



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY of AMATEUR HERPETOLOGISTS (Inc)
(Member of the Australasian Affiliation of Herpetological Societies)
9 Birch Place, STONEVILLE WA 6081

SPECIAL NOTE

12 August 2004

Minutes of Meeting: 11 July 2004

- Meeting convened at 3.15 pm in Forster Hall, Cloverdale
- 23 people in attendance
- Apologies received from Robert Browne-Cooper and Brad Maryan

Brian Bush explained, now a herpetofauna-keeping system was installed in Western Australia, the current executive was overwhelmed with work commitments and generally burnt out after years at the helm. He suggested, for WASAH to continue it needed fresh people to stand up and take control.

A general discussion commenced then with a unanimous belief that WASAH continue - now that a keeping system was in place, it was most important that participants have the opportunity to source information, assistance and support from a central body (WASA). Simon Ball queried as to which direction WASAH was to go. Sue Chipchase recommended WASAH become a keepers' club. SB also suggested the expanding of the current number of committee personnel to allow a greater dispersal of the workload. BB defined the three groups of specific interest the new executive should include representatives from as:

1. Keepers
2. Takers/Farmers
3. Dealers

WASA would probably require some changes to the constitution to reflect the shift away from primarily being a lobby group and may also need a new name. BB mentioned that CALM/WASA Liaison Subcommittee member, Mike Lynch, had already done some work drafting required changes to this.

SB recommended a post office mailbox to give Brad Maryan's letterbox a break.

In summary, the meeting decided that:

- WASA is to continue as an incorporation.
- WASA will have a post office box as an address.
- A WASA website was suggested to allow on-line discussion, exchange of husbandry information, etc.
- Membership fees are to remain at \$20.00 (or possibly \$25.00) per year and can only be paid for one year, not multiple years in advance.
- Membership application forms will be distributed in pet shops and herp supply shops.
- WASA needs a representative on the new CALM committee.
- The following volunteer committee members were selected – Susan Jokovich (jokovich@westnet.com.au), Mike Redmond (redmondclan@inet.net.au), Craig Maher (prestige@inet.net.au), Banshi Shah (banshi_s@yahoo.com.au), Sue Chipchase (sue@petmagic.com.au), David & Bree Bloch (fishnut@optusnet.com.au).

Meeting concluded at 4.50 pm.

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Hello Steering Committee,

Below is the new membership form – if anyone believes there should be additional information included, get back to me.

I reckon we go with the \$20.00 membership fee. If they want to include *Herpetofauna* as part of their package then it is an additional \$15.00 (Total \$35.00).

We also need someone to volunteer as a **correspondence secretary** – if you are interested get back via e-mail but reply to all so we all know what's going on. If you put your hand up for this, we need to know your choice of post office to arrange the mailbox.

Cheers,

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Membership Form



Address to: The Secretary, WASAH, 9 Birch Place, STONEVILLE WA 6081

I wish to become a member of WASAH and understand that membership entitles me to the Society's newsletter. An annual subscription to the journal of the Australasian Affiliation of Herpetological Societies, *Herpetofauna* is available with the payment of an additional fifteen dollars to your annual membership fee.

Surname (Ms Miss Mrs Mr).....

Given names.....

Postal address.....

Post Code.....

Telephone number (H)..... **(W)**.....

E-mail Address

Please include *Herpetofauna* in my subscription

Remittance enclosed (\$20 or \$35.00)

Date.....

Signature.....

Constitution & rules will be forwarded to you upon joining