

Collingham Angling Association.

Committee Meeting Minutes.

Held at Collingham F.C 16/2/26

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, P.Thomas, J.Robinson, W.Holland.

3) Matters Arising;

The club has covered the cost of fitting easy access doors for K.Morton and the news that Ky was back at home was welcomed.

Trophy cabinet expected in next few days.

IBC purchased, collected and in use.

Dedicated mobile phone and email address up and running for the clubs river bailiff - 07999255288 / bailiff@collinghamaa.co.uk.

Temporary fencing installed at the former conveyor entrance at the river.

The minutes were adopted.

4) Correspondence;

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

Letter received from member Ian Sparrow wishing to renew his term on the committee at the next AGM in March, as his reselection is due this year.

Letter received from member Trev Vernals wishing to stand for the post of Welfare Officer at the next AGM in March.

Letter received from member Jason Jeal wishing to stand for the post of Treasure at the next AGM in March.

Correspondence received from a non-member suggesting an online raffle for a river season ticket with a view to raising money for the Morton family. This was given due consideration but it was determined that this would be impractical.

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Contact received from the 24th Lincoln Scout groups touching base regarding their use of Millenium again in Summer for their regular poacher rally. All agreed and the dates were confirmed from Mon Aug 3rd through Fri 7th.

Letter received from the son of the late June Wilson wishing to mount a replacement plaque on the bench at Millenium which already commemorates Derek Wilson. All agreed.

5) Treasurer's Report:

N.Hayman reported all was in order.

6) Match Secretary's Report:

All match results available on the relevant WhatsApp groups.

W.Sweeney reported that the Winter League was slowly drawing to a close, how well it had been supported and how tight a competition it was, noting that the new stock of bream were showing well.

W.Sweeney confirmed that the annual presentation night would be on Fri 17th April, at Collingham F.C. and that he would soon be collecting the club trophies for engraving.

7) Fisheries Officer's Report:

J.Mante reported that all dykes had been cleared again and that all outfall pipes were running normally and that water levels at Millenium were at expected levels, new stock fish had arrived (15 off c5 mirror carp stocked into Kestrel and 323lb bream in to Centenary + Willow) and that 1250 lts (approx value £2k) of Barley Straw Extract was in the process of being brewed.

J.Mante reminded all that the routine netting of Centenary and Willow was imminent (R.Jones to confirm date with AJS), and as Spring approaches, it was time to treat Centenary and Willow with salt, Kingfisher, Coot and Mallard with dye and to purchase the year's supply of feed pellets. J.M. to proceed.

J.Mante noted that, although the clubs licensed pest control operatives were working hard in deterring unwanted visitors, activity was still particularly high, most likely due to the high water levels on the river and that the situation was constantly being dealt with.

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After some discussion (following on from anecdotal evidence that adding dye to the lakes seems to deter cormorant activity) it was decided that the effects on cormorant activity of dying Kingfisher this year would be monitored closely and should there be a noted improvement the Centenary and Willow would also be treated.

In light of the problems caused by predation nationally the committee requests that all members join Hydroscape (online) to help monitor and report cormorant activity nationally, which has been organised with a view to addressing the problems caused by the predation.

8) Constitution:

Final points were discussed regarding the modernization of both the constitution and byelaws prior to AGM ratification, and J.Mante pointed out that the monitoring of junior members in regard to the proposed new rule changes would be helped greatly if the date of birth could be included on junior membership cards. (R.Jones to contact clubmate). It was also noted that the constitutional guidance for the clubs financial transactions was outdated and R.Jones is to help J.Mante in drafting a new paragraph.

B.Thurston highlighted that the 3 club pegs situated close to the public footpath downstream of the Jolly Barge were not mentioned anywhere within the lists of club waters - J.M. to amend.

9) Carlton Ferry Lane:

See below for the timeline over early Feb;

NCC launched a consultation - the committee suggested that all members respond.

Letter sent to the clubs local MP Robert Jenrick outlining the clubs disappointment at not being involved with the plans/discussions.

Correspondence received from NCC Highways outlining their options and apologising for not keeping CAA 'in the loop'.

Request received from Robert Jenrick for a meeting and the meeting was duly held with R.Jones and B.Thurston which proved extremely positive and he has assured the club both he and his assistant (local councillor and flood warden Sue Gray) are going to do all they can to help.

10) AOB:

N.Hayman suggested an honours board to sit with the new trophy cabinet - all agreed.

Meeting closed at 21:55.

Next meeting scheduled for Tues 3rd March at 8pm.

Work To Be Done;

Organise £500 donation for the A.T. England Disabled Match Team - R.J.

Contact clubmate regarding adding D-O-B to junior membership cards (R.J).

Formulate replacement paragraph for the new constitution regarding club monetary transactions (R.J).

Routine lake treatments as required (J.M).

Purchase dye and feed pellets (J.M).

Confirm date of C+W netting with AJS (R.J).