmation back from him that he agreed with the list, when it came to compiling the awards for the presentation night, the list that John sent to me then did not include some entries that he had agreed about. This caused me extra work and would have been an embarrassment for the club due to missed or wrong awards had I not picked up the errors.

At one meeting when I asked for an updated list for Reel Talk, instead of getting the list John gave me photocopies of the application forms, which left it to me to extract the details. I thought that was a very pointed way of saying that he was not going to give me what was expected from him and that I had to do the work if I wanted something.

Elections. Because I was already doing, as Reel Talk editor, most of the work that the Recorder needed to do, and it would only be a very small extra load, I decided to stand for the Recorder's position at the elections in August 2014. The members voted by secret ballot. The result was that I received 15 yes and 10 no votes while John Curtis received 10 yes and 14 no votes. so I was elected as Recorder.

The Surfcasters have a voting system where people are not automatically elected just because they nominate for a vacancy. The members have a chance to say that they would rather have no one than have a particular person.

At the election by secret ballot for the remaining "committee members without particular portfolios", John Curtis received 12 yes votes and 13 no votes, so the majority of members voted they did not want to have him as a Committee member even though there were two vacancies.

John was then nominated as an AAAWA delegate. The other two people nominated received more yes votes than John did, and so were elected. However, the votes cast about John, again by secret ballot, were 11 yes votes and 14 no votes, so once again the majority of members voted not to have him. All these voting totals were announced to the members at the AGM.

I emailed him the following week asking, very politely, if there was a time I could come and pick up the Recorder's records and Club's property. The reply I received left me in no doubt where I stood with John Curtis. It said

"You are NOT repeat NOT welcome on my property at any time,"

and that the Club's property would be passed to Ron Thomas. Ron Thomas delivered the property to my place at some inconvenience to him. Thanks for your help, Ron.

John reacted badly to his rejection by SCAC members at the 2014 elections and he chose to resign from the club. He sent a letter of resignation to the club, and that was John's decision and should have been the end of it. Instead of John asking in his letter for the Secretary to read it out, Mark Hansen said, at the September meeting, that he had a request from John Curtis to have the letter read out to the members. Some members later complained about this and interpreted this as Mark Hansen using John Curtis's resignation letter to cause more problems and dissension in the Club.

Instead of looking at the reasons why the members had rejected him, and in a secret ballot, John chose to blame others, particularly George and Terry and other Committee members.

SCAC Recorder. Once I had the Recorder's records, I was surprised to find that there were no electronic copies of results, no printouts of progressive lists of past years' results, and apparent gaps in entries. Fortunately as a result of being involved in the handovers between Recorders in 2010, I had some computer files with some entries. I was able to use these but had to redo lots from as far back as 2010, and earlier for some.

As reported in Reel Talk, I updated the Club records for fish. I wrote and got approved and then I applied, a Club policy for Species and Masters fishing competitions.

As has also been reported in Reel Talk, I updated the Masters lists, (that outstanding action point on John from 2012), the club fish records list, and more. I found that two people had been qualified for a Masters badge for over 3 years, but this had not been recorded, and so they had missed out on the recognition and their badges. One of these is George Holman.

The Recorder's job now needs just a few minutes a month on top of the work already done for the Reel Talk. Members can see what can be done by someone who is prepared to put in a once off effort into getting a job up to date, compared to someone who had the job for three years but was not doing it.

I have no doubt that John Curtis does not like that I have updated all these and have shown up his failure to do the job, and that this has affected his attitude to me. However he had three years to do it, and I did it part time in just a few weeks from start to finish.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

John Curtis and George Holman

The history of office bearers in AAAWA is not fully documented the way the Club's history is, but can be extracted by searching the minutes posted on the AAAWA website, but only back to 2005. Why 2005? That's another separate story. Ask me if you want to know.

Both Terry Fuller and George Holman fully supported John Curtis in his Presidency of AAAWA in the latest period since August 2010, until John changed his attitude.

George once considered John Curtis to be a friend. He and Kaye welcomed John into their house. George, John and Terry used to travel together to AAAWA and Club meetings.

However for reasons only John knows because he has never told George when he asked, John has turned on George, starting at the National Championships in Caloundra in 2013, and ever since then things have been very different.

George has been lied to, stonewalled, verballed, locked out, ignored, deceived, not mentioned where he should be mentioned, refused copies of paperwork and reports that he is entitled to, provoked, commitments made have not been kept, and much more over many months.

John has used his position in AAAWA to manipulate the contents and presentation of minutes to misrepresent many things.

John is acting like a dictator and a one-man band who wants to make nearly all the decisions himself. He does not like being questioned about things, and he hates being shown up when statements he makes are challenged or proven to be false.

When that happens it is a case of "shoot the messenger" or lock them out of any future influence. He has done that to George and he has tried to do it to Terry in his role as website editor for the AAAWA website after 12½ years of doing that, and is now doing it to the Club. In John's previous time as President of AAAWA there were other people that he dealt with similarly. There were many problems in his interactions with people in Recfishwest.

He is prepared to get rid of willing workers and people with vast experience and abilities and lots to offer, all for his own purposes, and hang the cost and consequences.

