

# **Collingham Angling Association.**

Committee Meeting Minutes.

Held at Collingham F.C 19/1/26

## **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, T.Holland, R.Ferguson.

**Prior to the start of the meeting the committee took a moment to reflect on the sad loss of 2 long standing members and club servants John Langley and Nigel Rogers and expressed deepest sympathy for their respective family members.**

The Chairman welcomed Iwan Morton to the meeting, who has been standing in with river bailiff duties on behalf of his dad Ky, and expressed the committee's gratitude for his stepping in and helping the club out, noting that it really is appreciated.

## **3) Matters Arising;**

IBC has been sourced and is awaiting collection.

Delivery of new trophy cabinet expected soon.

The decision to make Iwan Morton a club member is ongoing.

Club mobile purchase ongoing and W.Holland suggested that a river bailiff email address would be useful, so that relevant emails can be pushed direct to the bailiff, and he is to create one.

The minutes were adopted.

## **4) Correspondence;**

Notice received from Anglian Water wishing to inspect the club facilities at Millenium. The inspection was completed and the club received a 'clean bill of health' with the facilities to be downgraded to less frequent visits (every 10 years).

Letter received from member Justin Martin wishing to apply to join the committee at the next AGM in March.

Reminder received for the road tax on the tractor - updated.

### **5) Treasurer's Report:**

N.Hayman reported all was in order and that the 2025 accounts have been almost finalised.

### **6) Match Secretary's Report:**

All match results available on the relevant WhatsApp groups.

W.Sweeney confirmed that after some delays and loss of 2 rounds, due to weather conditions, the winter league will now be based on 5 results from 7 matches. Should any further rounds be cancelled this will reduce further to 4 from 5. W.Sweeney also noted that the optional pools contribution is being well supported.

### **7a) Fisheries Officer's Report:**

J.Mante reported that all outfall pipes were running normally and lakes were now at normal winter levels, with just Kingfisher remaining slightly low.

Platform upgrades are progressing as time and weather allows.

J.Mante suggested the committee needs to consider the pros and cons of adding dye to Centenary and Willow prior to the next meeting.

### **b) Trent:**

I.Morton reported that elicit entry had occurred several times at the former conveyor gates and R.Jones is to follow this up with Tarmac as it is their property from which this has occurred.

### **8) Constitution:**

J.Mante and P.Thomas have been working through modernizing both the clubs constitution and byelaws, resulting in a full discussion around how best to upgrade and ratify a number of points at the upcoming AGM. J.Mante and P.Thomas also noted that it is essential that the club need both a H+S policy and a Welfare statement. A draft of a H+S policy has been produced for consideration and a Welfare statement will follow post AGM.

All were happy with the final result of the discussion and J.Mante is to produce a revised draft, although it was highlighted that further investigation is required concerning the legalities of allowing unsupervised juniors access on club waters.

### **9) AGM:**

B.Thurston proposed, sec W.Holland, that K.Morton should be made an Honorary V.P. - all agreed.

Discussion was held regarding the make up of the committee in readiness for the upcoming AGM, during which the matter of honorariums was also mentioned.

R.Jones is to discuss the proposed new welfare officer post with T.Vernals.

### **10) AOB:**

J.Mante reminded all that the club had agreed at the November meeting to help T.Vernals and the A.T. England disabled match team, proposing (sec W.Holland) that a donation of £500 should be made - carried.

W.Sweeney proposed, sec.R.Jones, that Centenary and Willow could be offered to T.Vernals should he wish to organise a fund raiser - carried.

Following on from the club's commitment to offer support to Ky, it was agreed that the club will cover the cost of installing French windows at his home, facilitating him access to his garden (prop W.Holland, sec P.Thomas).

**Meeting closed at 22:15.**

**Next meeting scheduled for 16/2/26.**

### **Work To Be Done;**

Delivery of trophy cabinet expected.

IBC to be collected - P.K.

£500 donation to the A.T. England disabled team - R.J./N.H.

Mobile phone purchase - R.J.

Create river bailiff email address - W.H.

Finalise the proposed new Welfare Officer post with T.Vernals - R.J.

Contact Tarmac re fencing at former conveyor - R.J.

Further consideration re. unsupervised juniors - P.T/J.M.