# Collingham Angling Association.

Committee Meeting Minutes.
Held at Collingham F.C on 17/02/25

**1) Committee;**
R.Jones, P.Thomas, N.Hayman, 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.

The meeting welcomed club member T.Moate,who had been invited to discuss helping with our junior members.

**2) Apologies;**
N.Rogers.

**3) Matters Arising;**
J.mante reported that he had spoken directly with the manufacturers of aquatic dyes in Leeds and the advice given was to use powder rather than liquid dye. This proves to be not only easier to use but also more cost effective as well and he is to purchase it immediately.

Risk assessment presented by R.Ferguson re sloping pegs on Centenary + Willow…to be actioned as time and conditions allow.

Girton P.C.confirm we are ok to mow their section of The Fleet as we see fit.

K.Morton reported that, having spoken to the relevant landowner, it would not be possible for the club to purchase any land immediately behind pegs 19 - 23 (see Trent report below).

Other tasks either completed or on-going (see Work To Be Done Below).

**The minutes were adopted.**

**4) Correspondence;**
Email received on behalf of K.Clark et al. requesting a stocking of F1 fish for Centenary and Willow with the intention of improving the winter fishing. W.Sweeney presented the case and after lengthy discussion, during which J.Mante reminded all that the periodic replacement of F1 stock had been agreed at committee several times in the past, most recently during the November 2022 meeting, it was agreed that a restocking would be beneficial. W.Sweeney proposed and W.Holland seconded the motion that there should be a maximum spend of £6000 and a minimum fish size of 1 pound per head, this was agreed and J.Mante is to proceed to source and purchase immediately. R.Jones made the point that it may be wise to add another 'local gun' on to the cormorant license at this point.

Request received from D.Breslin to be able to drive between Centenary and Willow in order to drop gear off at his chosen peg when pleasure fishing, citing ongoing mobility concerns. This request was fully considered, noting the topic had been discussed several times in the past, and the final decision of the committee was that allowing this would have the likely potential of causing a variety of problems and issues going forward and that this should not be allowed.

Letter received from specimen angler James Robinson to stand for election as a committee member at the upcoming AGM. Proposed D.Grice, seconded D.Coupland.

**5) Treasurer's Report:**
R.Jones and P.Thomas have been to the bank continuing in the process of changing all banking details in the aftermath of Keiths sad passing.

N.Hayman is moving along with tidying up the accounts in order to get the 2024 year end accounts closed.

J.Jeal has volunteered to shadow N.Hayman going forward with a view to taking on the role of Treasurer in the future.

**6) Match Secretary's Report:**
All match results available on the relevant WhatsApp groups.

W.Sweeney reported that the Winter League was producing fairly poor results with reasonably low attendances.

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W.Sweeney proposed splitting venues for the annual Xmas Cheer match and running the match concurrently at both Millenium and on the river. As the match usually alternates annually between the lakes and river, the trophy will continue to follow this pattern and the relevant Sunday points will be available from the venue where the trophy is fished for in that particular year. The existing budget of £400 will remain in place and be split accordingly. The motion was seconded by R.Ferguson and this was carried.

I.Sparrow has completed the 2025 river fixtures list and will forward to W.Sweeney.

**7) Fisheries Officer's Report:**
J.Mante noted that all was in order with routine maintenance on going.

J.Mante informed all that the painter who was engaged to paint the fishing lodge has been recalled as there is an issue with delamination on the underside of the verandah ceiling.

It was also noted that the timber covering the inspection pit (in shed 2) has rotted and collapsed. The decision was taken for it to be in-filled with the pile of sand we have available.

J.Mante advised all that he intends to introduce the dye into Mallard and Coot as soon as it arrives and that it will be added to Kingfisher as soon as the water level drops sufficiently to replace the bung to hold back the water.

**8) Trent:**
K.Morton highlighted how bad the tarmac section of Westfield Lane had become and R.Jones is to contact the relevant agency to get this sorted.

P.Kitchen is to cut back hedges with the club's hedgecutter wherever necessary.

As the option to purchase a strip of land to improve access behind pegs 19 -23 is not available, G.Turner proposed creating better access directly out of the Weir Field car park, which will involve creating a more gentle ramp/slope and adding a better gate. K.Morton added that he would rebuild the damaged bank, seed it properly and close vehicle access for 12 months with the view that this may allow time for the area to bind together and stabilise properly. All agreed and this will proceed as soon as time and conditions allow.

**9) Clubmate:**
Process of modernization is ongoing.

**10) AGM:**
A discussion was held to determine any recommendations for the AGM.

**11) Juniors:**
Club member Tom Moate, who is a coach with Lincoln Junior Angling Academy and who has all relevant checks and insurances, has agreed to help with the club's junior members as and when possible in the coming weeks and months.

**12) AOB:**
K.Morton suggested that the club should contribute toward K.Archers funeral and it was unanimously agreed we would offer £500 toward the cost of the wake with any leftover being donated to his family's chosen charity.

D.Coupland asked if membership was still open for juniors. It was confirmed that it not only was but that the junior section was live on clubmate.

**Meeting closed at 22:10.**

**Next meeting scheduled for .**

**Work To Be Done;**
Mainline still to be contacted re Dean Macey situation (R.J.).
Mower repairs ongoing (P.K.).
Laptop to be purchased (R.J.).
R.Jones to contact highways/council re Westfield Lane.
Dye to be purchased (J.M.).
F1s to be purchased (J.M.).
On going river bank and access repairs (G.T.+ K.M.).
Sloping pegs on Centenary + Willow to be worked on throughout the coming months (J.M.).