

COLLINGHAM ANGLING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE 2019 AGM

17/3/19

Contained within are the minutes and reports of the 2019 AGM to be signed by the chairman as a true record of the actions and discussions which took place.

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Collingham Angling Association
Annual General Meeting
Sunday March 17th 2019
Minutes

Apologies

None received

42 members signed in as present.

Minutes of 2018 AGM

These were read and adopted as a true record.

Matters arising

P. Thomas queried the progress of the fence at Millennium complex and as to why this was still ongoing. Members were informed that the club had received a quote for this however it was thought to be too high and other quotes were being looked into.

Chairman's Report

Owing to his absence and the fact that he was still recovering the chairman had not submitted a report.

Match Secretary's report

The match secretary started by giving his thanks to C. Baldwin P. Kitchen K. Morton and Kieran for all of the work that goes on at the lakes and river to keep them looking as good as they do for the matches.

He then proceeded to give his report as follows below.

Robinson trophy which is fished over 5 rounds with the top 4 points counting, the winner was K. Clark with 38 points

White Hart pole only won by Gary Kilner 123lb 14oz peg 19 Centenary

D. Nicholson cup won by Paul Thomas 28lb 2oz peg 192

Nicholson Shield won by Neil Fisher 132lb 10oz peg 31 Centenary

Veterans Match won by J. Spowage 127lb 12oz peg 19 Centenary

Stan Hunt trophy won by Dean Izaks 25lb 4oz peg 69

At Rushfield lakes, Tomlinson trophy won by K. Clark 135lb 8oz

Pete and Val Memorial won by P. Chadwick 121lb 8oz peg 15 Centenary

G. Dale memorial won by B. Thurston 116lb 10oz peg 8 privates

Pairs match won by K. Clark and R. Jones 3 points

Annual won by P. Quinton 156lb 6oz peg 13 Centenary

Bocock cup won by R. Jones 44lb peg 8 privates

Invitation won by K. Clark 31lb 8 oz peg 74

Child bereavement centre charity match run by A. Treadwell, won by Gary Kilner 88lb 7oz peg 20 Centenary

Sheldon Trophy won by P. Holland 13lb 12oz peg 4 privates

Float cup won by K. Clark 11lb 8oz peg 18

Xmas cheer won by N. Iale 95lb 11oz peg 27 Centenary

W. Holland cup won by K. Archer 75lb 11oz peg 7 Centenary

Val Shasby memorial won by A. Treadwell 79lb 15oz peg 17 Centenary

John Smith trophy won by P. Holland 70lb 2oz peg 15 Centenary

E. Baldwin trophy won by Paul Holland 84lb 7oz peg 19 Centenary

Messingham Sands committee match won by M. Nicholson 112lb 08oz

Bill Wells Carp Charity Match won by Adam Maplethorpe and Steve Peet

This match will be run over three dates this year speak to G. Westate to book

River Monday night series won by D. Izaks 49 points

Winter league tied on points M. Dring/ B. Clark M. Dring won on weight countback

Chub cup W. Holland 6lb chub

Challenge matches Collingham win all three

Vs Rushfield, Collingham win 650lb to 611lb

Vs Barnstone Collingham win the series 2 to 1

Vs Grantham Collingham win 2 to 0

Keith Archer overall Sunday points for the season K. Clark 163 points

John Smith Trophy, this season will be fished for when we fist the Witham against Grantham in November, as this is what the trophy was originally intended for.

There was then a question as to how many members are attending the matches, the response was 20 to 35 in the summer, there was then a discussion about poor attendance in the winter and that this year dates had been chosen carefully to avoid clashes

Fisheries Officers Report

I would like to start my report by thanking Kitch, my Assistant Fisheries Officer, and Kieran for all the valuable work they have done throughout the season. Thanks also to Dennis for the work carried out on the platforms on Kingfisher and to the working party who carried out work on Kestrel.

Swan

Swan has now been completed and the roadway finished. Fish have been stocked into the lake consisting of 15 carp to 32lb, but there has been a weed problem which hasn't enabled people to fish it properly. This will be addressed in the coming year by dying the lake to see if this will kill off the weed.

Kestrel

Over the past 2 years we have lost about 10 carp. This has been addressed this year by replacing 10 carp from 20-26lb. a lot of eels have died in the lake so we called the Environment Agency who tested the water and the oxygen levels. Their report found that this was due to the hot weather conditions.

Kingfisher

Kingfisher has fished very well over the last year, producing some nice fish but there has also been a small weed problem so we will probably dye this lake as well.

Willow

Willow has had its problems with a blue/green algae bloom which meant we had to close the water for 2 weeks. This was rectified by the lake freezing which killed it off and so now it is back to normal.

Centenary

Centenary has fished very well throughout the season with no problems and produced some very good weights throughout the summer and winter.

Platforms have all been completed but need constant attention.

Some large trees have been taken out at the end of Willow because of leaves falling into the water which causes deoxygenation. Some other trees have also been removed from around the lakes because they have been blown down or rotted off.

Besthorpe Fleet

Someone removed a barrier that keeps the water level up so Kitch and I have now replaced this with a steel one which has been welded in. We are hoping that this will now remain in place.

