

# **Collingham Angling Association.**

## **Annual General Meeting Minutes.**

Held at Collingham F.C on 23/03/2025.

**Prior to the AGM commencing the Chairman called for a 1 minute silence to remember club servants, members and friends no longer with us.**

(pls see Chairman's Report below)

### **1) Apologies;**

P. Dodswell, A. Treadwell, A. Coulson, D. Harston, F. Harston, J. Shucksmith, T. Holland.

### **2) Minutes;**

Following on from the new system of reviewing the minutes quickly proving successful, the minutes were adopted and published last Spring.

### **3) Matters Arising;**

Membership bookings of the weir are now being monitored by K.Morton and are available for viewing electronically.

The membership moved toward 400, but due to some confusion with the waiting list, combined with concerns with overpowering club waters, the committee paused at 375.

The steps at the weir have been removed and a new pedestrian swing gate has been installed.

Club member and qualified coach Tom Moate has agreed to help with the club's junior members.

### **4) Chairman's Report;**

Russ Jones presented his report to the meeting, which began with a sad reflection about those we have lost over the past 12 months. Full report attached below.

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

Will Sweeney presented a full report on what has been happening on the clubs match scene at Millenium, followed by a river report given by Ian Sparrow. Both attached below, together with a full list of the year's trophy winners.

#### **6) Fisheries Officer's Report:**

John Mante presented a report of all works completed, on-going and planned, together with observations relating to fish stocks, fish welfare etc. Full report attached below.

#### **7) Communications Officer's Report:**

Wayne Holland presented details of his work maintaining the clubs on-line presence. Full report attached below.

#### **8) Treasurer's Report and adoption of 2023 Accounts:**

Nigel Hayman reported on the club's finances with summary copies of the accounts circulated to the attendees, noting that due to the late Keith Archer's ill health there was some minor lack of fluency with the clubs financial records towards the end of the year resulting in a +£78 discrepancy.

Some discussion was had where the membership were informed of both one-off and annual subscription payments being made to Clubmate and Nigel noted that the clubs annual expenditure was similar to recent past years.

All agreed that the club was in an extremely healthy state with a small surplus being generated last year.

Nigel was thanked for stepping in at short notice.

R. Ferguson proposed, seconded G. Turner, that the 2024 accounts should be adopted, regardless of the discrepancy.

Carried.

## 9) Election of officers:

President : M. Nicholson (prop. I. Sparrow, seconded P.Holland)

Chairman : R.Jones (M.Nicholson, W. Holland)

Vice Chair : P. Thomas (R.Jones, B.Thurston)

Treasurer (interim) : N.Hayman, (R.Jones, J.Mante)

Secretary : J.Mante (P. Holland, W.Holland)

Match Secretary : W. Sweeney (R.Ferguson, M.Nicholson)

Match Committee :

    River match organiser I.Sparrow (B.Thurston, G.Turner)

    Assistant match secretary R.Ferguson (N.Lale, M.Nicholson)

Fisheries Officer : J. Mante (D. Grice, S. Westgate)

Asst. Fisheries Officer : G.Turner (B. Thurston, J.Mante)

Communications Officer : W.Holland (D. Coupland, J.Mante)

Bailiffs ; River : K.Morton (D. Whitford, I. Sparrow)

    Fleet : G.Turner (D. Whitford, P. Thomas)

Auditor : N. Hayman (J. Mante, W. Holland)

All carried.

James Robinson (D. Grice, D, Coupland) applied to join the committee and was duly elected.

### **10) Club Membership Fees (2025/2026 season):**

The committee recommends that they increase;

a) £80.00 Adult + £80.00 entrance fee, seconded J. Robinson.  
Carried.

b) £10 Qualifying Seniors.

After some discussion where it was highlighted that inflationary costs were increasing and that the club were now incurring increased admin costs, particularly relating to the move to Clubmate, B. Thurston proposed, seconded P. Thomas, that Qualifying Seniors should be charged £30.

Rejected.

N. Lale seconded the committee recommendation that Qualifying Seniors should be charged £10.

Carried.

W. Holland highlighted that the committee would also be required to pay the same £10 renewal.

It was also noted that there would still be an available option for donations from those wishing to pay more, as many seniors do.

c) £15 Intermediate and £5.00 Junior costs are recommended to remain the same, seconded S. Westgate..

