

Collingham Angling Association.

Committee Meeting Minutes.

Held at Collingham F.C on 18/09/24

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, N.Rogers, J.Jeal.

Before the meeting started the committee wished it known that their thoughts were with Keith and Nigel.

3) Matters Arising;

The club offered its thanks to D.Grice for the excellent repointing of the fishing lodge. Painting contractor is scheduled to paint the lodge in the coming days and weeks.

The committee unanimously decided to split the carp charity money raised 50:50 with Action Bladder Cancer and the club's normal charity funds. It was agreed that the constitutional wording (re. charity monies) should be reviewed at AGM.

T.Holland presented the latest version of the Millenium site map he is producing for final tweaking. All agreed how fantastic it looked.

Minutes and WhatsApp summary adopted.

4) Correspondence;

Request received from a temporary member to do some social media filming of the river stretch - agreed.

5) Treasurer's Report:

R.Jones presented the report on behalf of K.Archer and all is as expected.

6) Match Secretary's Reports:

- a) R.Ferguson reported that all was in order and pointed out that preparations were ongoing in readiness for the upcoming Autumn League at Millenium.
- b) I.Sparrow updated all on recent river match results and noted that the fishing on the river has been extremely difficult.

P.Thomas suggested having a close look at tide times, fixture lists, running orders etc when planning next seasons river match program. All agreed.

7) Fisheries Officer's Report:

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

All aerators were now fully serviced and, due to their limited use, should be good for several years.

Latest phase of the ongoing island upgrades on Centenary and Willow completed with both now having been seeded.

Next stage of improvements are planned for early Spring, with the harvest of some excess Flag Iris crowns which are to be transplanted strategically around the Islands.

Up to now we have lost 4 specimen carp from Kestrel this year, mainly thro August, and all, as to be expected, the very old stock.

After having lost several fish from Centenary the final loss was estimated at 100 lb of mainly small mirrors.

8) Trent:

G.Turner noted that all was in order with routine maintenance ongoing.

It was suggested that the remaining small quantity of surplus stone could be used to help at peg 68.

9) Membership:

The majority / remainder of the meeting was spent discussing membership issues.

a) The current waiting list was fully reviewed, as per AGM instruction, as the club moves toward its full 400 paying member targets.

The waiting list currently stands at over 150 and it was decided that the list would remain closed.

It was also noted that there was broad, general consensus across the room that there might be good cause to develop a secondary boundary map going forward to continue the push to maintain the clubs local roots as and when new members are invited to join in the years to come. This is to be considered again at a later date.

b) There was a lengthy discussion on how to modernise the clubs membership renewal process with a view to managing this electronically. It was agreed that a 3rd party system would be much preferred and contact is to be made with Clubmate, who are the countries primary on-line management platform for fisheries and fishing clubs.

Meeting closed at 22:45.

Next meeting scheduled for 15/10/24.

Work To Be Done;

Whats App Summary July - Sept 2024.

Request from Sth Clifton Sports Club for a donation from the charity money kitty toward rabbit fencing for their sports field / football pitch.

Calverton Fish Farm staff advised that it is ok to make Barley Straw Extract in advance and then to store it.

Suspected pollution incident on Trent reported to EA.

Influx of new junior members at the start of school holidays, bringing the total to 90. Has been suggested the club offered some form of training.

Annual algal blooms reported. All lakes regularly tested by R. Ferguson with nothing particularly unexpected reported.

Feeding program and Swan harvest put on hold until Sept.

Thank you letter received from Girton Parish Council for the club cutting their grass.

It has been noted that anglers have been seen fishing from boats in the weir. This has been reported.

Suggestion made by K. Archer that some of the carp charity monies raised could be shared with the monies raised by the match anglers for Action Bladder Cancer (on behalf of Donno). J.Mante put this to those involved and all agreed to go with the committee's final decision.

This year's charity matches raised a combined massive total of £1578 - £682 from carp anglers and £896 from match anglers.

T. Holland updated all on his progress re. the new site map for Millenium and all agreed it is looking great.