

Collingham Angling Association.

Committee Meeting Minutes.

Held at Collingham F.C on 16/04/24

1) Committee;

R.Jones, K.Archer, P.Thomas, W.Holland, W.Sweeney, J.Mante, G.Turner, K.Morton,
R.Ferguson, I.Sparrow, N.Rogers, D.Coupland, P.Kitchen, T.Holland, D.Grice, B.Thurston, J.Jeal.

2) Apologies;

Ky Morton, W.Sweeney, P.Kitchen.

The meeting began with a 1-minute silence for the committee to reflect on the passing of 2 long time members and friends of the club Ian Donaldson and Eddie Coulson.

3) March Meeting / Matters Arising;

All in order and the March minutes, together with the March/April WhatsApp summary, were adopted.

4) AGM / Matters Arising;

a) The idea of creating an honorarium for the club's H+S officer was discussed and all agreed that this was necessary and it was set at £300.

K.Archer is to contact Nigel Hayman to clarify a comment he made at AGM, which unfortunately, no one heard properly.

b) The issue of continuing with free membership to the over 65's (with 10 yrs+ full membership) was looked at and all agreed to give it some reflection over the coming months with the subject being reviewed again prior to AGM 2025. K.Archer highlighted the point that current recipients on average donate approx. £7 each unprompted, so any changes considered need to bear this in mind.

c) Having reviewed the current original waiting list it was noted that there was a good cross section of angling preferences amongst the 49 applicants and it was agreed that K.Archer should post out offers to all of them once the new club books arrive from the printers. Together with the current membership plus a handful of new local members, this should bring the total number of paying members close to the 400 agreed at AGM. The situation is to be reviewed again by the committee after the June 16th closing date.

d) G.Turner to order a new gate to replace the stile at Weir Field car park with D.Grice volunteering to help site it.

e) The AGM minutes were accepted and J.Mante will email copies out to AGM attendees for prompt adoption.

5) Treasurer's Report:

K.Archer presented the report and all is as expected.
Books due back from printers shortly.

6) Match Secretary Reports:

a) Will Sweeney;

In the match secretary's absence, R.Jones reported that the fixture lists are done and W.Holland will post on all relevant platforms.

All agreed with Will's idea that a silver fish net will now be required for club matches at Millenium for the coming months as the new bream (and existing Silvers) are showing well and this will be implemented immediately.

b) Ian Sparrow;

All agreed with Ian that the Dean Isaacs Trophy should be moved from the Upper Witham and will now be used for the Sunday Points River matches.

7) Fisheries Officer's Report:

J.Mante noted that all was in order with routine maintenance on going and that Kingfisher was now ready to be re-bunged and remaining dye added.

The new stock in Swan, and what to do about them, were again discussed and it was decided that a Fyke net would be tried first, with further discussion to follow depending on its success or otherwise.

D.Coupland was given permission to move the relevant carp from Kingfisher to Kestrel at the upcoming charity match in J.M.s absence.

8) Trent:

G.T. updated all on progress on our river stretch maintenance noting that the E.A. are expected in the next 3 weeks clearing the areas that they are responsible for.

P.Kitchen has given the stretch its first cut.

Bank repairs still required and Westfield Lane needs attention, with necessary stone already ordered, awaiting banks to dry a little more. Carlton Ferry Lane awaiting planings work to be carried out by council.

9) Trophy Cabinet:

The Football Club has agreed a site where we can locate a trophy cabinet, R.J. to check insurance and formulate a proposal.

10)AOB:

Request received from club member Dave Elliott to be involved with the shooting/pest control at Millenium. Following lengthy discussion, where several concerns were raised, this was declined, not only on H+S grounds, but also as adding more members to the licence will create problems when the returns are routinely submitted, which the club have encountered in the past. It was also agreed by all that we have sufficient coverage already.

E.A. have requested to survey water quality on the River Fleet.

The club have agreed to use some of its charity monies to sponsor a local child doing a 50-mile bike ride at £5/mile in aid of John Blow Primary School.

R.Ferguson to have another look at offering defib training, dependent on likely take up.

Meeting closed at 21:55.

Next meeting scheduled for 21/05/24.

Work To Be Done;

K.A. to speak to Nigel Hayman.
R.J. to check insurance re. trophy cabinet.
R.F. to bring his Fyke Net to Millenium.
R.F. to look at further defib training.

WhatsApp Summary March - April 2024.

G.T. and Ky have surveyed river, estimate they require 60t stone and 40t plannings.
K.A. to purchase

W.H. has launched the "members-week" booking table for the Weir.

Angling Trust / E.A. offering £6k for anti-predation projects.

New books at the printers.

D.C. reports all sets of scales returned...Reubens fully serviced and good as new,
issues with Fox scales not fully determined.

Notts County Council to spend £400-£500k over the coming months on Carlton Ferry Lane.