Carried.

### **11) Price Of Temporary Membership:**

The committee recommends that they remain the same, seconded G. Turner.

a) Trent £10.00.

b) Fleet £5.00

c) 1a-4 £125

Carried.

### **12) Price Of Match Bookings:**

The committee recommends that they remain the same, seconded N. Lale.

£6.00 per peg.

Carried.

### **13) Honorariums:**

The committee recommends that they remain the same, except for the Communications Officer which should increase by £200, seconded S. Westgate. Carried.

### **14) Open Discussion:**

R. Bayes asked about the potential of otter fencing at Millenium and the committee accepted that there was potential future risk but are not convinced we have had an issue to date, pointing out that they are mindful of the issue and that the Millenium Complex is continually monitored. Several quotes have been acquired to give an idea of likely cost, although it is not something that is likely to happen in the near future.

G. Noble again mentioned the importance of junior memberships and the committee confirmed this was in hand.

D. Whitford suggested coaches could be trained and the committee agreed and pointed out that the club would be more than willing to support anyone wishing to volunteer.

D. Robinson asked if the club had any future plans to tackle the goose issues at Millenium and it was confirmed this was being seriously looked at and that measures will hopefully be in place prior to next year's breeding season..

P.Holland mentioned a couple of problematic Pussy Willow trees at Millenium. J.Mante will have a look at them.

C. Baldwin suggested that the removal of marginal vegetation around Centenary and Willow may be problematic for fish welfare. It was pointed out that only invasive Norfolk Reed has been removed and it is the intention to add more flag irises and similar as the lake upgrades continue.

C. Baldwin asked about the club's intentions on dealing with the overgrown section in the Fish House Field and it was confirmed that this was already in hand and will be dealt with in the coming weeks.

**Meeting closed at 11:22.**

**There were 53 members present.**



# Chairman's Report 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

Welcome to the 2025 AGM,

This year has been overshadowed by the loss of a number of club stalwarts, they will be sorely missed. Ian Donaldson, Pete Willis, Dido, Brian Clark and Keith Archer.

Keith was Treasurer and membership secretary for 49 years, having joined the committee alongside his great friend Bill Bailey, back in 1975.

He has kept us on the straight and narrow ever since and his legacy can be seen in our accounts.

We had already started to think about a successor and before his untimely death he had recommended the Clubmate organisation as a way of bringing our membership process up to date.

It will allow us to communicate to all our members and streamline the renewal process. This first year will be a little chaotic as we get everyone on board, and I urge all those that have received registration information to action the request (email) Provision will be made for those that are not able.

The important thing to remember is that your membership renews after May 1<sup>st</sup> and you will be contacted to allow you to pay. Please do not attempt to pay until then. Any questions on this can be asked at the end.

Sadly Nigel Rodgers has decided to leave the committee due to increasingly ill health, and the Club would like to thank him for his hard work and dedication during his time.

I'd like to thank Nigel Hayman (our auditor) in picking up the treasurer's role at such short notice, he was already working with Keith on the accounts. He will explain in his report.

I would also like to thank Ky and Wayne for their help in the Clubmate roll out.

Will, Ian and Roger have done a good job in providing match fishing on all venues I know it can be a thankless task but well done

John and his merry men (Dave and Daz) have kept the Millenium Complex looking good and have kept the Carp section thriving.

As John was Minute secretary its been a seamless transition to secretary, I thank him for stepping in the breach.

I'd also like to thank Gerald, Kitch and Ky for their work on the river, and Bobby, Jason and Tyler for taking on various projects.

Thanks are also due to Malcolm (Mr President) for his wise words and also those of the Vice presidents.

# Chairman's Report 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

My personal thanks go to Paul for his help and support as Vice Chair during this difficult time.

So there you have it! We march on to a brave new world with Clubmate and continue to grow this club into something special we can all enjoy.

Russ Jones

## Match secretaires report 2025

Good morning, everyone

I would like to start with some big thankyous to the people who have significantly helped me run the matches this year, plus help the match lakes evolve to produce better environment and sport for all members

Firstly, I would like to thank Roger and Ian for helping to run the matches with Ian taking control of the river matches last year.