River

The school children and I erected gates at the end of Spinning Post Strait to prevent non members driving around spinning post. Also I chopped the trees down on Spinning Post and cut the grass several times during the year.

Cormorants

Cormorants have become a problem again recently so the usual action has been taken.

Finally, and wish you all tight lines and hope you have an enjoyable season.

C. Baldwin

A question was then asked about the aerators and when they would be working. C. Baldwin replied that the generators are currently able to work and just need to be connected to the generator.

There was a question as to whether there would be any more stock in Willow. C. Baldwin replied explaining that since the algae bloom and the recent cold weather it has been impossible to say whether or not more fish were needed. This would be monitored over the coming year.

We were going to net Centenary with the help of the Environment agency however they did a test on some small fish and found a parasite present. This is nothing to worry about as this is present in most fisheries, however it does mean that currently we are unable to move fish off site.

There was also a discussion about the state of fishes' lips in the match lakes. It was though by the majority that most anglers look after the fish well and they are in a better state than a lot of commercial fisheries.

Communications officers report

Hi everybody

I would just like to thank the rest of the committee for supporting me in my role as communications officer for yet another year.

I am still replying to emails every day for bookings and pass them on to Keith and Facebook messages most of which are about booking matches which I pass onto Keith and his phone must not stop ringing.

I also have a lot of emails and messages of how the Trent is fishing so like last year I put them onto our bailiff.

We had Guru fishing down on the weir pegs so I went to see them as I wanted to use some of their photos they took, to use on our website which they gave us permission to use, and I have updated our website with them.

Our views on our website over this year have been over 5000 hits per week, up about 2000.

The Facebook page for Collingham AA has again been very popular over the last year and I have been updating this on a weekly basis and the amount of people that are members on our Facebook page is over 5000 now.

I have started to build and update the members web site and information is now being added every week.

We realised last year after the books were printed that the log in for the members website was wrong and that will be rectified for this year.

Don't forget the members web page will again have a different password this year which will be printed on the front of your new membership book.

Thankyou

Treasurers report

Report for the year ending 31st December 2018

May I remind members that anything in these accounts should not be discussed outside this room. There are 30 copies of these accounts in the room. I would like all of these back please.

The accounts have been audited by Nigel Hayman and a couple of small errors were found and corrected.

Income

Income from Temporary members has increased by £185 to £34,500. Income from match bookings are about £3000 less. This is entirely due to us not taking any fees in advance for the 2019 season in view of the possible development at Cromwell weir. We have however, taken bookings for the weir pegs and every day is booked from the start of the river season until the end of November. Bailiff's fees are almost the same £12081. This gives us an overall decrease in income from temporary members of £3080 to £37,959 compared to 2017.

Revenue from subscriptions is slightly more at £21,333. There was 35 vacancies in 2018. At present there is an excess of 120 anglers waiting to join.

The only other significant income was from the sale for scrap of the old metal match pegs which raised £1058

Interest and dividends are similar to the previous year and there is £1058 in the accounts which is money raised for charity by Alan Treadwell which will be paid out at the annual presentation night in April.

Expenditure

Water rates have increased by £500 this year due to a review of the payment to our largest landlord. NB in later discussion it was said that this was a 3 year deal.

Expenditure on club matches was down £100. Angling trust and Fish Legal subscriptions remain the same, trophies were £54 less. Postage and stationary costs went up by £400 due to extra printing and insurance and honorariums remain the same. The presentation night at the Grey Horse was well attended and the net cost to the club was £80.

£18,700 was spent on large carp in 2018.

During the year we refurbished the barn at a cost of £2200 and started to install electricity as the Millennium Fishery at a cost of £1556.50 for Western Power to lay cables into the complex.

Water maintenance expenditure of £6473.97 which included £2552 spent on aggregate to fill in the ruts in the flood bank at the river and road plainings for the car parks and roads at Millennium. We

paid £850 for the removal of small roach and skimmers from Willow lake to relieve and oxygen shortage. A trailer was bought for the tractor £300.

The remainder of the expenditure was on petrol, diesel and spares /repairs for the tractor, mower, strimmer and chain saw. Water and drainage rates, signage and the hire of a JCB make up the remainder of the expenses.

We finished the year with an income of £61538.98 which was slightly less than 2017 due to the decrease in match bookings. Expenditure was £45,285.98 making us a profit on the year of £16,253

The account at the Britannia has been closed as the nearest branch is now in the centre of Lincoln. At present there is £70,759.39 in the bank accounts and cash and our assets are valued conservatively at £550,000

Copies of bank statements are available for inspection if required. If there are any questions I will do my best to answer them.

K. Archer

Bailiffs Report

K. Morton

Thankyou to Ced and Kitch for the work they have done. Keeping the grass low has helped control the amount of rubbish on the river, as has having the weir booked every day as if there is any rubbish we know where it has come from. The new pipe has left a bit of a mess but it should be sorted over the closed season. It has been a great year on the river with a lot of 16lb plus barbel being caught.

There will be quite a lot of stone needed for the work at the weir end.

