

Collingham Angling Association.

Committee Meeting Minutes.

Held at Collingham F.C on 20/11/24

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, N.Rogers, W.Sweeney, R.Ferguson, J.Jeal, B.Thurston

3) Matters Arising;

J.Mante led the committee in thanking Honorary Vice President C. Baldwin for cutting the Millenium Field. Great job.

A large work party completed numerous tasks around Kingfisher together with a complete Swan upgrade. The club thanks all involved, in particular M.Turner and P.Richardson for providing and operating their own plant equipment.

10 off c6s arrived and were successfully introduced into Kestrel.

The minutes were adopted.

4) Correspondence:

Request received from UK Barbel Masters, who run river matches around the country, wishing to hold an appropriately supervised junior match on the club's stretch. Committee agreed this should be treated as a normal external match booking.

5) Treasurer's Report:

R.Jones presented the report in K.Archers absence and all is as expected.

6) Match Secretary's Report:

All match results available on the relevant WhatsApp groups.

I.Sparrow reported a great result against Grantham and noted that the odd river knockups had been successful both above the weir and on the fleet.

7) Fisheries Officer's Report:

J.Mante noted that all was in order and highlighted there was a need for a load of fine-graded planings to be purchased for Millenium. This is to be revisited in the new year.

J.M. thanked P.Kitchen for the localised repairs he carried out on the club tractor.

Following on from several conversations with P.Kitchen, J.Mante suggested that the ride-on mower would not only benefit from a full service but also with a new set of blades and, following on from advice from P.K., it was agreed that a new set of flails for the river mower were also required. P.K. to proceed with costings.

There has been a couple of incidences of litter at millennium of late and this is to be monitored closely.

J.Mante asked the committee's permission to stock some rod caught perch into coot, to open up a small number of swims and to allow fishing on it, all agreed.

8) Trent:

G.Turner informed all that he has opened up 3 extra pegs on the fleet, and I.Sparrow suggested that a total of 20 will be sufficient going forward.

There is also a small amount of tree work to be done at the Fleet and G.Turner is to liaise with P.Thomas.

K.Morton is to continue with restricting access at the Trent as and when conditions dictate.

It was highlighted that Dean Macey has been fishing at the river again, even though he is banned from club waters. R.Jones to contact his sponsors (Mainline) to address this.

9) Club Mate:

The move towards using Club Mate is pushing forward with email collection progressing well, albeit more slowly than might have been hoped. T.Holland is proceeding with the re-design of the club logo, which will then feature on the new membership cards, and it was agreed that the new cards should also feature emergency contact details together with relevant What-3-Words location aids, for strategic points on club waters, to aid any potential emergency services requirements.

There was also discussion relating to the idea of charging OAPs going forward.

10) AOB.

R.Jones is to contact Lincoln Academy regarding the possibility of them liaising with our club juniors to offer a taster session at Millenium.

G.Turner asked for clarification on the current situation with the waiting list and it was noted that it remains closed.

P.Kitchen requested more clarity on club expenditure, in particular the more day to day running costs, and suggested that a limit be set with anything above set limit requiring committee meeting approval. After some discussion it was decided that this would not be practical, although it was agreed that any larger expenses could and should be authorised via the WhatsApp group, and all committee members will be expected to comment prior.

W.Holland pointed out that all the match pegs at Millenium would benefit from front kicker plates, to avoid the risk of anglers slipping forwards. J.M. to action.

R.Ferguson is in the process of formulating a risk assessment in preparation for re-aligning any listing pegs as the weather improves in the new year.

It was decided that committee meetings will be held on a Monday evening going forward in the hope of maximising participation. Obviously this will need further consideration thro June + July when the Monday night matches are running.

No meeting planned in the run up to xmas.

Meeting closed at 22:25.

Next meeting is scheduled for 20/01/25.

Work To Be Done;

1 load (20t?) of fine graded planings to be purchased in the new year.

R.Jones to contact Mainline.

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P.Kitchen to price blades, flails and ride-on mower service.

J.Mante. to look at front kickers.

T.Holland to continue with logo re-design.

G.Turner + P.Thomas to remove problematic Fleet tree.

R.Ferguson to continue with risk assessment.

WhatsApp Summary 20/11/24 - 19/01/25.

3 partially eaten dead carp were recorded over a 2 week period early December in Kestrel. Noticeable that 2 of them seemed to look like Kingfisher stock, tho impossible to be sure. Water tested and was fine, the assumption being that they were extremely old original stock. Field Cam recorded rat, cat, buzzard and mink as responsible for eating the carcasses.

700 lts of Barley Straw Extract (value £1540) has been made and stored, as per EA advice, in readiness for routine water treatment in the coming year.

It has been consistently observed that the addition of dye into Kingfisher to control excess weed has been successful and has had the additional, beneficial side affect of dissuading cormorant activity.

Several communiques have been received from club member H. Langley expressing discontent about rule changes for the upcoming Winter League/ Joe Cox Trophy....to be dealt with as correspondence at the upcoming meeting, although concerns regarding the method of his communications have been mentioned.