I would also like to thank Kenny for his support in helping with the matches both on the river and the lakes when needed

Thanks also goes out to Nigel, Wayne and Robbo for their support too

Match Lake maintenance

A significant amount of work has been done again this year which John will touch on in his report, but a massive thanks goes out to John, Nigel, and Roger who with myself have done the majority of the work on the match lakes over the past season

Last season's matches and results

As per previous year, there has been well over 100 matches run between the lakes and the river which have been well supported

I have placed a list of the trophy winners on the tables for you to look at

Some of the notable results were:

Spring league winner was Dave Elliot

Winter League winner was Matt Dring

Overall points winner was Cedric Baldwin

### **Leagues and their format**

Just for info, I would like to explain the format we have used for the last 18months and how it came to be for the 3 leagues we run each year

In Oct 2022 Nigel Lale put forward to the committee a suggestion to run an Autum league which seen the introduction smaller sections for overall points, a golden peg with slightly increased section payouts with an **optional** overall league payout. This seen the pools have to increase to £15 to cover the new elements of the league.

The committee past this at the Oct meeting and the Autum league went on to be a success and was well supported

With the success of the new format, many of the regular match anglers asked if this format could be carried onto the winter and spring leagues. On this I asked as many as I could if this is what they wanted and also posted on the match group what's app page. With the vast majority wanting the new format, I checked with senior committee members if this was ok and the new league format has carried onto today.

Going forward, the plan is to canvas the regular match anglers (who historically have supported the leagues as it directly affects them) to see if the format we are currently using, is the one they would

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like to see this season. Once I have the information I will go with the majority and bring this to the committee for ratification prior to the league starting.

### **Charity event 2024**

As it was my full first year as match secretary, I decided to run a charity match at the lakes to raise money for a good cause which Collingham AA could put to good use

With the sad passing of Ian Donaldson early 2024, I decided the match would be in his memory and after consulting the committee the moneys raised would go to Donnos families chosen charity which was Action Bladder Cancer UK

We had a great turnout and support from both members and external anglers on the day, which also included Nigel (Gordon Ramsey) Lale doing bacon cobs prior and burgers afterwards. Top salesman Kenny Clark selling loads of raffle tickets with Roger and myself trying to sort the running of the match and raffle

The great new is we raised £895 and with the carp lads generously donating the funds they had raised on the carp charity match we were able to donate £1500 to Bladder Action Cancer UK from Collingham AA

A massive thanks goes out the Nigel, Kenny, Roger and Russ plus all who supported the event and donated raffle prizes

I am hoping to run another event this year

We are currently working on the match calendar for this season which I will publish shortly.

The presentation night is book here on Friday April 25<sup>th</sup>, it would be good to see you there

Over to Ian for some feedback on the river matches

End of match secretaires report

Cheers

Will

COLLINGHAM ANGLING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

ASSISTANT RIVER TRENT MATCH ORGANISER IAN SPARROW

BRIEF SUMMARY FROM AGM.

The river has poorly season 2024-25.

The river has either been over its banks, in flood or been gin clear for most of the season.

The fish have shoal up in certain areas making favoured peg almost unbeatable, other areas devoid of fish.

The river has been under fire with predators, Cormorants, Mitten Crabs and Pollution.

The Dean Isacs trophy for the river points was won by Cedric Baldwin.

The Monday night points were also won by Cedric Baldwin.

The trophy list for the other River matches was listed at the AGM.

The river matches for 2025-26 will be release shortly.

I will be running the Knock up matches, either on the Trent or the Fleet on alternative weeks.

Barnstone away match will be fished at Radcliffe Viaduct in Nottingham on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Riverfest dates have been confirmed on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 60 Pegs.

The Xmas cheer match will be split on the Lake and the River on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

I will also be running matches at Holme Marsh and the Weir Field the 12<sup>th</sup> of October.

I would like to thank Ky and Gerald for their corporation when booking matches on the Trent and the Fleet.

I would also like to thank Ken Clark and Roger Ferguson, for their assistance.

I would also like to thank Doug Whitford and Brett Workshop AA booking Holme Marsh.