Senior Vice President. In recent times, George Holman has been the senior Vice President since at least 1998. At the time of the 2013 elections George Holman was away from Perth travelling back from Caloundra and had not received any correspondence. On return to Perth he found that Peter Osborne had been approached by John Curtis to put in a nomination for the Senior Vice President and was elected. George Holman asked John Curtis why he George was not contacted and John Curtis said that he had phoned George four times but was not able to contact him. But George Holman's phone did not have any missed messages reported when he got back into a mobile coverage area.

State Drycasting officer. John Curtis asked Bob Henderson at Caloundra in August 2013 if Bob would take over the running of the WA State Drycasting event scheduled for October 2013. Bob Henderson initially accepted and then declined when he found out their George did not know about this attempt to lock him out of the WA Drycasting job that he had done for many years.

George ran the 2013 event and John Curtis did the computer and paper work. On the Saturday afternoon, George asked for copies of the casting order sheets so he could prepare the equipment, pegs, etc. but was not given them. The casting order and call up sheets were not available on time in the morning which caused a delay in the start of the casting.

There was a problem with a wrong result for the Juniors individual result which caused a delay in the results on the casting day. I found what caused this problem in the scoring system when it tried to divide by zero which is a computer impossibility, and advised John on a workaround method which enabled the results to be posted after a delay of about 20 minutes.

The main problem was that some people wanted to compete as a member of a senior men's team, but compete as a individual veteran. The AAAWA scoring system cannot cope with that. This had not been done before and John used a method which resulted in the results being wrong and the wrong results were announced on the day. I later redid the results and told John about a workaround method which could be used in the future.

George Holman resigned as Drycasting officer in February 2014. John Curtis sent a letter to other States stating that George had resigned as Drycasting officer and adding "In accepting his resignation the WA Division wishes to advise all Associations that Mr George Holman now has no official standing within the WA Division and is not authorised to speak for or on behalf of the Association or represent them at any meetings or function."

George has long term friends within AAA in these other States and should be able to speak freely to them as an individual who has been involved in AAA matters for many years and express personal opinions. He would not speak on AAAWA matters as though he had authority to speak on behalf of WA, so it was unnecessary and provocative to include that in a letter.

Future of National AAA Championships. At the Caloundra 2013 Championships State representatives were asked to give their comments and suggestions on how to handle the future of AAA National Championships because of the declining attendance, increasing costs and also the problems States were having in getting volunteers to run these championships.

George Holman raised this a number of times at Delegates meetings but despite this Delegates and the people who attend national championships were not consulted and were not given a chance to put forward their suggestions.

AAAWA paid for John Curtis and Peter Osborne to attend the mid-term meeting at Wallaroo in March 2014. I am told that Peter Osborne did not receive anything until seated on the plane on the way there and the Delegates were not consulted about what the WA representatives going to Wallaroo were going to talk about.

George Holman requested the minutes of that mid-term meeting and was told by John Curtis that he was too busy to copy the number of pages involved, however John has a secretary who is paid \$300 per month to do secretarial work such as copying and posting. The number of pages in the copies as quoted by John Curtis varied from 30+ to 60+ pages. George Holman eventually received a copy from a contact in the eastern states and it was 13 pages, and he tabled this at a delegate's meeting.

At one time George was told that the minutes had been emailed to his wife Kaye's email address, despite George specifically saying that he did not use email and requesting everything to be posted to him by ordinary mail. I checked Kaye's email and no such email was received, although other emails were received from other people. John Curtis is well aware that I have often printed emails and taken copies to George and that method could be used.

George Holman had spoken previously at the February 2014 delegate's meeting about national championships, to say what was available for people who attended and outlined some of the problems States were facing due to attendance and costs and people available to run them, and the need for suggestions for any changes to the conventions and the rules. This was not reported in the minutes, and when it was questioned at the next meeting he was told "This was erroneously missed from the minutes"

When South Australia wrote to WA asking for notices of motion to be put to the 2015 national convention at Wallaroo in March this year, that email was sent out to delegates on 4 December with only 10 days notice for preparing notices of motion. When this was discussed at the delegates meeting the defence was that the email was sent on immediately it was received, but was received too late from South Australia and there was nothing that WA could do. This comment ignored that George Holman had raised this topic several times at Delegates meetings but no action had been taken by AAAWA.

The December minutes record "Letter to be sent to National requesting an extension until 22nd of January." This extension would not be possible because national championships have a timeline which must be followed for notices of motion to be sent to all states involved so that they can be discussed and decisions made on how the states will vote on them. However there is nothing in the list of correspondence in the January agenda about any letter being sent.

There was no mention of George Holman in the President's report covering 2013/14 despite George doing the 2013 dry casting and being the 2013 dry casting officer and the other event organisers being mentioned by name and thanked.

Minutes of the meetings for people going to National Championships. For previous National Conventions meetings have been called of people who are interested in going to the conventions so that the people are informed of all of the details, and have a chance to say what they would like their representatives to raise at the conventions and at the mid-term meetings.

George Holman did not attend the 29 July meeting because he confused the date. He asked for a copy of the minutes of that meeting and was challenged on why he wanted them. It was stated that George had not put in an expression of interest form. George said he had given the Senior Vice President an expression of interest form but John Curtis said he had not seen that. Those minutes were not given out until the following meeting on 25 November, a delay of 4 months which is not acceptable for minutes which have been requested.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Governance in AAAWA

AAAWA Delegates have been misled and misinformed and do not recognise or care about governance failures in AAAWA, examples of which there are so, so many.

It is amazing that the delegates do not recognise what is going on, do not act on it, and do not seem to care what is happening within AAAWA, or the consequences.

