

## Collingham Angling Association

### Minutes from AGM 20th March 2022

#### 1. Apologies

R.Baldwin , G.Birkett, W. Sweeney, K. Clark, W. Holland, N. Howlett

#### 2.2021 AGM

Due to Covid restrictions, a full AGM was not carried out and an interim AGM was held on 25th September to assess what the club's requirements would be going forward. Minutes adopted.

#### 3.Matters Arising

Several key points identified and all to be presented later in the agenda.

#### 4.Chairman's report

Russ Jones presented a positive report for the club and full details are attached to these minutes.

#### 5.Match Secretary

Presented by vice chairman Alan Treadwell in the absence of K.Clark and full details attached.

#### 6.Fisheries Officer

Cedric Baldwin presented details of all work done, ongoing and future on lakes and river plus fish purchases and necessary monitoring of fish stocks. Full report attached.

#### 7.Communications Officer

Report presented by A. Treadwell in absence of Wayne Holland detailing Wayne's work in maintaining the on line presence of the club. Full report attached.

#### 8. Treasurer

Satisfactory report delivered by Keith Archer and copies of full accounts circulated among meeting attendees. Detail in attached report.

#### 9.Election of Officers

President: M. Nicholson

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

Chairman: R. Jones

Vice Chairman: A. Treadwell

Secretary/Treasurer: K. Archer

Minutes Secretary: G. Westgate

Match Secretary: K. Clark

Fisheries Officer: C. Baldwin

Assistant Fisheries Officer: P. Kitchen

Communications Officer: W. Holland

Proposed en bloc N. Layle and seconded by J. Mante. Approved by the meeting.

Committee members for re-election, J. Mante and W. Sweeney offered themselves.

Proposed I. Sparrow, seconded R. Bayes. Approved by the meeting.

Bailiffs

River Trent : K. Morton

Fleet: G. Turner

Proposed G. Kilner , seconded N. Layle. Approved by the meeting.

Auditor N. Hayman

Proposed P. Kitchen , seconded K. Archer

## 10. River Trent: Changes to fishing arrangements

Recommendations from the Committee

a) Pegs 232 to 306 to be designated "Members only" and (locked) access provided for vehicles to the bank from the bottom of Carlton Ferry lane. Current private pegs to remain.

Proposed I. Sparrow, seconded P. Foster . Carried

b) Temporary members only allowed to fish sunrise to sunset and are not allowed to stay on the river bank overnight.

Proposed R. Bayes, seconded I. Sparrow. Carried

c) Members to be allowed to fish through the night on all pegs except pegs 1a to 4 which must be left clear overnight.

Proposed K. Morton, seconded P. Foster. Carried

d) Weir pegs 1a to 4 to be reserved for members only for the first 7 days of each calendar month to be booked to avoid clashing dates.

Proposed C. Baldwin, seconded K. Morton

## 11.Membership

Recommendation from the Committee

Proposal from the committee to increase membership numbers above 300 if necessary to accommodate anglers from local villages who are not able to join the club due to the current open policy and having to go on a lengthy waiting list. This would be temporary as natural wastage allowed the number to return to 300.

Proposed M. Glass seconded S. Westgate . Carried

## 12.Club Subscription

Proposal from committee to raise full annual and joining subscription to £70 for 2022/23 season. Intermediate to be raised to £20.

Amendment proposed to make these increases for the 2023/24 season.

Amendment proposed R. Thurston, seconded N. Layle. Carried

## 13.Temporary Members

Recommendations from the Committee

- a) Trent ; day temporary member to increase to £10 for 2022/2023 season.
- b) Fleet ; day temporary member remains at £5 for 2022/2023 season
- c) Trent pegs 1a to 4 (5 pegs) to be priced at £125 for 2022/2023 season.

Proposed J.Mante, seconded I. Sparrow. Carried

#### 14. Match Bookings

Recommendations from the Committee

- a) Trent Match bookings increased to £10 per peg for season 2023/24
- b) Fleet Match bookings £5 season 2023/24

Proposed P. Foster, seconded A. Treadwell . Carried

#### 15.Honorariums

Recommendations from the Committee

Proposed to increase remuneration for chairman and fisheries officer to recognize their work load and introduce an honorarium for the fleet bailiff.

