

# **Collingham Angling Association.**

## **Committee Meeting Minutes.**

Held at Collingham F.C on 16/10/24

### **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. Archer, W. Sweeney, P.Kitchen, N.Rogers, D.Coupland, B.Thurston, R.Ferguson.

### **3) Matters Arising;**

All agreed how much improved the fishing lodge looks after its recent re-pointing and painting. Work to be finished in the coming days.

R.Jones has formed a sub-committee to pursue the 'Clubmate' project, made up of himself, K.Archer, P.Thomas, K.Morton, W.Holland and T.Holland.

**The minutes were adopted.**

### **4) Correspondence;**

A kind letter from Action Bladder Cancer has been received thanking the club for the donation given following the clubs annual charity matches, together with a Certificate of appreciation, which is to be pinned to the notice board in the fishing lodge.

A nice letter has also been received from Youtube vlogger John Moorhouse thanking the club for allowing him to do some filming on our river stretch. K.Morton noted that temporary memberships had risen, presumably due to the advertisement gained.

### **5) Treasurer's Report:**

R.Jones presented the report on Keiths behalf and all is as expected. The up-to-date electricity bill has been paid and W.Holland is to supply a list of prize monies related to the xmas cheer match.

### **6) Match Secretary's Report:**

All match results available on the relevant WhatsApp groups.

In the event that a Division 2 National should be held on our water in the future, I.Sparrow proposed that the club should offer a team to compete. He also suggested that we should investigate the possibility of becoming affiliated with Worksop A.A. to increase the variety of waters available for river matches.

## **7) Fisheries Officer's Report:**

J.Mante noted that all was in order with routine maintenance on going, and informed all that a work-party was planned for Sun 3rd Nov resulting in Kingfisher being closed for the day, and that his intention is to burn the bonfire heap on Tuesday 5th.

The feeding program at Millenium is now winding down, with just a small quantity of soaked wheat being fed to Kestrel until mid November and that the Swan harvest has slowed to a virtual standstill as the temperatures start to fall.

The 10 off new c6 stock for Kestrel are expected to be delivered from AJS week commencing 21st Oct.

J.M.formally thanked long time member John Shucksmith for his kind donation of numerous scaffolding tubes and pointed out that there may be more available in the coming weeks.

## **8)Trent:**

G.Turner reported that grass cutting etc was complete,with a few problematic trees etc remaining to be cleared as and when conditions allow, meantime K.Morton is closing vehicular access points as, where and when conditions dictate.

I.Sparrow reminded all that there is an ongoing need for all helpers/volunteers to be mindful of working as safely as possible.

K.M. noted that he has discovered 5 dead swans in the last 7 days,which he has duly reported to the E.A., and also commented on the high volume of empty/discarded crab shells strewn along the waterline.

Also highlighted was the repeated high incidence of sewage (or similar) particularly on Sundays!.

## **9) Membership:**

Our Clubmate sub-committee to continue with the program of modernization,with a training meeting planned in the near future.

The main foreseeable problem seems to be the collating of member details, particularly email addresses, in order to create an accurate database.

#### **10) AOB:**

J.M. expressed unease at how odd decisions were being taken outside of the committee arena, without proper discussion and committee agreement.

This then led to a full discussion regarding the financial efficacy of carrying out various 'routine' jobs such as, for example, topping the Millennium Field and clearing the Fish House Field waste ground, in lieu of the fact that the club now runs its machinery on the much more expensive white diesel.

This discussion resulted in the unanimous agreement that the club is, as a statement of fact, legally obliged to use white diesel. It was also, however, unanimously agreed that regardless of this, the club should and will continue to maintain the right and proper upkeep of its grounds and that the Millennium Field should be routinely topped and that the Fish House Field will be cleared during the closed season 2025.

It has been highlighted that a potential problem concerning the delamination of the plastic coated shed roof at Flying Hire may be an issue, the concern being the possibility of some of this detritus blowing into our lakes, especially Mallard and Centenary, risking harm to our fish stocks.

R.Jones to contact Joe at Flying Hire regarding the situation.

W.Holland requested that match results sheets need to be emailed to him on XL spreadsheets by the relevant match secretary on the day.

J.Jeal asked when the knock up matches would re-commence with a view to the harvesting of bream from Kingfisher for Centenary and Willow. This is to be progressed, as is the movement of 10lb+ carp back the other way, as per the clubs stock management program.

It was decided that monthly meetings will be held on Wednesdays going forward in order to allow K.Morton to attend.

**Meeting closed at 21:52.**

**Next meeting scheduled for 20/11/24.**

#### **Work To Be Done;**

Clubmate sub-committee to proceed.

R.Jones to contact Flying Hire.

Match Secretaries to provide W.Holland with match results on XL spreadsheets.

Millennium stock management program to continue as planned.

No whats App messages