The minutes prepared by AAAWA are a very poor standard. The contents and presentation of minutes misrepresent many things and omit many things.

Many valid and reasonable questions about the content of minutes or the way things are presented or omitted are not properly answered, leading to follow up questions which are

treated the same and then portrayed as an attack on the writer of the minutes or on the chairman or being disruptive.

Even when the recordings are allegedly checked and used, multiple different versions have been produced. Some content is presented as though it is verbatim quotes, but clearly it is not what was actually said by the person "quoted".

Certification of the accuracy of the minutes is treated as a mere formality with people who were not even present at the meeting allowed to move or second and vote on motions about their accuracy. And in one case where this happened, the person seconding was listed in the previous minutes as both being in attendance and being an apology, yet he seconded and voted they were true record.

The senior vice president in AAAWA says he is aware of many of the problems in AAAWA but seems unable to make any difference.

The comment from Victor that "it's only natural that you could form an opinion that AAAWA is not being run as well as it did under your leadership" implies that we (the Club President and Vice President) think we could do things better and are raising matters to prove this. That's rubbish. It's not a comparison like that. It IS about asking about **some** important things in an attempt to get those done properly, after proper consultation, plus doing the things that need to be done which are currently not being done. We make no comment on the many, many other things we could raise if "not being run as well as we did" were our motives.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

George's actions at Delegates' meetings

George has been lied to, stonewalled, verballed, locked out, ignored, deceived, not mentioned where he should be mentioned, refused copies of paperwork and reports that he is entitled to, provoked, commitments made have not been kept, and much more over many months.

It is true that George is frustrated and did not handle very well the sort of attacks that have been made on him, and he does not have the computer skills required to challenge some of the lies he was told, but that provocation and stonewalling was deliberately done to get him to react or continue to ask questions so that he could then be portrayed as being disruptive.

As Terry said in his statement to the November SCAC General meeting, these were almost all in response to things being done or not done by AAAWA management.

So George might have some things to apologise for but certainly not to the extent that is alleged, and certainly not to the point of removing him as a delegate.

And any apology should be matched or exceeded by apologies from the other side.

Speaking from memory will often have some mistakes in some details which can be jumped on to divert the discussion from the real issues. Also some things can be said which can be taken two different ways. Some people have taken the worst possible interpretation and insisted that that was what was meant and would not listen when the alternative innocent explanation was given. But how would they know what was meant?

Terry Fuller has advised George with ways of handling this, in particular to research and write down what he wants to say before the meeting so he is sure of the facts and the words and intentions, and then read these out rather than relying on his memory. George is now doing that. Having a written version also makes it impossible for the words to be misreported and misrepresented, which does not suit some people because it stops them from doing the things they have done in the past.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Informing SCAC members

Terry Fuller made this statement to the November General meeting.

SCAC Delegates have reported difficulties to SCAC members at General and Committee meetings so have kept members informed. Various President's report have also included some

references. It is quite clear that **many SCAC members do not want to know** details about AAAWA problems.

Terry Fuller's statement to the November General meeting and printed in the December Reel Talk covers this.

During 2014, Delegates from this Club have asked questions during some AAAWA Delegates' meetings, and have questioned the accuracy of some parts of the minutes.

These questions have mainly been in response to:

- 1. the unwillingness of the management of AAAWA to supply copies of documents requested by Delegates which should be provided to Delegates and/or Clubs.
- 2. the failure of the management of AAAWA to consult with Delegates before making some decisions which first should have been discussed with the Delegates.
- 3. the failure of the management of AAAWA to advise Delegates about some decisions which have been made.
- 4. the wording used in the minutes of Delegates' meetings about these questions, or not including them.

If these problems were fixed, there would be no need for such questions.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

September Delegates meeting

The September Delegates meeting had some heated discussion between John Curtis and George Holman. Without access to a recording, I cannot recall all of the topics or who said what, but my recollection is that John Curtis contributed to the heat.

A motion was moved and passed and recorded as "the last 5 minutes of discussion be erased from the recording of proceedings."

Despite that motion, some of the discussion was reported in the minutes, and also some text, written as though it was a "transcript" from the recording of an earlier meeting, was included although that "transcript" had never been raised at the September meeting. These inclusions seemed to be ignoring the intention of the motion, although it is acknowledged that without a recording of the meeting, it is not known how long the discussions took and where the nominal 5 minutes started and finished.

At the October meeting, a motion was put and passed that certain parts of the September minutes should be deleted, with detailed reasons. As reported elsewhere, I had advised George that he should prepare a written version and just read from that. This motion was put calmly and rationally, and the reasons were read by George from the pre-prepared written version, which said:

- 1. The intention of Pat Shinnick's motion was that the heated discussions should not be reported in the minutes. The intention was NOT that exactly and only the previous 5 minutes should not be reported, yet allow some similar discussions before that to be included. That does not make any sense.
- 2. A much better way of reducing the dissension about those topics is not to include any of those discussions.
- 3 Any speaker of English will immediately see that the contents of the box at the top of page 3 are presented as though they are word for word transcripts or quotes of what was said, by using inverted commas " " around words. Some of these could not possibly be transcripts or quotes because, for example, no one would use the words "he is just curious" when talking about himself. Because clearly some of these are not accurate, they should all be removed from the minutes.
- 4. The recording of the previous meeting was not checked during the September meeting and the contents of that box were not part of the September meeting and therefore cannot be included in the minutes of that meeting.