Thanks

Ian Sparrow

TROPHY WINNERS 2024/2025 SEASON		
Clive Robinson (Robinson Trophy)	Dave Elliot	4 Points
Val Shasby Memorial	Paul Holland	126lb.04oz
White Hart Trophy	Jamie Raikes	107lb 10oz
D.Nicholson Cup	Doug Whitford	12lb 14oz
Crocker Cup Annual Match	Mick Brumpton	171lb 12oz
Stan Hunt Cup	Ken Clark	19lb 00oz
Pairs J Weeks	H Langley/M Brumpton	3 Points
Tomlinson Trophy	Jason Jeal	96lb 12oz
W.Holland Trophy	Wayne Holland	135lb 15oz
Bocock Cup	Gerald Turner	34lb 03oz
Val & Pete Memorial	Gary Kilner	130lb 03oz
Royal Oak Cup (Monday Points)	Cedric Baldwin	40 Points
Sheldon Trophy	Bobby Thurston	49lb 08oz
Veterans Match	Dave Robinson	91lb 05oz
Nicholson Shield	Dave Robinson	97lb 06oz
G.Dale Memorial Cup	Phil Foster	42lb 10oz
Float Cup R Baker	Cedric Baldwin	7lb 12 oz
(Xmas Cheer) A.Wilson Cup	Paul Thomas	26lb 04oz
Feeder Only	Nigel Lale	82lb 12oz
J.Smith	Andy Coulson	30lb 15oz
D.Wilson Chub Cup	Wayne Holland	5lb 00oz
D IZAKSTrophy	Cedric Baldwin	59 Points
E.Baldwin Trophy	Paul Holland	59lb.12oz
J. Cox Trophy WL	Matt Dring	6 Points
Committee Match	Will Sweeny	98lb 08oz
K Archer Cup(Sunday Points)	Cedric Baldwin	74 Points
K Archer Cup(Runner up)	Howard Langley	72 Points

# **Fisheries Officers Report AGM 2025**

## **John Mante.**

All routine work has been done as required and since last year's AGM I have spent something in the region of 320 hrs busy at the lakes together with approx. 40 hrs / 250 miles in my car sourcing and fetching materials.

Fish stocks in Kestrel, Swan, Centenary and Willow have been fed from early April through to the end of Oct, once again Kestrel, Kingfisher, Centenary and Willow have been treated routinely with 700ls of homemade barley straw extract (saving the club £1500 - a big thanks to Mick for helping me with that) and just recently Kingfisher, Coot and Mallard have been treated with dye.

There are always ongoing peg repairs and snag clearances in Kestrel and Kingfisher and we've had a massive upgrade to the swims on Swan - thx to all concerned such as Dave, Darren and Nigel on the committee, Dax and Mark on the boat, Garrey who never fails to turn up, together with all those who regularly answer the call as time allows.

There had also been extensive work carried out on Centenary and Willow, most notably a dramatic upgrade to the islands, which again is ongoing, and this year we will also be looking at straightening and levelling some of the pegs. Again, a massive thanks to Will, Roger, Nigel Lale and all the guys who turn up to help on the work parties there.

The harvest of home-grown carp from Swan continues, last year ably assisted by Granville, which resulted in around 200lb of predominantly common carp being moved to top up Centenary and Willow. This was also bolstered by the recent purchase of 700lb of F1's just a couple of weeks ago.

The club also purchased 10 off 20lb+ carp to top up Kestrel and the hope is to be able to put 10 more similar sized fish in, made up of 4 or 5 homegrown 20lb fish from Swan and to move a similar number from Kingfisher, which itself is to be topped up from Centenary and Willow as that stock continues to grow and exceeds 10lb in weight.

I am not intending on thanking everyone who have helped me and the club out this year as I am bound to forget somebody and offend them, however I would like to quickly mention Ced, who was happy to mow the field for us, keeps all his bird feeders going all winter and just recently put up numerous bird boxes around Millenium.

Roger and Will sort out the pest control situation on my behalf, so thx to them. It can be a thankless task and often involves being available in the early hours.

And I would like to give a quick extra thumbs up to Will and Nigel at the gate end and Dave Grice at the specimen end of the complex who are always about whenever I need a second pair of hands, and to Keiran Chapman, who I can call on when a specialist chainsaw operative is required. Dave also single handedly re-pointed the fishing lodge prior to the engagement of a painter. Nice one Dave, thx.

Gerald and Russ get a mention too as they are always available for advice and a wealth of knowledge.

And then there's Kitch, who has told me several times not to thank him publicly because he really doesn't like it, so I won't, then he might not get cross with me again. What I will say though is that without him coming and fixing all the stuff I regularly break and him keeping all of our machinery up and running we really would be in a bit of a pickle.

