



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 16 November 2023 at 4.30pm
Boating Industry Association (WA), Members Area
1 Camfield Drive, Burswood

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Acceptance of minutes of 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM)
4. Presentation of Annual Report and Financial Statements
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 - 5.1 Elected Directors
6. Close formal part of AGM

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 15th November 2022
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1. **Welcome**

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 4.30 pm and welcomed members. He acknowledged those Board members present and Recfishwest staff.

Members Present:

Pat Shinnick	Bert Rowland
John McCall	John Cramer
John Devitt	Frank Prokop
Anthony Elbers	Stuart Bowman

Board Members:

Liam Surridge, Chair	Geoff Ellis, Deputy Chair
Simon McLernon, Director	Emma George, Director
Ian Sampson, Director	Christine Lovitt, Director

Recfishwest Staff:

Dr Andrew Rowland, CEO	Leyland Campbell
Tim Grose	Vanessa Abbott
Matt Gillett	Ben Carlish
John Dempsey	Sam Russell
Danielle Hartshorn	Eligh Quigley
Jarrad Lawford	Liz Haugg

Non-Members Present:

Bridie McCall

2. **Apologies**

Dr Dean Thorburn, Director	Jeff Cooper, Director
George Holman	Alan Guthrie
Craig Snashall	Mike Donnelly
Tracey Rushford	Ross Newton

Dick Pasfield
Simon Breen
Terry McCarthy
Trevor Gardiner

David Whinwray
Bill McPherson
Kathy McCarthy
Paul Longo

3. **Acceptance of Minutes of 2021 Annual General Meeting**

The Chairman called for acceptance of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 9th November 2021.

Proposed Resolution: “that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 9th November 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings”.

Moved: Simon Mclernon
Resolution passed.

Seconded: Geoff Ellis

4. **Presentation of Annual Report and Financial Statements**

Members were directed toward a copy of the Recfishwest 2021/22 Annual Report, which includes the Audited Financial Report. The Annual Report was given on arrival.

The Chief Executive Officer delivered his report on the operations of Recfishwest over the past twelve months.

The Chief Executive Officer reported on Recfishwest's financial position, referring members to the audited financial statements, as presented by In Focus Accounting Pty Ltd who provided auditing services to Recfishwest this year.

The Chief Executive Officer advised a surplus for the 2021/2022 year had been achieved.

The Chairman advised it had been both a good and challenging year. He said it is important not to be distracted from Recfishwest’s primary purpose. He advised a small surplus of \$25,000 had been achieved and there is still a healthy retained surplus in the balance sheet.

Some of the retained surplus has been used for the West Coast Demersal Scalefish issue.

Members asked for comments and questions regarding the Annual Report including the Financial Statements and Auditor’s Report.

Frank Prokop advised it is the 25th AGM since the incorporation of Recfishwest as an association. He said Recfishwest has achieved a lot in 25 years.

4.1 Acceptance of Annual Report and Financial Statements

Proposed Resolution: “that the Financial Statements for the financial year ending 30th June 2022 tabled at the annual general meeting be accepted”.

Moved: Frank Prokop
Resolution Passed.

Seconded: Emma George

The CEO gave a presentation regarding the annual report.

Achievements of note:

- WA Recreational Fishing Development Plan - is owned by our sector and does have the support of the Minister for Fisheries and the State Government.
- Lake Kununurra Stocking Program and the Kununurra Barra Bash - the Apex Barra Bash is now one of the biggest fishing events in WA.
- Woodman Point Ammo Jetty - Recfishwest and Fishability worked with the Department of Transport to design a new inclusive jetty.
- Herring Bag Limit Changes
There were 4,000 respondents in the Recfishwest survey and the advice to the Minister was accepted and the new daily bag limit for Herring is now 20 fish per person.
- The CEO advised that the West Coast Demersal Scalefish issue has taken a huge effort and time. The CEO thanked the expert working group and noted Pat Shinnick's presence at the AGM.
- Communications work. Recfishwest have been growing the horsepower to communicate with members and the wider community. The Broadcast newsletter now goes out to 140,000 people with an open rate much higher than the industry average.

Challenges in the last year:

- Marine Park
The Government is looking to extend the new South Coast Marine Park from Bremer Bay to the SA boarder. Recfishwest has been advised the draft management plans and zoning maps are planned for release in March/April 2023. The expanded Marmion Marine Park is also progressing for release of Draft plans in 2023. Recfishwest is currently working on this through the stakeholder advisory processes to ensure areas of high importance to our sector are recognised in final designs and that impacts on fishing are minimised.
- Westport
Recfishwest have given significant and serious input into the project science plan in an effort have our key concerns and questions are answered.

- Aquatic Resources Management Act 2016
The new Fisheries Act has faced ongoing delays in implementation. Recfishwest continues to work closely with the Department providing input to support recfishing interests as the Act progresses.
- Offshore Wind Energy
Copenhagen Energy are looking to build wind farms in various areas in the state. The Commonwealth regulatory environment does not appear to be keeping up with the rate of interest and progress. Many uncertainties and concerns exist in relation to impacts on fish, habitat, and access. Recfishwest are working with the regulator regarding any potential exclusion zones as fishing should be 100% compatible with wind farms.

The CEO invited questions regarding the Recfishwest activities throughout the year.

Frank Prokop thanked Recfishwest for their efforts on the West Coast Demersal Scalefish issue. He referred to the Carnarvon Jetty and advised funding allocated by the government is not commensurate to the value of the jetty as a community asset. He fears another feasibility study that will go nowhere.