5. If any Delegate or official wants the contents of that box, or something similar, left in the minutes, then the recording should be supplied to an independent third party selected by the Delegates who should be asked to prepare and certify a transcript of that discussion before anything is included in the minutes.

In summary, I have given 4 reasons for deleting all of that content as listed.

After that motion was passed, John Curtis made several very pointed comments clearly referring to the SCAC as a Club and its Delegates as individuals, including silly and dismissive comments about notes not being taken at meetings (how would he know?) and people's memories. Some things are just so obvious that notes and "Eidetic" memories aren't needed.

The version of the minutes currently on the AAAWA website was edited by the website editor exactly as passed by the Delegates.

The other significant topic discussed at the September Delegates meeting was the email from me about the website editor's job. See the article "Website editor for AAAWA"

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Discussion on Affiliation fees - October

At the September General meeting, a motion was passed by the Club that the Club pay \$100, 50% of the invoice for AAAWA affiliation fees **unless AAAWA can justify full payment**. Also questioned was what the Club got for the affiliation fees, noting that members who attend AAAWA championships still have to pay extra for entry fees.

This motion was not explained well enough, and was clearly a mistake because the questions about the benefits from being affiliated with AAAWA could and should have been asked in a very different way.

However the topic was ruthlessly exploited and used at the October Delegates meeting for attacks on the SCAC Club and Delegates. Since I drafted the letter to AAAWA, I take responsibility for its contents and for leaving the Club open to these vicious attacks. Of course if I had suspected the topic would have been used that way, I would have written a very different letter.

The discussions reported in the October minutes about the Surfcasters' affiliation fees were initiated, led and steered by John Curtis. This subject was not raised by SCAC Delegates and the minutes show that the SCAC Delegates did not say much, and everything said was about the fees and justification, and in no way could what they said during that part of the meeting be construed as the Delegates being disruptive.

The discussions were confused and clearly confusing to the delegates present; were very repetitive, and ignored some very important points that were made reasonable calmly and rationally by the Surfcasters delegates about the questions being asked about what AAAWA had done and was doing to justify the payment of the full fees, the provisions of the AAAWA Constitution relating to payment of fees, and the setting of fees for this 2014/15 year.

Most of these points were ignored or not answered, instead John Curtis just repeated other points that he was pushing - that fees were due by 1 October, that the President had to approve an application for a reduction in fees, Surfcasters had not applied for a reduction and was not entitled to one under the rules, and so should not get one.

That confusion and unsatisfactory answers were either a deliberate tactic or simply lack of knowledge of the facts about fees coupled with incompetence in chairing a meeting to properly cover topics.

Either way, what was a simple question was turned into a major attack on the Surfcasters club and on the delegates, and then inflamed by the way the minutes were written to include what appears to be transcripts of what was said and who said it, rather than, as proper minutes should, record the actions assigned and decisions made, not be a record of who said what during discussions. Without access to a recording of the meeting, there is no way of knowing if the version presented is accurate and complete. And there is no way for the Delegates to confirm these minutes are "a true and accurate record."

In my personal opinion, the presentation of the content of the October Delegates' meeting minutes is deliberately malicious, derogatory, personal, provocative and thus is very unprofessional and possibly litigious. Other Club members, including one very experienced in writing minutes, have given me similar unsolicited opinions.

Fees and payment are covered in Section 6 of the AAAWA Constitution.

- 6(a) The annual registration dues payable by an Affiliated Association shall be such amount as shall from time to time be fixed by the Delegates Council such fees to be fixed in a manner to be decided by the Delegates Council.
- 6(b) The annual registration dues of each Affiliated Association shall be payable to the Treasurer before the first day of October in each financial year.

and

6(d) No Affiliated Association whose registration dues are three months or more in arrears and no member, officer or delegate of any such Affiliated Association shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Delegates Council or of the Executive Committee or to exercise any of the privileges of an Affiliated Association.

In the past, fees have been explicitly set each year. It is correct that there is no requirement for these to be set every year, however in the 12 or so years I have been involved with the Association, each year has had a motion to set fees.

In the past, there has been an allowance for reduced fees by negotiation. Recently the 2012 AGM decided "That the Association's Affiliation Fees for the 2012 - 2013 year remain at \$200 per annum. Small clubs, or those with limited financial means may negotiate a reduction of affiliation fees directly with the President."

The last time the fees were set was in October 2013. The motion passed that year was "That the Affiliation Fees stay at \$200 per annum." Clearly, by omitting any reference to reduced fees in that motion, it has no provision for reduced fees by negotiation. Since the fees were not set in 2014, then the 2013 provisions carry through. But the AAAWA President mislead the Delegates when he spoke about reductions needing to be negotiated with the President. And I acknowledge that was probably due to not checking the facts.

The President read out the full list of the Objects of the Association, which completely missed the question about what was actually being done by the Association which was of value to the SCAC and other club members, not what the Association could do or was allowed to do if it chose or had done in the past.

The senior vice president, while attempting to list and explain the work that AAAWA was doing, mistakenly used the example of keeping the Nearshore finfish daily bag limit at 16 fish when Dept of Fisheries were trying to reduce it to 12. I pointed out that this was a personal initiative and achievement by me, and at the time I was a publicly elected Board member of Recfishwest, not a representative of AAAWA, and the initiative was a benefit to all recreational fishers not just Club members. The senior vice president spoke of that as an AAAWA achievement when it was actually through Recfishwest, and AAAWA had no involvement in that at all.