All things river are capably handled by Gerald and Ky, where they are continually busy with roadway and banking repairs, mowing, strimming and peg maintenance on our 3 miles of Trent and ½ mile of Fleet River bank, and Gerald has asked me to say a few words about what's been happening on that side of our club.

He has been aided by Tommo and Doug with the strimming, Kitch has cut the river and Fleet several times this year with the tractor, and Tommo has helped Gerald transport and use the pedestrian mower as and when necessary.

Bank tops and track repairs are kept on top of by Ky, Andy and Kitch, and Gerald has been helped with tree and reed control by Tommo, Kitch and Spadge at the Trent and by me and Tommo down The Fleet.

Last year the troublesome style was replaced with an easy access swing gate at the Weir Field hard standing, again thx Dave for helping with that, and this year the intention is to construct a ramp to improve vehicle access on to the bank there too.

Gerald has asked me to thank his team of helpers, in particular Ky, Paul, Kitch, Spadge, Andy and Doug, and like me apologises if he has omitted anyone.

So, there we are, lots done, I trust it all doesn't go unnoticed, and another busy season approaches.

Do remember it is all of our club, and any help offered either individually or on work parties etc is both tremendously useful, regardless of individual capabilities, and greatly appreciated. There are often times when larger projects are tackled where 'more hands make lighter work' and it eases the burden on the usual small team of regular volunteers.

Thanks again folks and please do make sure to enjoy the fabulous fishing and venues that we have to offer.

## Communication offices report 2025

Hi everybody

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

I have been updating everything on the members website site and this is all up to date.

Facebook is also been posted on by myself when it is required.

The Facebook messages are still being replied to by myself and Russ Jones on a daily basis.

The face book page for Collinghamaa is still very popular.

I've also been sorting all the match results out and posting the results onto the WhatsApp groups and the website for the match anglers including the river, but not got them right sometimes so would like to thank the people that have spotted my mistakes.

I've kept everyone up to date on all platforms of who has won what trophy's this season.

I am still receiving emails and messages of how the Trent is fishing and where to fish, and since Keith detreated at the back end of last year have also been sorting people out with booking the Trent and have been forwarding these on to our bailiff Ky.

I Have all so had a few correspondences emails which I have been forwarding thease on to the committee members for discussion at our next committee meeting.

I have also sorted a lot of local members out for membership especially children, who have wanted to join our club, I did past their contact details on to Keith for him to sort their membership out.

I have also took on more duty's with clubmate which replaces the old books and will all be done online

Don't forget that the member's web page will again have a different password this year which will be printed on the rear of your new membership card.

Thank you

Communication Officer

Wayne Holland

**COLLINGHAM A.A.**

**TREASURERS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER, 2024**

FOLLOWING THE LOSS OF KEITH ARCHER (Hon TREASURER) , AS AUDITOR, I WAS ASKED TO PRODUCE A FINAL INCOME/EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE 2024 SEASON.

UNFORTUNATELY, USING THE RECORDS PROVIDED, I WAS UNABLE TO CREATE A SET OF ACCOUNTS RECONCILED TO THE BANK STATEMENTS AT THE CLOSE OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ITEMS AND AMOUNTS USED WERE CONFIRMED AS BEING CORRECT BUT STILL RESULTED IN A DIFFERENCE OF £78.25 – FORTUNATELY IN THE CLUBS FAVOUR, SUGGESTING THAT PAYMENTS COVERING SOME ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE HAD NOT BEEN AVAILABLE FOR INCLUSION.

OVERALL, IT HAS BEEN A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE CLUB, GENERATING A SURPLUS OF £8130.66 REPRESENTING 15% OF TOTAL INCOME.

TOTAL INCOME WAS £57234 – AN INCREASE OF 18% OVER 2023. INCOME FROM SUBSCRIPTIONS AND TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIPS (DAY TICKET & MATCH BOOKINGS) INCREASED BY 16%.

GENERAL OPERATING COSTS WERE £43712, SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR. IN ADDITION, THERE WAS A ONE OFF PAYMENT OF £5470 COVERING THE SET UP / PURCHASE OF CLUB MATE WHICH WILL BE USED TO IMPROVE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ASSOCIATION AND MEMBERSHIP IN FUTURE YEARS.