

Collingham Angling Association.

Committee Meeting Minutes.

Held at Collingham F.C on 21/05/24

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.

Prior to the start of the meeting the committee took a moment to reflect on the sad passing of club member Jack Kinsella.

3) Matters Arising;

None, and the April minutes were adopted.

4) Correspondence;

Millennium neighbour Joe Nearn has kindly notified the club that he intends to have a private party in his adjacent field this Autumn and that he is happy to provide any necessary extra fencing to maintain our security.

5) Treasurer's Report:

K.A. presented the report and all is as expected. 42 offers of membership have been accepted to date from the 49 letters sent to the old waiting list.

6a) Match Secretary's Report:

W.Sweeney reported that the ongoing Spring league was being well attended and that the new format has been well received.

A gate-end charity match is being organised for August.

P.Thomas reminded all of the importance of maintaining lake space on either Centenary or Willow for general pleasure anglers during the new Sunday knock-ups, which are replacing the traditional Saturday knock-ups on river match weekends. All agreed and W.S. pointed out this was in hand and has always been given consideration.

W.Holland passed on comments from club member Dave Elliott regarding some confusion between match section points and match section payments on Millenium results sheets. The relevant club match secretaries will simply use highlighter pens to clarify the differences on the results sheets.

6b)

I.Sparrow is preparing river match results sheets in readiness for the new season and is in contact with Kenny regarding locating the club weigh slings etc.

7a) Fisheries Officer's Report:

J.Mante asked the committee's permission for him to be able to selectively allow, on a case by case basis, certain members to use keepnets at Spalford to facilitate the stock management program at Millenium. This will maintain the important "no fish moving" rule, yet facilitate the help of club members. Permission was granted.

This program will involve moving a handful of home grown carp, from Swan to Mallard, to feed them pellets, and to monitor their growth with a view to hopefully use them as future replacement stock for Kestrel.

Similarly, carp will be moved as and when appropriate, to Centenary + Willow, as per guidance from the recent fishery survey carried out in January. Also ongoing is the intention to move half a dozen 20lb+ carp from Kingfisher to Kestrel.

In line with the above plans, and again from the recommendations of the survey, it was agreed that various of our lakes will need topping up with feed pellets, and R.Jones is to proceed with getting some ordered. J.Jeal agreed with W.S. that 6mm pellets were best for Centenary and Willow, and J.M. asked for a small quantity of 10mm pellets for the 'larger carp' feeding program.

7b)Trent:

G.Turner reported that P.Kitchen had already cut the river 3 times, that the E.A. had finished their part in clearing the banks and that all the strimming was in hand.

The new gate for the weir field has been delivered and is scheduled to be fitted on June 4th.

Tree to clear on CF20 and some small willows to pull out on the 80's and the old privates - all in hand.

K.Morton and A.Coulson have roadways in hand and it appears there may be better car access where the fence has washed away between pegs 23 + 24.

Some discussion was held over the 'wild area' in the Fish House Field. P.Kitchen felt this would be better cleared although G.T.'s view was that it would be fine left as is.

9) AOB:

P.Thomas asked if the club had any formal agreement with the land agents regarding our access at the Weir Field.

It was noted that the club doesn't and that both parties appear happy with the status quo.

General consensus of the committee was that the dye used in Kingfisher has had an extremely beneficial effect on reducing cormorant activity.

R.Ferguson has muted the concept of advertising signage at Millenium to Whisby Angling to replace the out of date Future Fishing ones and all is in hand.

It was pointed out that new members were unaware of the lake names at Millenium and it was agreed that J.M. will look at sourcing new name plates. Meantime T.Holland is to redesign the match lake maps for the fishing lodge,

B.Thurston queried why I.Sparrow had not received an engraved glass at this year's presentation night when he had the previous year!. R.J. to sort out,

Meeting closed at 21:36.

Next meeting scheduled for 18/06/24.

Work To Be Done;

R.J. to check insurance re trophy cabinet.

Feed pellets to order.

J.M. + T.Holland to look at new signage.

CAA WhatsApp business, May/June 2024.

Scouts planning to come 4th and 11th July, 6.30 thro 8.30pm.

They have asked for donations from members, quite of bit has been given and the club has

agreed to purchase extra top-up equipment out of our charity monies.

Weir field access gate now fitted.

Thank you letter received from parent of the junior cyclist whom the club sponsored out of

our charity monies in aid of Collingham School.

Letter received from quarry, re removal of the conveyor.

New site map for Millenium currently under design by T.Holland.