Since I am not a Delegate, and I attend as the AAAWA website editor, my right to speak at Delegates meetings is not defined. I have not asked for this to be defined, because I am sure that the answer will be that I am not allowed to speak to the meeting. John Curtis prevented me from talking to Ken Howells with a suggestion, reasonable quietly and when no one else was speaking, as I recall. I know I cannot vote if the other two SCAC delegates are present and I do not vote then.

I did not speak in this October discussion except as above and later when some comments were directed at me when Pat Shinnick made personal comments.

The name Chas Riegert was mentioned and I shook my head gently because at the time I did not think that was relevant, but I was immediately criticised by Pat for that head movement, and that personal comment was included in the minutes. This inclusion is completely unjustified, but is consistent with trying to show the SCAC delegates are somehow "disruptive".

Those and the earlier personal comments by John Curtis were not given any right of reply to point out where the comments were wrong. Surfcasters delegates said nothing in response to those, but then had all the personal and derogatory comments included in the minutes.

It is understood that sometimes personal and heated comments are made, and these can be explained or excused in the heat of the moment, however they should never be included in minutes as they have been done in these October minutes.

The mere fact that they were actually said is no excuse or justification for inclusion in minutes.

The contents of the October minutes were clearly designed to provoke reactions from some people including George Holman and me, however George took advice and did not respond in any unacceptable way to those provocations. My reaction has only been to decline to put those minutes on the AAAWA website, as covered elsewhere.

Terry Fuller

Discussion November Delegates meeting

At the November Delegates meeting, George Holman said, calmly, that some contents of the October minutes should not have been included. He was then very aggressively questioned and challenged by another delegate who said George had been complaining about the accuracy of minutes; these particular minutes were accurate and implied that because some things had actually been said, they could be included in the minutes, so what was George's problem?. George did not persist.

This is an example where George was not prepared well enough for a strong attack and had not written down all the points he wanted to make, and how he wanted to make them, and that was exploited.

At the November delegates meeting, John Curtis read out some guidelines for minutes of meetings. These included "Effective meeting minutes for the typical business meeting do not need to record every discussion. They also do not need to, and shouldn't, state who said what."

It was no surprise to me that those November minutes also did not follow those guidelines that had been voluntarily included. If those guidelines had been followed then most of the unsuitable content of the September and October minutes would not have been included.

The November meeting showed the ill will directed from the chairman towards Terry, as covered under the article "John Curtis and Terry Fuller"

The November meeting was clearly a setup and an ambush with more attempts to provoke reactions, but the Surf Casting and Angling Club delegates did not take the baits. There were more attacks on the Surf Casting and Angling Club and delegates in the contents of an allegedly late letter read by the chairman. No right of reply was offered at the time.

The letter from Perth Offshore Boating and Angling Club was read quickly and not very clearly. The club has not received a copy of the letter and so cannot comment on what the letter contains or what the so-called notice of motion says. One of the options considered by the committee included asking for a recording of the meetings and a copy of that letter but that option was not taken.

The comment from Peter Osborne Ocean Reef SSC about the letter from Perth Offshore BAC being an inflammatory letter was not reported in the minutes.

I don't recall any resolution to write to SCAC. The minutes do not record any formal motion or vote, and merely say "the ensuing discussion resolved that the Association should write to the club..." I believe that is not correct, and proper treatment of such an important point should have had a formal motion, a seconder and a vote. Despite that opinion, I had no doubt these minutes would be certified as "a true and accurate record". The facts could only be decided by access to the recording of the meeting or a copy of the letter.

No evidence has been presented about the allegations in the AAAWA letter or POBAC letter.

Words like "felt that" "opinion" "make it their agenda to disrupt and derail the normal process of the AAA WA Division business so much that the meeting becomes all about them and their

personal grievances with AAAWA." "Member clubs have also indicated that as a result of the behaviour of these individuals...." are not evidence.

In fact most incidents were attempting to get AAAWA to follow good governance and reasonable expectations in minutes, reporting, consulting, etc in AAAWA but were stonewalled, lied, to, etc. George has given reports to Delegates but Delegates are unwilling to act.

AAAWA President says "Also contained within the (Perth Offshore BAC) letter was motion that was moved that failing to replace the current Delegates with new delegates, notice be given to the Surf Casting and Angling Club that under section 5 (i) of the AAAWA Constitution that it be suspended from membership of the Association for a period of twelve months" but that does become active until a delegate formally moves a Notice of Motion at the meeting, and that has not yet been done.

From notes I made while listening to that quick reading of the POBAC letter, it seems there was a threat that POBAC would "consider the renewal of its (AAAWA) affiliation next year" if some things were not done.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Getting a fair hearing in AAAWA

In deciding what to do about the AAAWA President's letter, the SCAC committee and members must recognise in the current climate there is absolutely no prospect of the majority of other delegates of AAAWA treating objectively anything to do with the Surfcasters Club, George Holman or Terry Fuller.

This lack of objectivity would, in my opinion, be **regardless of the merits of any case or evidence put to them**. The final result may have already been decided by misinformation to the Delegates or discussions among them.

