

Collingham Angling Association.

Committee Meeting Minutes.

Held at Collingham F.C on 16/7/24

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;

K Morton, K.Archer, T.Holland, W.Holland, N.Rogers.

3) Matters Arising;

K.Archer + P.Thomas met up with Tarmac regarding the intended removal of the conveyor stanchions and reported that a new, temporary entrance would be provided whilst the work was carried out and that we may lose a peg for a short while. Work was planned for August but this will now be temporarily delayed.

D.Grice has provided an alternative quotation for the external pointing + painting of the fishing lodge at Millenium, volunteering to do some of the work himself. This quotation was accepted.

It was agreed that the next committee meeting should be primarily taken up with discussing aspects of club membership, in particular regarding membership numbers and third party membership management. P.Kitchen pointed out that the input of K.Morton would be important when discussing the 'new' waiting list.

More stone will be purchased for river access + bank maintenance as and when it is required.

Committee agreed that a new trophy cabinet will be beneficial and R.Jones is to proceed.

June minutes and June/July WhatsApp summary were adopted.

4) Correspondence;

Reply received from Councillor Darby regarding the repair required on Carlton Ferry Lane, stating that the works will be done in the same way as previously carried out and, although scheduled for a July / Aug start, will now be delayed until Autumn.

5) Treasurer's Report:

R.Jones presented the report on K.Archers behalf and all is as expected, also noting that all bar 2 of the new membership books had now been collected.

6) Match Secretary's Report:

All match results available on the relevant WhatsApp groups.

W.Sweeney reported that the Sunday knock-ups were being well attended and that all matches were producing consistent good weights. The bream stocks are showing well and appear to be thriving.

The charity match (in memory of Ian Donaldson) has been organised for Sept with W.Sweeney offering the places to members first, before opening it up more widely if spaces permit. W.Sweeney asked if W.Holland could post the relevant info on the usual members' social media sites, so that all members are aware of the event.

I.Sparrow highlighted that the river had been fishing poorly but was pleased to note that CAA had been victorious over Barnstone recently in the first of the 3 annual matches.

Due to this year's calendar it has only been possible to have 8 rather than the usual 9 Monday night matches and I.Sparrow suggested that counting 6 from 8 results for the points table would be best, and all agreed.

7) Fisheries Officer's Report:

J.Mante noted that all was in order with routine maintenance on going.

Due to the small numbers of unexplained stock deaths J.Mante is temporarily postponing the Swan stock harvest and his feeding regime of Centenary + Willow until mid - late August to allow things to settle down.

R.Ferguson has commenced routine water testing at Millenium and all seems to be within expected parameters for the time of year. J.Jeal pointed out that several other fisheries are experiencing seasonal mortality. R.Ferguson to continue to monitor water quality going forward for the time being.

G.Turner commented on how well the river stretch was looking after P.Kitchen had given it the fourth cut of the year, and all agreed. Strimming is up to date, and ongoing, with a couple of clearing jobs scheduled in for the coming months to create even better access for Winter / high water fishing.

Work is ongoing on The Fleet and Girton Parish Council asked the club if we could cut their section again and, in the interest of community relations, it was agreed that we would.

8) AOB:

R.Jones to discuss junior membership potential with Lincoln Fishing Academy.

R.Jones informed all that some old, precious, semi forgotten trophies had resurfaced and that he was in the process of renovating them.

D.Coupland asked for clarification on book + rig checks etc. and was reassured that all members, on presentation of their own book, were entitled to question the legitimacy of other anglers fishing club waters.

B.Thurston again asked about a trophy owed to I.Sparrow.

J.Jeal asked about the possibility of holding the annual committee match on a weekend rather than a weekday. Too late for this year but will be considered going forward.

W.Holland has posted a link to an online video of anglers fishing river peg 86 with the view of encouraging more temporary memberships.

It was decided that, due to holidays, the August meeting would be cancelled, and that the next meeting will be in Sept, date to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 21:20.

Work To Be Done;

Ongoing;

Millennium site map / club logo graphics, trophy cabinet, Weir Field discussions with Savills, info gathering regarding 3rd party membership renewals.

Latest;

W.Holland to post relevant details of the charity match in aid of Ian Donaldson.

D.Grice to proceed with Fishing Lodge upgrade.

R.Jones to liaise with Lincoln Fishing Academy.

Club WhatsApp business June/July '24

1)Swan harvest in progress, total this year to date as follows;

50 commons at 90lb in Willow.

57 commons at 110lb in Centenary.

10 commons (26lb), 1 mirror at 14lb + 1 mirror at 4,08lb + 4 small mirrors into Mallard.

Retention net purchased to simplify the program.

2)Letter of appreciation received from club member Jamie Kyme on behalf of Saxilby Scouts, thanking the club for both allowing the scouts access to use Millenium and for the kind donations of spare tackle from our membership.

3)Few dead fish noted on C+W, oxygen levels checked and are ok, most likely down to natural post spawning losses. Roger F to monitor levels thro Summer.