Chairman raise £500 to £1000: : proposed S. Wesgate, seconded G. Kilner . Carried

Fisheries Officer raise £1500 to £2000 proposed R. Bayes , seconded B. Hankins

Fleet Bailiff: proposed J. Mante, seconded G. Kilner

#### 16. Proposal from I. Sparrow and R. Thurston

- a) To be able to arrange/fish a river match even if it clashes with a club fixture on the lakes on a Sunday.

Proposed I. Sparrow , seconded R.Thurston. Not carried 7 votes against, 5 votes for.

#### 17. Amendments to the Constitution and Bye Laws

Recommendations from the Committee:

- 1) Remove the need for a proposer and seconder on membership forms
- 2) Only 1 rod permitted to be used at any one time in Centenary and Willow lakes with the exception of when pike fishing.

3) Points awarded for individual club trophy matches only and not all matches in the club book.

4) Add the following to paragraph 16 of the constitution reasons for expulsion;

"Causing an affray, using excessive bad language in a threatening manner or bringing the association into disrepute, making derogatory remarks to another person face to face or on social media "

All agreed and changes will be made to the relevant parts of the Constitution.

### Open Discussion

P. Thomas Asked if a junior member could be accompanied by non-member parent at the lakes.

This is ok but non member not allowed to fish.

N. Rogers Asked about availability of lifebuoys on site at the lakes. These are under consideration by fisheries officer. Also is a bigger boat available for tree trimming work? We have two boats available.

B. Hankins Expressed concern about fish welfare when being fished for through the legs of the conveyor steel work by anglers on adjacent stretch. The structure should be removed sometime but not known when.

D. Hitchens Raised practice of using bait boats to dump rigs into lily pads then using strong gear to haul out the carp. Carp group should sort this out among themselves.

J. Shucksmith also raised matters over carp handling practices re time out of the water and the practice of bucketing water on them. Again something for the carp group to look at.

T. Peet asked about repairing potholes on the lanes to the Trent. To follow up.

Meeting closed at 12.30 38 members attended

# Chairman's Report 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Welcome to the 2022 AGM, this being the first for over 2 yrs due to the pandemic.

During this time we have faced many challenges and your committee has worked hard to maintain the club going forward. All the officers and committee members have played their part in seeing us through the difficult times, and leading us to where we are today.

The pandemic caused issues we would never have dreamed of, including a massive upswing in people using (and abusing) the river.

As a result there was a huge increase in bankside problems, including camping, parties, and all the mess these bring, both in litter and human waste. We have had to field numerous complaints from the general public, local councils and the RSPB. This cannot continue!

One action we did take was to ban for life an entire club, after they spent 3 days/nights fishing and partying. The mess was disgusting and was the final straw. We used drone technology to pinpoint where their members had walked into the Wheat field and defecated all along the match length. This will NEVER happen again!

At the intermediate AGM we listened to you, and pledged to bring the club back for the benefit of the members. You will see later on how we intend to do this, with your agreement.

I'd like to thank the president, Malcolm for his support and his wise words and I'd also like to thank the Vice Presidents, Paul, Melvyn and Gerald for their help.

I would also like to thank my vice – chair Trapper for providing support on all the issues we have faced and making sure we done things right during the pandemic. Many thanks Trapper

Keith has managed our finances under extreme pressure as demand has soared, and you will see from his report that we are in a healthy situation, and hopefully we can reduce his workload. Thank you Keith.

Cedric and Kitch have kept our estate looking good, managing both the lakes and the river to a high standard. Cedric will give more insight in his report. Thanks to both Cedric and Kitch.

Kenny and his team of Will and Roger have kept the Matches running when we could and made sure we stuck by any regulations imposed. He has been busy providing Match fishing on both the lakes and the river.

Wayne keeps the club members informed through the website and face book pages and also fields queries from outside (sometimes in Polish !).

Greg and John keeps us up to date with events at the carp lakes and help on the river when needed. Greg is also our minute secretary and keeps us on the straight and narrow.

Ian as helped Ken on the river matches and champions the development of the river into a great asset assisting where he can. Thanks Ian

Last but not least I would like to thank Ky our bailiff, for his unstinting work on the river, especially through the pandemic and can assure him of our support as we go through some changes. Well done Ky and thank you.

That's all for now and I hope we can move forward together as a members club to a brighter future.

Thank you