

Collingham Angling Association.

Committee Meeting Minutes.

Held at Collingham F.C 15/7/25

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, J.Robinson, W.Holland, I.Sparrow.

3) Matters Arising;

2 days netting for Centenary and Willow booked for Feb 2026 with AJS, may be a possibility to carry out the work in December should they get a cancellation.

J.Mante reported that advice has been given that it may be an idea to purchase C5 stock carp (17 - 19lb) for Kestrel rather than the usual C6 (21-25lb) age cohort. This not only gives more head of fish per £1 spent but equally as importantly can encourage all stock to feed better....Committee agreed to purchase 17 off C5 stock at an average of 18lb.

Also suggested was a preference for trying a different strain to 'mix things up a bit'. Preferred source to be from Fishers Pond, Hampshire....agreed.

Bream (for Autumn/Winter 2025) and F1's (for 2026), with a minimum weight of 1lb have been sourced, also from Fishers Pond, and they confirmed that their available bream may be closer to 2lb....Committee agreed to purchase 300lb of bream at an average weight of 1.5lb/head and 450lb of F1s at a minimum of 1lb/head.

W.Holland has closed new membership applications for juniors.

G.Turner informed all of merchandise sizings and prices for T shirts and polo shirts and W.Sweeney suggested hoodies may be popular too....all agreed. G.Turner to proceed with sending the club logo to the manufacturers.

The minutes were adopted.

4) Correspondence;

Annual membership literature received from the Angling Trust, including our public liability insurance.

Electric bill received.

The family of the late Keith Archer have asked if his ashes could be spread at Kestrel. In lieu of Keith's 50 years as a dedicated servant of the club it was unanimously agreed that, as a mark of respect, J.Mante would close Kestrel for a couple of hours on Saturday 26th July to allow the family a moment of privacy. It was also agreed that a small area of ground would be set aside for any memorial plantings or plaques in memory of members whom we lose going forward.

5) Treasurer's Report:

N.Hayman reported all was in order and as to be expected. Some urgency was noted in organising access to the club bank accounts for Nigel.

K.Morton received a paying-in book to facilitate his paying in cash taken from temporary memberships and guest passes.

6) Match Secretary's Report:

All match results available on the relevant WhatsApp groups.

W.Sweeney highlighted good match attendances at Millenium with several new members attending.

W.Sweeney is collating numbers expected for the Tomlinson Trophy away day, to be held at Hayfield.

P.Thomas observed that the river matches were producing exceptionally poor catch rates.

7) Fisheries Officer's Report:

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

The next phase of Island upgrade will take place Friday 18th July. A work party has been called.

J.Mante asked if the tractor could be available, river grass cutting permitting, on the evening of Wed 30th July to finalise the recent Swan bank upgrade.

J.Mante reported that the historic power steering oil leak on the ride-on-mower had returned, worse than before. P.Kitchen has agreed to have a look. Similarly we have 2 old mowers and P.Kitchen is to repair either one or other of them.

All agreed that P.Kitchen could proceed with the purchase of whatever parts were required as he sees fit.

G.Turner reported all routine maintenance on the river was ongoing and noted that P.Kitchen had cut access steps into several steep banks on the CF stretch.

8) Membership:

Annual renewals are about complete, cut off date 31/7/25 and R.Jones confirmed we currently have 336 adult renewals, 130 qualifying seniors, 106 juniors, 17 intermediates, 7 life members, 20 committee/complimentaries and 60 new members.

9) New Members:

A couple of requests to join the club have been received and after some debate it was confirmed that the waiting list is still currently closed.

R.Jones confirmed that the existing waiting list, as received from the late K.Archers records, is now empty.

It was decided that the club 'local membership boundary' will be looked at at the next meeting and a decision will be taken on the clubs new membership protocols then.

10) AOB:

A conversation was held regarding the club's junior members and several points were highlighted;

Club member T.Vernals has expressed an interest in becoming a coach and the club are happy to assist in any way possible. Similarly several members have offered to help with bankside guidance and it was agreed that other members should be canvassed across the clubs WhatsApp platforms, to ascertain if other members would like to help, with a view to creating a small coaching/guidance/monitoring WhatsApp group - again with the club being happy to help in any way possible.

J.Mante reported that some of the parent stock in Swan were still losing condition, the working assumption being that this is most likely due to excessive competition from the prolific breeding and survival of the stock, and in order to help with the on going harvest to address this (and to compliment stock replenishment throughout the complex), it was agreed that a large containment net be constructed in which any caught carp can be retained for a couple of days allowing the fisheries team more time to move stock at their convenience. J.Mante + D.Grice to proceed.

Meeting closed at 21:40.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday 18/08/24.

Work To Be Done;

J.Mante to purchase fish stocks (C5s + bream for 2025 and F1s for 2026 delivery).

J.Mante + D.Grice to construct containment net for Swan stock.

G.Turner to supply the club logo to the merchandise manufacturers.

Trophy cabinet on-going.

R.Jones is still in discussion with the new member applicant who is a fishing coach.

Members to be canvassed to determine if any wish to help out with the club juniors.

WhatsApp Business July/Aug 2025

R.Ferguson has taken regular O2 readings throughout the hot weather periods on club waters and the aerators are being used as and when necessary.

A small WhatsApp group has been formed with volunteers wishing to help with guidance and help for our less capable/experienced anglers, headed up by Tom Moate. Anyone wishing to pursue further training in this area will be helped as much as possible by the club.

W.Sweeney asked all committee members if there were any members who ought to be invited onto the upcoming annual Committee Match and several members were duly suggested and invited.

It was noted HKV was again lurking in local waters. Club advice continues to be to ensure all nets are thoroughly exposed to fresh air and sunlight prior to fishing.

Annual charity match, this year in aid of Autism Plus, is to be held on 13th Sept (Centenary and Willow) in the first instance to be open for club members. Spare spaces will then be offered to relevant non members.

(The annual carp charity match (Kingfisher) is on Sept 20th and is in aid of MND.)

Letter of appreciation received from UK Barbel Masters who held one of their junior matches on a stretch of our river and who hope to continue a relationship going forward.

Letter of appreciation received from UK BARBEL MASTERS.

Hi

Thank you for allowing us to use Collingham AA waters , for our UK Barbel Masters Junior Competition.

The venue looked immaculate and Kye was awesome as always.

The fishing was difficult, it always was going to be . But we have had nothing but positive feedback from the competitors around the competition and venue .

Can you pass on our thanks to Kye and the committee.

We hope that ourselves and Collingham AA have a great relationship going forward .

Regards

UK Barbel Masters