

Collingham Angling Association.

Committee Meeting Minutes.

Held at Collingham F.C19/5/25

1) Committee;

R.Jones, P.Thomas, N.Hayman, W.Holland, J.Mante, W.Sweeney, G.Turner, K.Morton, R.Ferguson, I.Sparrow, D.Coupland, P.Kitchen, T.Holland, D.Grice, B.Thurston, J.Jeal, J.Robinson.

2) Apologies;

W.Holland, W.Sweeney, D.Coupland, D.Grice, B.Thurston, J.Jeal.

3) Matters Arising;

Trophy cabinet ongoing.

R.Jones confirmed our public liability insurance was covered via The Angling Trust and tractor insurance is with the NFU. Any specialist cover required for extra hire machinery to be investigated prior to renewal in November.

R.Jones and P.Thomas to speak with Ashley from Tarmac re.construction of a temporary access ramp whilst the wharf decommissioning is in progress.

Whatsapp business and April minutes were adopted.

4) Correspondence;

Routine bills received.

5) Treasurer's Report:

N.Hayman reported all was in order and as expected, with routine bills having been paid.

N.Hayman is to be put on to the clubs banking mandate to facilitate more efficient access to the accounts.

It was noted that substantial income has come in for the 1a - 4 weir pegs temporary membership bookings and that they were virtually full for the next 2 seasons so, after some discussion, it was decided (proposed P.Thomas, seconded K.Morton, carried by committee) that the price for this will rise to £150 per day for the 2027/2028 season. This is to be effective immediately, although will need to be appropriately ratified at the next AGM.

6) Match Secretary's Report:

All match results available on the relevant WhatsApp groups.

R.Ferguson reported that the Spring League was now drawing to a close and I.Sparrow commented on how well the Fleet and River were looking and congratulated all involved.

P.Thomas reminded all that any matches organised and run must be approved by committee prior to taking place.

7) Fisheries Officer's Report:

J.Mante noted that all was in order with routine maintenance, water treatments and feeding on going.

J.Mante reported that he is continuing to monitor weather conditions (in conjunction with R.Fergusons checking of water oxygen levels) and that the aerators are being used as and when necessary, usually being used on timer for a couple of hours just before dawn when required.

J.Mante commented on how encouraging it was to see so many junior members on the complex and suggested that all members should take a 'softly-softly' approach when tackling issues this may create, especially with the up coming summer holidays approaching, and wondered if further help could be organised to assist T.Moate to ensure that they get the best possible start for their angling future. To be discussed further.

R.Ferguson asked about the plan for renovating the leaning pegs around Centenary and Willow and J.Mante confirmed this was in hand and that once the donated paving slabs had been collected then he would draw up a work party to start on the prioritised pegs.

The intention being this will be sometime early June.

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G.Turner updated all on river maintenance progress; P.Kitchen has mowed everything 3 times, Fish House Field has been cleared and all strimming is virtually up to date.

The bank top (pegs 19-23) has and continues to be capped with topsoil, will be seeded when weather permits and will remain closed for the upcoming season to allow the works to settle and establish.

A tree to be removed on CF4 and the hand mower is required in the next couple of weeks - P.Thomas to assist G.Turner as convenient.

G.Turner informed all of both a dangerous tree creating a blind spot on the sustrans track at the fleet together with some fly tipped aerosol cans, both on Girton P.C. land and has asked R.Jones to contact their chairman.

8) Clubmate:

R.Jones reported that renewals via Clubmate was proceeding very well although it is/has been quite an arduous task and the committee formally thanked all involved for their hard work.

It was highlighted that the partner of the late K.Archer was still receiving unnecessary and upsetting contact from members wishing to renew and it was suggested that if she wished to change her phone number the club would be happy to pay. All agreed.

9)Membership:

A general discussion was held regarding the waiting list and the clubs 'local boundary' with further consideration being necessary.

It was decided that R.Jones and W.Holland shall proceed with inviting the 50 or so applicants, who were approved at a previous meeting, to join the club.

After some discussion relating to the future relevance of offering 'qualifying seniors' annual membership for £10, it was proposed by N.Hayman (sec P.Thomas) that any new members joining post 2025 AGM will be charged 50% of the adult price once they qualify, which by definition, will be 2035 at the earliest. Current qualifying seniors and those who qualify in the interim shall remain being charged £10. This was carried, effective immediately, again to be ratified at the next AGM.

9) AOB:

Club member D.Robinson has asked to run an external match on Willow for Lincoln Vets vs Lincoln Juniors and offered to donate £50. All agreed this was fine and Willow is to be closed on June 7th for this to take place.

J.Mante informed all that neighbours Flying Hire were intending to hold their annual party on 9th Aug.

After some discussion it was decided that (prop. P.Thomas, sec. J.Robinson) that the 2 off 24 hr guest passes for Millenium shall increase to £25 per 24 hour period. Those wishing to bring a guest sunrise to sunset will continue to be charged £10. This was carried, effective immediately, again to be ratified at the next AGM.

P.Kitchen proposed, seconded I.Sparrow, that the committee matches should alternate between lake and river. Carried.

P.Thomas suggested the club donate £50 to the late R.Bakers funeral. All agreed.

J.Robinson highlighted the occasional yet ongoing issue with over-casting amongst the specimen angler community. J.Mante to liaise with relevant committee members (J.Robinson, D.Coupland, D.Grice) to address the situation.

With the move to membership cards rather than club books, together with the influx of both junior and new members, J.Mante is to 'tidy-up' the club rules/bye-laws so as they can be effectively distributed across the membership promptly.

Meeting closed at 22:05.

Next meeting scheduled for 17/06/25.

Work To Be Done;

Trophy cabinet research ongoing.

R.Jones + P.Thomas to contact Tarmac.

R.Jones to contact Girton PC chairman re tree + litter issue.

J.Mante to raise a work party for Centenary and Willow once slabs have been collected, most likely early June.

J.Mante et al to address overcasting issues.

J.Mante to re-write the clubs bye-laws.