This opinion is confirmed by George Holman, Ken Howells, Peter Osborne, and even Bob Henderson in his earlier letter to George Holman. Don't just take my word for this, ask the others

This had a big influence on the committee's unanimous decision that they made at the December Committee meeting and presented to the January General meeting, and which needs to be decided at the February General meeting. The Committee voted for an extended "cooling off" period.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Comment on Reel Talk

Here's an email I received on 24 January. Subject: Long Overdue Compliment

Terry

George gave me a copy of the December Reel Talk which had the review of 40 years ago and I cracked a mention.

But, what I am writing to you about, is the standard and the professionalism that the Reel Talk has developed into, is amazing. It has possibly occurred in small ways over a long period, but nevertheless, the product I viewed was comprehensive and complete.

I was very impressed and thought you should know.

Well done SCAC.

Dennis Green

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Dennis was President and Treasurer of the Club in the early 1970s.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Suggestions for field days for 2015/16

List prepared by FDO Peter Osborne based on 13 sets of suggestions received from members. Editing, layout and presentation by Reel Talk Editor.

Proposed date	Proposed venue	Boundaries and other issues to be addressed
May 2015 16/17 May	Rottnest	Fish Sat and Sun to 7:30pm. Low tides in late afternoon. Book before March to secure accommodation
	Extended local	Extended boundaries Dawesville Cut to Seabird
Jun 2015 LWE 30, 31 May, 1 Jun	Port Gregory to Kalbarri	Use Kalbarri clubhouse as our base. Check if house available. (Note 1) If not, book accommodation at Wagoe Chalets
	Extended local	Extended boundaries Dawesville Cut to Seabird
Jul 2015 11/12 July	Cape to Cape (2 showed north)	Augusta to Busselton (north is Margaret River to Busselton)
	Local - standard	Penguin Island sand spit to north side Two Rocks Marina
Aug 2015 15/16 Aug	Rottnest)	Fish Sat and Sun to 7:30pm. Low tides in late afternoon
	Extended local	Extended boundaries Dawesville Cut to Seabird
Sep 2015 LWE 26/27/28 Sept	Port Gregory to Kalbarri	Use Kalbarri clubhouse as our base. Check if house available. (Note 1) If not, book accommodation at Wagoe
	Extended local	Extended boundaries Dawesville Cut to Seabird
Oct 2015 17/18 Oct	Cervantes	Extend boundaries north to include Jurien, Sandy Cape and Green Head
	Local - standard	Penguin Island sand spit to north side Two Rocks Marina
Nov 2015 14/15 Nov	Cervantes	Extend boundaries north to include Jurien, Sandy Cape and Green Head
	Local - standard	Penguin Island sand spit to north side Two Rocks Marina
Dec 2015 12/13 Dec	White Hills	Boundaries increased to Myalup and Madora Bay
	Local - standard	Penguin Island sand spit to north side Two Rocks Marina
Jan 2016 16/17 Jan	White Hills	Boundaries increased to Myalup and Madora Bay
	Local - standard	Penguin Island sand spit to north side Two Rocks Marina
Feb 2016 13/14 Feb	Cervantes	Extend boundaries north to include Jurien, Sandy Cape and Green Head
	Local - standard	Penguin Island sand spit to north side Two Rocks Marina
Mar 2016 LWE 5/6/7 Mar	Bluff Creek	Cheynes Beach to rocks east of Bluff Creek. Note AAAWA Rock and Beach has different boundaries.
	Extended local	Extended boundaries Dawesville Cut to Seabird
Apr 2016 16/17 Apr	Cape to Cape (2 showed south)	Augusta to Busselton (south is Margaret River to Augusta)
	Local - standard	Penguin Island sand spit to north side Two Rocks Marina

Note. The Club's Kalbarri house is not currently booked for these dates. Last year the house was reserved but was not used. This could make the Club lose bookings over popular long weekends. The Club's house is free for members to use on Field days, however members who say they will use the house but then don't use it should reimburse the Club. How to handle all this will need to be decided.

Kalbarri Property bookings, Terry Fuller

Succession planning

"Succession planning" is the business buzzword which covers planning to have people ready, willing and able to take over the management. In paid employment, that sometimes means throwing money at recruitment, training, headhunting people, etc.

It's much more difficult in volunteer organisations. The biggest problem faced by many is the lack of volunteers willing to do the work, plus the time and costs of some things which might help.

Then the same people keep working even though they would really like to pass on the jobs, and be free to just enjoy what the club does. They don't do it for the power or prestige or anything like that; they do it because it needs to be done and no one else will do it.

Why do they keep working and not do the planning for someone to take over? Answer: Lack of volunteers to chose from.

How does one get more volunteers? You can't "pressgang" or "shanghai" people to be volunteers.

One thing is for all the members to help build the Club, introduce new members who will or may turn into volunteers, and keep things friendly and cooperative.

The core of the current Committee was elected in December 2009 after 6 of the previous Committee resigned, all saying that despite trying really hard, it was just not possible to work with the remaining 7 of the Committee who were then sacked by the members so that a new full Committee could be elected.

This Committee, with some exceptions as covered elsewhere in this Reel Talk and who have since left, has worked together very well, constructively and cooperatively and achieved a lot for the Club, despite dealing with some very difficult problems. Don't just take my word for it, ask any of the current Committee or ask to come along and see for yourself. The invitation is in every Reel Talk.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Marking of correspondence as Confidential

Copies of the AAAWA President's letter were marked "Confidential, SCAC Committee only" These were the copies that were to be discussed by Committee at the 17 December meeting, but not in isolation because of the misleading content, instead with a lot of explanatory notes and copies of references so that questions could be asked, options considered, and a properly informed decision made.