G.Turner

There is some good quality fishing to be had on the fleet for those that are willing to work for it. Most of the business is done in the winter months however it is still fishable in the summer for those willing to persevere. There is some work to be done on trees however this is in hand.

Election of officers

The following were all voted on and there were no objections to any of the appointments made.

President – M. Nicholson

Vice Presidents – R. Baldwin, P. Thomas, M. Glass, G. Turner

Chairman – R. Jones

Vice chairman – A. Treadwell was appointed to the position, having submitted a formal request in writing. Proposed W. Holland and seconded G. Westgate

Secretary/ Treasurer – K. Archer

Minute Secretary – G. Westgate

Match Secretary – K. Clark

Fisheries Officer – C. Baldwin

Assistant Fisheries Officer – P. Kitchen

Communications Officer – W. Holland

Election of Auditor

Mr N. Hayman

Election of Committee members

K. Morton offers himself for reselection and was approved

W. Sweeney offers himself for selection and was also approved.

There was one spare place on the committee and J. Mante offered himself and was co-opted onto the committee, he will need to submit a formal application within 28 days of next years AGM and his 3 year term will officially start from then

Bailiffs

K. Morton and G. Turner to continue with their role

Club Membership

Recommendation from the committee that they stay the same was passed.

2019/2020 fees are as follows

Membership Type	Price	Remarks
Senior Membership	£60	Plus club fee
Intermediate Membership	£15	
Junior Membership	£5	

Senior membership requires a one off joining fee of £60

Temporary Membership

Recommendation from the committee that they stay the same was passed and are as follows.

River	Price	Remarks
Trent	£5	£10 overnight
Fleet	£5	No night fishing

Match Booking fees

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Honorariums

There were proposed changes to the honorariums the first proposal was that the Fisheries officers honorarium was increased from £1000 to £1500 and that the assistant fisheries officers honorarium was increased from £220 to £750. This was proposed by N. Campion and seconded by G. Westgate. The motion carries unanimously.

There was then a second proposal from P. Thomas seconded by N. Campion that the honorarium for the Minute secretary, communications officer and Auditor was increased from £100 to £200. This was also passed. Honorariums now stand as below

Appointment	Amount	Remarks
Chairman	£550	
Vice Chairman	£100	
Match Secretary	£500	
Treasurer	£500	
Secretary	£500	
Fisheries Officer	£1500	
Assistant Fisheries officer	£750	
Minute Secretary	£200	
Communication officer	£200	
Auditor	£200	
TOTAL	£5000	

Rule Changes, new rules

Proposed by – Alan Treadwell

Seconded by – Shane Spafford

That Collingham Angling Association formally adopts a charity annually which should follow the following guidelines:

- a. The charity is to be based locally around the Collingham / Newark and surrounding villages.
- b. The charities main aim is to support children within the local area.
- c. The charity can be an organised group with charitable status.
- d. Any member may submit a charity for consideration throughout the year but it is to be selection by the membership at the AGM.
- e. The period for fund raising will be from the AGM up to and including the presentation evening the following year, when any monies raised is to be presented to the charity.

Passed unanimously.

Points from Chairman

Human waste along the banks of the Trent particularly by the weir. This has been an ongoing issue can we please do what we can to discourage people doing this. Signs have gone up and K. Morton is working hard on this problem.

Presentation night Collingham Football club on the 27th April at 19:30. Tickets are on sale £2.50 there will be a disco and buffet.

A vote of thanks to Neil and future fishing for their kind donations towards the fund raising for charity. Currently the club has raised £1388.

Open Discussion

Nigel asked about the electric at Millennium complex and whether they could have clarification on the current state of the project.

So far power is connected to the top right hand corner of the complex and piping has been laid to five sites on the complex. The club has received a quote for the cable of £15000, at which point any further spending on the project was frozen until clarification can be given to exactly what this entails. The committee are looking into getting a finalised price with a detailed breakdown of costs. It was said that we should get three costs before moving ahead with any further work. Currently the club has spent about £5000 on the project, which is not included in the treasurer's report as that only ran until December. There was then talk about potentially doing the installation in phases. This was due to two other factors which were discussed. The first being that the club is unsure whether they owe cooperation tax and this needs to be looked into and potentially paid first. The other factor to consider is that the fishing rights near spinning post may be coming up for sale soon and it was thought that the club should seriously consider buying these.

The discussion carried on for some time, with differing points of view about how soon the work should be finished or whether it should be done in phases. There are actions for the committee to take based on this discussion.

Firstly, the committee need to find out whether we are liable for cooperation tax and if so, how much.

Secondly the club needs to get detailed quotes for the remaining work from several sources in order to be certain the work is carried out fully and to a good standard.

It was also mentioned that several members of the club had given up their time to do a lot of the work and this had saved the club a few thousand pounds.

P. Thompson raised the point that it is nearly impossible for members to fish peg 1A due to it being permanently booked for matches.

The committee had discussed this before at a meeting however with the uncertainty of the work going on at the weir no action had been taken. This again is something that needs to be discussed in a committee meeting.

Meeting closed 11:56