

Collingham Angling Association.

Committee Meeting Minutes.

Held at Collingham F.C 17/6/25

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;

D.Coupland, W.Sweeney, N.Hayman, T.Holland.

3) Matters Arising;

All in order with R.Jones and P.Thomas to meet Tarmac next week re conveyor removal.

May minutes were adopted.

4) Correspondence;

Letter received from member S.Jessop raising health concerns over the goose faeces at Millenium. The committee confirmed steps were being looked at to attempt to address the situation in the new year. Meanwhile it was highlighted that all members needed to be mindful of their own personal health and hygiene situation and to act as appropriately as they see fit.

Water + electric bill received and paid. R.Jones informed all that these were now in his name and that direct debits had been set up for future convenience.

Angling trust subscription has also been received and paid and it was noted the fee had increased due to the club's expansion.

It was reported that the late Keith's partner was still receiving unwanted contact from members unaware of his passing and the committee are working hard to stop this.

Application letter to join the club received from a fishing coach living outside our boundary. R.Jones to contact him and see if he can be of service to our club re.our junior members (see below).

5) Treasurer's Report:

R.Jones reported all was in order and everything was as to be expected, with the club, having now received the bulk of membership renewals, being in a very healthy position.

6) Match Secretary's Report:

All match results, fixtures and fixture updates available on the relevant social media platforms.

I.Sparrow commented on how everyone was looking forward to the new river season.

The cormorant problem on the river has been reported to the Angling Trust and it seems that there are behind the scenes discussions within the organisation suggesting that the authorities are eventually becoming aware of the damage to our river eco systems being done by the predators.

R.Ferguson informed all that this year's committee match is confirmed for 16th August at Hayfield - Adams Lake.

7a) Fisheries Officer's Report:

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

J.Mante formally thanked all who attended the recent work party on Centenary + Willow, which rectified dangerous pegs and involved the latest phase of the island upgrades including the transplanting of flag irises around the margins.

It was noted that there is a potentially problematic occurrence of pond weed in Centenary and it was decided that Centenary and Willow will be dyed next Spring with a view to controlling it, with the added potential benefit of dissuading cormorant activity, which as R.Ferguson mentioned, was slowly on the rise again with an increase of immature birds.

J.Mante proposed, seconded by J.Robinson, that 10 off c6 carp should be purchased to continue raising the stocking level of Kestrel. Carried. J.M. to proceed with sourcing (liaising with D.Coupland, D.Grice + J.Robinson) and purchase.

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This then led to a more broader, general conversation resulting in....

1) W.Holland proposing (J.Mante sec) that Centenary and Willow should be netted again to both remove unwanted biomass and harvest the larger carp for Kingfisher. Carried. J.Mante to organise with AJS.

2) J.Jeal proposed (sec W.Holland) that stock bream should be purchased for Centenary + Willow to offer better match fishing and, as J.Mante pointed out, to protect the stocking balance of Kingfisher. Carried. J.Mante to source and obtain prices for fish of 1lb minimum weight.

3) It was agreed that an in-house attempt to net Swan will take place to harvest home grown stock to continue the ongoing stock replenishments of the lakes and it was also agreed that several knock up matches need to happen on Swan for the same reason.

b)River:

G.Turner confirmed all mowing and strimming was up to date on the river and thanked all who helped.

G.Turner highlighted several excessively steep pegs on the river and all agreed these should have steps created - notably peg 40 and CF 1,16,28 and 29.

The club were informed that Notts Wildlife Trust have set a mink trap at The Fleet.

8) Membership + Clubmate:

R.Jones confirmed that the vast majority of members had renewed, with only a small handful remaining, and that we had accepted 55 new members. W.Holland suggested that the clubmate renewal availability should be closed on 31st July and all agreed.

Currently we have 650 active members consisting of 332 existing full adult members, 55 new adult members, 128 qualifying seniors, 27 committee + life memberships, 17 intermediates and 101 juniors.

9) Juniors:

There was then a full discussion regarding junior members and although everyone welcomed the surge in junior memberships, several issues were raised, most notably by the specimen angling community, who have experienced litter, disruption, disturbance and mildly inappropriate behavior. The committee takes this seriously and steps are being taken. Current byelaws (rules) are being circulated as widely as possible, B.Thurston suggested that the committee could rotate bailiffing duties if necessary and P.Kitchen reminded all that it was every member's duty to act as a bailiff as and when required - all agreed. The situation continues to be monitored.

Member / qualified coach T.Moate is happy to help and R.Jones confirmed Tom is to organise a date or 2 for some basic guidance + training during the school holidays. It was also suggested that Tom could set up a junior Whatsapp group to keep close contact with them and P.Kitchen pointed out that it would be sensible if all committee members were placed on the group too, so as to monitor its activity - all agreed.

In lieu of this it was agreed to cap the junior membership number at 100.

9) AOB:

R.Ferguson passed on the thanks given by Saxilby Scout Group for the use of Willow.

K.Morton suggested having club merchandise available on the Clubmate app.
G.Turner and B.Thurston to speak to various suppliers.

Meeting closed at 22:00.

Next meeting scheduled for 15/7/25.

Work To Be Done;

Trophy cabinet ongoing.

J.Mante to;

Source + purchase 10 x c6 carp,

Source and price stock bream,

Book AJS to net Centenary + Willow

R.Jones to ;

Discuss junior WhatsApp group with T.Moate,

Contact the new member applicant who is a fishing coach.

W.Holland to;

Cap junior membership at 100,

Close membership renewals on 31/7/25.

G.Turner + B.Thurston to source club merchandise.

Match team to organise knock-ups on Swan.

WhatsApp Summary June/July 2025.

Some conversations had re junior members to be discussed further.

General rule signage suggested for Millenium - approved and done. Link to the full set of rules has been sent via Clubmate to all active members.

2 front tractor tyres needed, approved, done.

Algae outbreak noted on Kestrel, R.Ferguson testing O2 levels regularly across the complex, all are acceptable. Aerators being used as and when required on Centenary + Willow. J.Mante and P.Kitchen have the mobile generator prepped in case it's required.

W.Sweeney asked if river results could be posted on the main match WhatsApp group. Agreed.

4 new match weigh buckets required for the river. Approved, done.

R.Ferguson noted the national results for the Big Farmland Bird Count, which the club participated in, were available on-line.