

Collingham Angling Association.

Committee Meeting Minutes.

Held at Collingham F.C 15/9/25

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;

P.Thomas, W.Sweeney, J.Jeal, D.Coupland, T.Holland.

3) Matters Arising;

Trophy cabinet ongoing.

Secondary boundary map ongoing.

2 off landing nets and unhooking mats purchased to loan to juniors.

Weir Field gate ongoing.

Jetty built for Swan holding net and net purchased (awaiting delivery).

The minutes were adopted.

4) Correspondence:

R.Jones reported that EON were intending to update the club's smart meter in the near future. He also noted that the electricity business plan was about to expire and the committee agreed to move to a fixed 3 year tariff.

Email received from a disgruntled boater claiming abusive language from an angler on the Trent, highlighting the point that boats are required to follow the designated lines of travel which often brings them close to the bank.

It was clear that this was not on our water and the boater has been forwarded the relevant contact details of the fishery involved.

5) Treasurer's Report:

N.Hayman reported all was in order and the club was running with a healthy surplus currently this year. It was decided to transfer some of the surplus to the business reserve.

N.Hayman noted that he had had a look at the potential of having solar panels in the club's redundant field and highlighted that, due to the scale and nature of the enterprise, it would be extremely difficult to attain the necessary paperwork.

6) Match Secretary's Report:

All match results available on the relevant WhatsApp groups.

R.ferguson noted that the recent charity match, this year on behalf of Autism, had raised £1340 and the committee thanked W.Sweeney, N.Lale and all involved.

R.Jones proposed (sec. W.Holland) that the club made this total up to £1500 and all agreed.

On behalf of the committee I.Sparrow wished all members involved good luck in the upcoming Riverfest Final.

There was then a full and frank discussion around the recent fixture cancellation to the G.Dale trophy in which reasons were cited (namely Barnstone organisers being particularly problematic) and in which various opinions were raised and debated.

This resulted in the following decisions being taken;

- a) That the current situation was regrettable and possibly avoidable, but because the G.Dale had already been cancelled, it needed to be rescheduled and that it would take place on 21st Sept.
- b) I.Sparrow proposed (sec. B.Thurston) that due to constant aggravation from Barnstone, our club should decline their invitations to fish together. Carried.
- c) J.Mante proposed (sec. G.Turner) that going forward, once a fixture list has been finalised and published, the date should not be changed except for extreme, unsafe conditions and with approval of the committee. Carried.

7) Fisheries Officer's Report:

J.Mante noted that all was in order with routine maintenance on going and he formally thanked, on behalf of the committee, member Justin Martin for helping out with the monitoring of both juniors and new members at Millenium since the start of the Summer.

J.Mante informed all of his intention to purchase routine materials for Autumn, including grass seed, spare scaffolding boards etc.

G.Turner informed all that P.Kitchen was in the process of a final river cut and that there was a small amount of work to be completed with the hand mower. K.Morton to assist.

J.Mante then reported on the conclusions of the Millenium Match Platforms Sub-Committee;

Having reviewed several options and alternatives (ready made platforms cost in the region of £500/peg delivered but not fitted), the sub-committee proposed that new platforms should be built as per J.Mantes prototype with scaffolding bars. Approx cost of materials is £75 per peg. It was also highlighted that, being such a large scale operation, it was unrealistic to accomplish the necessary work relying on the same few volunteers and the occasional workparty.

K.Morton, assisted by J.Mante, have both offered to carry out the long term project at an agreed hourly rate, as their time permits.

As some of the pegs are never used it was also proposed to reduce the number of platforms on each lake, which would also involve some peg relocation.

R.Jones proposed (sec. J.Robinson) that this plan should be actioned. Carried.

K.Morton added that in lieu of this project, together with both future projects and plans (including the need for improved access to some of our river pegs for our less mobile members) and the ongoing general routine works at the river, it would be a wise investment for the club to purchase its own digger. K.Morton advised that a 2.5t machine would be the best choice as they represent the largest machine legally towable. It was also noted that our annual hire costs of similar equipment were substantial.

K.Morton proposed (sec. W.Holland) that a suitable machine should be purchased. Carried.

8) AOB:

J.Mante proposed (sec D.Grice) that the small area of cleared land in the Northern corner of Kestrel should be developed into a 'garden of rest' area allowing members, and/or their families, a quiet spot to plant commemorative trees, scatter ashes etc. Carried.

R.Jones informed all that the cormorant licence has been renewed and this time it runs for 2 years. He also noted that a disclaimer sign could be located at Millenium to inform all that shooting may be taking place. All agreed and R.Jones to investigate further.

J.Mante suggested that the relevant members who had expressed interest in pursuing angling training could be invited to a part of the next meeting so as to finalise the best way to proceed. R.Jones to organise.

Meeting closed at 21:45.

Next meeting scheduled for 20/10/2025

Work To Be Done;

Trophy cabinet ongoing (T.H)

Secondary boundary map (P.T).

Swan net to fit once arrived (J.M./D.G.)

Weir Field gate ongoing (K.M./P.K).

Surplus funds to be transferred to business reserve (N.H.)

Garden of rest to be built (J.M.)

Shooting disclaimer sign to be purchased (R.J.)

Purchase digger (K.M.)

Millenium platforms (K.M./J.M)

Invite potential angling coaches to a part of the next meeting (R.J.)