The CEO advised modernising aging infrastructure is important. It needs to be replaced. If there was a feasibility study being carried out, Recfishwest haven't been engaged.

The CEO advised Recfishwest have been waiting on the National Recreational Fishing Survey. It will be released in the first quarter of 2023. The survey shows the benefits of recreational fishing many of which cannot be replaced by other activities. The value of fishing will be underlined (economic and social) and there is a need for government investment in infrastructure such as jetties.

Proposed Resolution: "that the Annual Report tabled at the annual general meeting be accepted".

Moved: Bert Rowland
Resolution Passed.

Seconded: Christine Lovitt

4.2 Appointment of Auditor

The Recfishwest Board has recommended that Recfishwest retain the services of independent auditor In Focus Accounting Pty Ltd.

Proposed Resolution: "that In Focus Accounting Pty Ltd are appointed as Recfishwest's Auditor for the next twelve months".

Moved: Geoff Ellis
Resolution passed.

Seconded: Simon McLernon

5. **General Business**

5.1 Elected Directors

The Chairman advised that there were three Director vacancies for two-year terms.

The Chairman acknowledged the Director nominees; Dr Dean Thorburn, Simon McLernon and Ian Sampson. The number of director nominations equalled the number of director vacancies to be filled. In accordance with Section 9.9 of the Recfishwest Constitution the director nominations received will be deemed to be elected with effect from the conclusion of the AGM. The three directors deemed to be elected, incumbent directors Dean Thorburn, Simon McLernon and Ian Sampson, will hold office for a term of two years.

Proposed Resolution: “that the three directors deemed to be elected, Dean Thorburn, Simon McLernon and Ian Sampson, will hold office for a term of two years”.

Moved: Emma George
Resolution Passed.

Seconded: Bert Rowland

The Chairman congratulated and welcomed the returning Directors:

Dr Dean Thorburn – 2 year term.
Simon McLernon – 2 year term.
Ian Sampson – 2 year term.

6. **Close Formal Part of Annual General Meeting**

The Chairman thanked and congratulated the Board and staff of Recfishwest for their efforts over the past year. He acknowledged the amount of time spent on the West Coast Demersal Scalefish issue and said the team had been challenged. He thanked them for the continued effort in this regard.

He made particular mention of the outgoing appointed director Jeff Cooper and thanked him for his substantial contribution to Recfishwest since 2016.

Members asked for comments and questions. No questions were asked.

The Chairman declared the formal part of the meeting closed and thanked all the members for attending and invited them for refreshments at the bar.

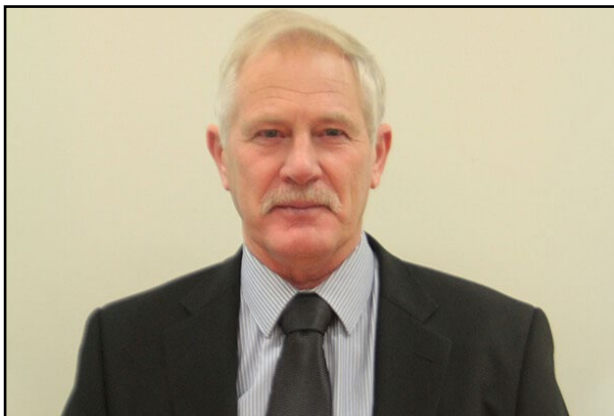
Meeting closed: 5.20 pm



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2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - DIRECTORS DEEMED ELECTED

Following is background information on the Candidates deemed elected as DIRECTORS to the Recfishwest Board of Management at the conclusion of the 2023 Annual General Meeting. The following information has been supplied by the candidates:



GEOFF ELLIS

Geoff has been in the boating industry for over 40 years and has been a business owner of a successful boat sales business. His work in this industry has allowed Geoff the time to interact with both recreational and commercial fishers, WA government and non-for-profit organisations.

Geoff has participated in a number of associations including the Boating Industry of WA, for which he is was a past president. Geoff currently represents Recfishwest on the Recreational Boating Facilities Scheme.

Being a keen diver and fisher, Geoff has a good understanding of the WA marine environment and seasonal variations along our coast. Geoff has also travelled much of the West Australian coastline for over 30 years and has an understanding of what issues are important to regional fishing communities. Geoff enjoys all kinds of fishing and targets most demersal species, crayfish, crabs, prawns, squid as well as bread and butter species such as whiting and herring.

Geoff has a comprehensive understanding of Recfishwest financial and budgeting responsibilities to successfully support the association's current and future strategies.

LIAM SURRIDGE

Liam is the current Recfishwest Chairman and is a passionate fresh and saltwater fisherman. He is an active member of the Saltwater Flyrodder's of Western Australia of which he is the Treasurer. He is also the treasurer and one of the founding members of the West Australian chapter of the Australian Trout Foundation and a member of the WA Trout and Freshwater Angling Association.

When not fishing, he occupies a role in senior management (CFO & Company Secretary) in a



commercial property development firm. Liam has a passion for recreational fishing, particularly fresh and saltwater flyfishing and lure and bait fishing. He is strongly committed to see this important recreational activity sustainably developed.

Through his education, training and practical application, Liam developed strong financial and management expertise and experience in business and not for profit sectors. He is skilled at negotiating and reaching outcomes favourable to all stakeholders. Liam has broad-based experience and a solid track record of involvement within the recreational fishing industry and am enthusiastic to furthering Recfishwest' s objectives.