The "Confidential" marking was done because of suspicions that a committee member was not observing Committee confidentiality. Those suspicions have since been confirmed.

It was never intended that the letter would always remain confidential to committee only, but would be given out with notes as above.

Separate copies had been printed and marked "Confidential, SCAC members only" and brought along to the January General meeting to be handed out to the members if that had been decided when the members were to be asked to decide whether or not to confirm the Committee's recommended decision. The President has sighted copies in the folder I took to the meeting.

A website page had been produced with a copy of this letter and lots of information.



Screenshot of web page with information on this topic.

The link would have been given out at the January General meeting and then activated.

Confidentiality of some things for some time period is essential for effective operation of every Committee and for some Club business. This is particularly so when things are being misrepresented in the AAAWA minutes and misused as happened at the January Delegates meeting where unauthorised copies of information for Club members were distributed to the Delegates, claimed to be included "in error" when challenged.

How can you make multiple copies of some other organisation's document and then include those in folders handed out and say that was done "in error"? Unless they meant an error of judgment, because it was certainly one of those.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Members' access to correspondence

There was a comment at the January General meeting which may have been taken that members' access to correspondence was restricted. Members may ask for copies of correspondence to and from the Club as listed in minutes or lists of correspondence.

Some letters to and from or about members are private and personal and are not usually published or copied by the club for privacy reasons.

The member may do whatever he likes with these letters, including if he wishes, authorising in writing the Club to publish them.

Correspondence such as AAAWA minutes are also available from the AAAWA website or from the AAAWA Secretary.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Why some minutes are not on the AAAWA website

I have advised the Secretary AAAWA that I have not posted the minutes of October Delegates' meeting on to the AAAWA website, because:

In my personal opinion, the presentation of the content of the October Delegates' meeting minutes is malicious, derogatory, personal, provocative and unprofessional, and risks legal action in the current form.

Any person who distributes material, including posting it on a website or sending it by email, has published that material, and then may be held personally liable for any legal consequences from publication there and elsewhere. I am not prepared to expose myself to a risk of legal liability.

I have not posted the minutes of the November meeting for similar reasons. AAAWA minutes can always be obtained from the AAAWA Secretary.

Having already once been the victim of a legal complaint under the Equal Opportunity Act, I have no confidence that anyone can indemnify me against such legal liability or consequences, or say that it will not happen.

Now that the detailed articles have been written for this Reel Talk, I may reconsider about posting the AAAWA minutes.

AAAWA website editor, Terry Fuller

My 121st Reel Talk

I thought I would count how many Reel Talks I have produced, just in case....

September 2001 to July 2006 = 59 editions in that stint.

January 2010 to February 2015 = 62 editions in this stint.

What would be a good number to end with? 121 is a nicely symmetrical number, 125 would be an easy number to remember, 128 has some significance in the computer binary number system, being 2⁷. Numbers after that? Well they are mostly just random forgettable numbers or too far into the future.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Text of AAAWA President's letter

27 November 2014
Surf Casting and Angling Club
Post Office Box 2834,
Malaga W.A. 6944
Dear Surf Casting and Angling Club

SUBJECT: Behaviour of Club Delegates At Association Delegate Council Meetings

The Association is in receipt of a letter of complaint about the behaviour of the Surf Casting and Angling Club at the Delegates Council Meetings held on 16th September and 21st October 2014. The complainant felt that the delegates (George Holman and Terry Fuller as proxy for Ken Howells) make it their agenda to disrupt and derail the normal process of the AAA WA Division business so much that the meeting becomes all about them and their personal grievances with AAAWA. **Note 1**

The consequence of their churlish and recalcitrant behaviour has disrupted the smooth running and real business of the AAAWA so much so that it has now reached a point where many delegates no longer attend meetings. Member clubs have also indicated that as a result of the behaviour of these individuals that they are considering leaving the Association as they see no future in it while this behaviour continues. **Note 2**

The meeting felt that the SCAC needed to be made aware that the Delegates Council have tolerated their exceptionally poor conduct and bad behaviour for an overly long time and have had enough. As a result of the letter being received and being read to all Delegates attending the November Delegates Council meeting, it was resolved that the Association write to the Club and request that they replace their current delegates with proper and fair minded members of the SCAC that will represent the interests of the SCAC. **Note 3**

Also contained within the letter was a motion that was moved that failing to replace the current Delegates with new delegates, notice be given to the Surf Casting and Angling Club that under section 5 (i) of the AAAWA Constitution that it be suspended from membership of the Association for a period of twelve months. **Note 4**

As a move such as this would then preclude club members in participating in any events run by the Association at a State and National level it would be unfair to many members of the club who are possibly not aware of the issues caused by their current delegates at the Delegates Council.

It is therefore recommended that the Club take appropriate action to deal with this issue and replace their delegates with persons who will represent the club in a fair and appropriate manner. **Note 3**

Yours Sincerely,

Signed John Curtis President, AAA (W A Division) Inc

End of AAAWA letter.

Notes added by Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Note 1. Says "make it their agenda to disrupt and derail the normal process of the AAA W A Division business so much that the meeting becomes all about them and their personal grievances with AAAWA." See articles covering the September and October meetings.

