

Collingham Angling Association.

Committee Meeting Minutes.

Held at Collingham F.C 21/7/26

1) Committee;

R.Jones, G. Turner, J.Jeal, W.Holland, J.Mante, W.Sweeney, I.Morton, T.Vernalls, R.Ferguson, P.Kitchen, T.Holland, D.Grice, B.Thurston, J.Robinson, J. Martin, J. Lamb.

2) Apologies;

R.Ferguson, J.Martin, J.Robinson, T.Vernalls, T.Holland, J.Jeal.

Prior to the start of the meeting the committee wished R.Ferguson a speedy recovery from his recent illness.

3) Matters Arising;

Mallard platforms completed.

Planings delivered.

J.Mante + P.Kitchen looked at several utility vehicles and concluded that neither electric nor petrol powered would be particularly suitable and have sourced a diesel version locally. J.Mante proposed (sec. P.Kitchen) that the club should proceed with the purchase and this was agreed.

Committee match booking on-going.

Preliminary contact with the Mending Lines group has been made and is on-going.

Further discussions regarding the club's Junior members have been postponed until the next meeting due to T.Vernall's absence.

The minutes were adopted.

4) Correspondence;

Routine electricity bill received and paid.

Invitation to attend a meeting with Notts C.C. re. the ongoing situation with Carlton Ferry Lane. R.Jones and P.Thomas to attend.

5) Treasurer's Report:

R.Jones presented the report noting all was in order and as to be expected and informed all that the bank mandate (to facilitate access to the club accounts for J.Jeal) had been re-done and is expected to be finalised shortly..

6) Match Secretary's Report:

All match results available on the relevant WhatsApp groups.

W.Sweeney reported that all matches were running well with good attendances on both lakes and river and that catch weights were improving as the stock were settling post spawning.

Weight limits in keepnets have been reduced due to dropping water levels and all match anglers at Millenium have been asked to carefully place fish in nets and to climb off the platforms if necessary to accomplish this.

This then led to a more broader conversation and it was agreed (prop. J.Lamb, sec W.Holland) that it would be a good idea to engage a large excavator and driver to clear out and deepen the areas in front of the match platforms to both improve the banking and to facilitate better keepnet positioning during times of low water levels. J.Lamb to enquire about appropriate equipment and to liaise with J.Mante and other relevant members of the committee to determine the most appropriate way to proceed.

Aerators are being used as required.

At W.Sweeney's request for further clarification, a general discussion was had regarding the new Committee Match + Keith Archer Invitational Match arrangements which led (prop.B.Thurston, sec W.Holland) to the following conclusions;

- a) Committee members + honorary/life members shall be eligible to fish both.
- b) The Committee Match shall alternate between river and stillwater.
- c) The K.A. Invitational shall remain on stillwaters.
- d) Invited guests may fish one or the other but not both and will be eligible to win the K.A. Invitational trophy but not the Committee Match trophy.

7) Fisheries Officer's Report:

a) J.Mante reported all routine maintenance was up to date with routine feeding and BSE treatments continuing. The Swan holding net is still closed due to the weather.

A new battery has been purchased for the ride-on mower.

The Stihl combi-tool has still not been fully repaired with Spaldings reporting that further, in-depth investigations were required to determine the problem (currently £60, more work = another £120 minimum) and this may still not resolve the issue. It was decided that it would be more cost effective to 'cut our losses' and purchase a cordless version, to go with the existing range of Einhell tools. P.Kitchen to have a look at the existing Stihl motor unit to determine if it is serviceable/usable, if not the attachments can be sold.

b) G.Turner reported that P.Kitchen has given all banking a further cut and that the new fencing at the old conveyor entrance had been completed, noting that there was a small quantity of discarded wire to collect.

G.T. highlighted that the Riverfest Match had run very smoothly although weights were poor, and that the Fleet was ticking over nicely and that the regular seasonal weed was not yet a problem.

I.Morton informed all that temporary membership takings had been slow but had picked up recently, most likely due to the extreme heatwaves subsiding.

8) AOB:

It has been noted that several issues have occurred with an abusive angler fishing on Carlton Wharf. This is being dealt with but anyone encountering further issues are urged to document and/or record the incidents and report it to the committee.

R.Jones gave the final membership details;
404 full adults,
146 qualifying seniors,
137 juniors,
13 intermediates,
27 committee/life members.

J.Mante reminded all that the Poacher Scout groups were expected week commencing Mon 3rd Aug.

Decision taken to pull the annual charity match on C+W back a week so as not to clash with a large event at neighbours Flying Hire, the annual carp charity match will continue as normal. It was confirmed that both events would this year act as fund raisers for Ky Morton.

It was agreed that, due to holidays, the Aug meeting would be cancelled and that the Sept meeting would be brought forward a week.

Meeting closed at 9:00pm

Next meeting scheduled for 8/9/26.

Work To Be Done;

Continue discussions regarding the clubs junior members, welfare policy etc (T.Vernalls etc).

Confirm purchase of utility vehicle (J.M.).

CFL meeting with NCC (R.J. + P.T.).

3CX excavator / C+W banking improvements (J.L., J.M. et al.)

Investigate problems with Stihl combi-tool (P.K.).

WhatsApp Business July-Sept 2026

Test sites dug in several fields around Westfield Lane on behalf of Tarmac.

The Poacher Scouts enjoyed using Mallard for their regular event, and sent a glowing letter of appreciation of the Millenium Complex at the same time expressing their gratitude for being able to use our site.

U.V. has been purchased. J.Mante noted how useful it has been already.

J.Mante to take advice re installing security cameras around the toilet block and sheds.

2 off juniors and a local adult have been invited to join.

It has been noted that the toilet block has been left messy a couple of times.

W.Sweeney informed all that, after having spoken with the chairman, the newly created K.A. Invitational Match had been re-arranged due to the venue being deemed unsuitable as an acceptable venue. This led to a heated exchange in which it was acknowledged that although it is the prerogative of the match secretary to change match venues, the club position (see Sept 2025 minutes) is that dates should not be changed once published unless the venue is deemed unsafe.

Following on from this the following new dates were confirmed as;

The Committee Match is set for 3rd Oct at Holme Marsh and the K.A. Invitational set for 24th Sept at Hayfield.

R.Jones and P.Thomas attended a meeting with various parties re Carlton Ferry Lane, feedback to follow.

G.Turner formally thanked K.Clark for supplying replacement belts for the self propelled mower.

2 off surplus/unused boats have been sold by B.Thurston on behalf of the club.

Action plan to be developed for the next phase of C+W upgrade.

W.Sweeney thanked all concerned for their help with the annual Millenium Charity Match, this year being run as a fund raiser for K.Morton, raising £1275.