

Collingham Angling Association.

Committee Meeting Minutes.

Held at Collingham F.C 17/8/25

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, I.Sparrow, T.Holland.

3) Matters Arising;

All in order and/or ongoing.

J.Mante confirmed that the construction of a holding net for the Swan harvest was ongoing and that a jetty will be constructed to both ensure sufficient depth of water was possible and to allow safe and easy access.

Minutes were adopted.

4) Correspondence;

Email received from I.Sparrow raising concerns over fishing matches on the river in periods of extreme weather. This was duly noted.

Electricity bill and buildings insurance bill for fishing lodge received and paid.

5) Treasurer's Report:

N.Hayman reported all was going well with finances in healthy state.

It was observed that it may be an idea to think about solar panels in the club's redundant field at Millenium.

6) Match Secretary's Report:

All match results available on the relevant WhatsApp groups.

W.Sweeney again reminded all to ensure nets are thoroughly aired for as long as possible prior to the start of fishing matches in order to avoid the spread of prevalent pathogens which have been recorded recently on various waters.

He also highlighted the need to be mindful of how fish are placed into keepnets and how they are returned post weighing in lieu of the fact of the current extremely low water levels.

W.S. also confirmed that match sheets will be filled out with the full names of competing anglers.

7) Fisheries Officer's Report:

Millennium;

The work party raised in July got quite a lot of work done but it was noted that attendance was poor. J.Mante thanked those who helped out.

J.M. reported that all was in order with routine maintenance was on going and thanked D.Grice for helping rebuild the bridge through to Kestrel.

J.M. also highlighted that the platforms on Centenary and Willow were slowly beginning to deteriorate and that some thought was needed as to how to proceed going forward as a permanent solution needs to be found, not only regarding the longevity of the platforms, but also within the realistic capabilities of a few well meaning volunteers and time available.

This led to a full discussion of how to proceed and the Chairman raised a sub-committee to investigate further and develop a plan (J.Mante, W.Holland, K.Morton, D.Grice).

River;

G.Turner confirmed all was in order with routine maintenance on going, noting river pegs would be much easier to maintain if they were actually getting fished regularly.

G.T. informed all that the vehicle access gate at the Weir Field hard standing area has been vandalised and K.Morton confirmed that a new gate and metal posts were required. P.Kitchen to organise from local agricultural suppliers TFM.

8) Membership:

a) A full conversation was had regarding the clubs 'local membership boundary' and all agreed (proposed P.Kitchen, sec P.Thomas) that as the club manages water there, this should be extended to include Bassingham and other surrounding local villages.

More broadly it was decided that a secondary boundary should be drawn up, potentially including Lincoln and Newark to help control and manage new membership applications, as and when the waiting list re-opens - P.Thomas to draw up a map.

Once finalised this is to be ratified at AGM!.

b) Further discussion was held regarding the waiting list in general and it was concluded that the remaining suitable applicants on the list, together with any locals who are likely to apply in the coming months, were sufficient to maintain the current situation and that the waiting list will remain closed for the present.

c) An application has been received from a former member and the committee concluded that any such and/or similar relevant individual could be considered on a case by case basis, but the general default position is that the waiting list is closed!.

9) Juniors:

It was decided that (prop J.Mante, sec R.Ferguson) that a couple of landing nets and unhooking mats will be purchased to lend to juniors who enjoy our club waters but who don't always bring sufficient equipment, until such time as T.Moate has had chance to run his planned taster + guidance session, where the intention is to instruct them on the basics of required equipment, fish handling and general etiquette etc. J.M. to organise the purchase.

As the numbers of juniors using Millenium through the summer holidays is less than expected it was agreed that the temporary cap on 100 junior members would be removed (prop J.Mante, sec P.Thomas).

W.Holland suggested that it would be a good idea to reinstate the clubs annual junior match next year and all agreed this would be a good idea.

10)AOB:

It was highlighted that the 'Clubwaters' section of the Bye Laws were out of date in regard to available river pegs and W.Holland is to update all relevant platforms. It was also agreed that, as the Constitution was also out of date, that this should be removed until such time as it is revamped - the ongoing intention has been that J.Mante and P.Thomas will address this in the coming months.

Meeting closed at 21:55.

Next meeting scheduled for 15/09/24.

Work To Be Done;

Trophy cabinet and site map ongoing (T.Holland).

Swan holding net on going (J.Mante, D.Grice).

Sub committee to investigate permanent solutions to match platforms on C+W.

New gate and posts at Wier Field (K.Morton, P.Kitchen).

Secondary boundary map (P.Thomas).

Small quantity of equipment to be purchased to loan to juniors (J.M.).

WhatsApp Business July/Aug 2025

R.Ferguson has taken regular O2 readings throughout the hot weather periods on club waters and the aerators are being used as and when necessary.

A small WhatsApp group has been formed with volunteers wishing to help with guidance and help for our less capable/experienced anglers, headed up by Tom Moate. Anyone wishing to pursue further training in this area will be helped as much as possible by the club.

W.Sweeney asked all committee members if there were any members who ought to be invited onto the upcoming annual Committee Match and several members were duly suggested and invited.

It was noted HKV was again lurking in local waters. Club advice continues to be to ensure all nets are thoroughly exposed to fresh air and sunlight prior to fishing.

Annual charity match, this year in aid of Autism Plus, is to be held on 13th Sept (Centenary and Willow) in the first instance to be open for club members. Spare spaces will then be offered to relevant non members.

(The annual carp charity match (Kingfisher) is on Sept 20th and is in aid of MND.)

Letter of appreciation received from UK Barbel Masters who held one of their junior matches on a stretch of our river and who hope to continue a relationship going forward.