No evidence has been presented about the allegations in the AAAWA letter or POBAC letter. Words like "felt that" "opinion" "make it their agenda to disrupt and derail the normal process of the AAA WA Division business so much that the meeting becomes all about them and their personal grievances with AAAWA." "Member clubs have also indicated that as a result of the behaviour of these individuals...." are not evidence.

Note 2 I don't recall any resolution to write to SCAC. The minutes do not record any formal motion or vote, and merely say "the ensuing discussion resolved that the Association should write to the club..." I believe that is not correct, and anyway proper treatment of such an important point should have had a formal motion, a seconder and a vote and that should have been recorded.

Note 3 Complaint in the POBAC letter was only against 2 people not 3. There was no complaint about Ken Howells, and there is absolutely no reason for replacing Ken. Yet the President's letter demands the "replacement of the delegates" who are currently George Holman and Ken Howells. Terry Fuller is not a permanent nominated proxy delegate. He is the elected AAAWA website editor, which is completely separate position.

Terry Fuller absolutely rejects the allegations against him of "churlish and recalcitrant behaviour" and "exceptionally poor conduct and bad behaviour." Those allegations are trying to deflect attention from the real source of problems in AAAWA.

Note 4 The President's letter says "Also contained within the letter was a motion that was moved...." This statement is misleading. The minutes do not record any motion being moved, but instead say "there is a notice of motion contained within the letter". The words "Notice of motion" have specific meanings and specific requirements as set out in the Constitution, and these requirements have not yet been met. At best this could be expressed as an "intention to move a motion"

Extract from AAAWA Constitution

Section 5 (i) Any Affiliated Association that in the opinion of a majority of the Delegates Council shall have infringed these rules or any by-laws or regulations of The Association shall be liable to disqualification, suspension or expulsion from membership of The Association as the Delegates Council may determine by a majority of two thirds of the Delegates present and voting at a meeting of the Delegates Council provided that the Affiliated Association in respect of which such opinion shall have been formed has been given not less than 14 days written notice of the intention of the Delegates Council meeting to vote on the question of the disqualification, suspension or expulsion of such Affiliated Association and such notice shall contain or show the reason for the said opinion having been formed and invite the said Affiliated Association to make submissions at the said meeting.

Application of this Section would need evidence of infringement of some specific rules, by-laws or regulations.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Contents of this February Reel Talk

I am well aware that this edition has a lot of content and that it is not as well cross referenced as I normally do, and some articles could have been split or combined or placed in a better order. Also some parts use a mixed format for the wordings, eg using "Terry" in some places and "I" in others, and has mixed past and present tenses.

Although I have spent a great deal of time on this, there may also be some typos and mistakes, more things that should have been included to explain some parts, and some wording which may be able to read in more than one way, including with meanings that I do not intend. I have not had time to find all these and correct or reword them if that would prevent or reduce any possible misunderstandings.

As some of you know, I have good computer and analytical skills and keep very good records. Although I have not kept recent records for AAAWA to the same extent that I did in the past and still do for the Club, most of what is printed in here is covered by some records.

But please recognise this has all been done under time pressure, and should really have been given a lot, lot more time.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Common sense

Common sense would mean that we would not have to answer all the allegations and comments that have been made, certainly not in all these details, and again bore members.

But some people seem to want to disrupt and destroy the Surfcasters Club and will take and manipulate any opportunity to do that, so it is important that Club members have alternative and detailed explanations <u>and use them</u> in making any decision.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Kalbarri House for rent

The Club owns a house in Kalbarri which is ideal for a fishing holiday in the area. Access to the famous fishing spots at Wagoe, Lucky Bay, Port Gregory, etc is just a short drive away via the main bitumen road.

The Mallard Street house has easy access to the river, beaches and town. It has two reverse cycle air conditioners to keep you cool in the summer months and warm in winter. It has two bedrooms and will sleep up to eight (max) in 1 queen sized bed and 3 commercial grade 2 level bunks. The bathroom and shower were rebuilt in 2012.

Users need to bring their own linen, blankets and towels, tea towels, etc. It has a high definition LCD television, DVD/VCR, stove, oven, microwave, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, washing machine, food fridge/freezer and an extra chest freezer for bait and fish.

Outside has a built in gas barbecue, a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. There is plenty of fenced parking space for cars, trailers and boats behind a gate. Pets may be allowed by prior arrangement but must stay outside the house. Rates are:

Off season Short term (min 2 nights) \$100 per night \$100 bond On season Short term (min 2 nights) \$120 per night \$100 bond

Weekly rates 6 times daily rate as above

Surf Casting and Angling Club members

Off season \$200 per week On season \$300 per week } \$100 deposit/bond Short term \$60 one night \$50 per night (two or more nights) } plus \$70 cleaning

Winter/early spring discount special. A discount of 20% on the rates applies for all public bookings for stays during the months of July, August and September.

Members of clubs affiliated with the Australian Anglers Association WA Division, and friends of members of the Surf Casting and Angling Club receive a **20% discount** on the normal public rates.

See inside the latest Reel Talk for dates already booked. Contact **Terry Fuller 9447 4545** for more details and for bookings, location of keys etc, or email the Club surfcast@iinet.net.au Check in time is 2pm. Check out time is 10am. There are 20 photos on the Club website www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/KalbarriHouse.html

If any work needs to be done in, on or around the house, please contact the Club for approval.

Terry Fuller, Property Booking











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