

# **Collingham Angling Association.**

## **Committee Meeting Minutes.**

Held at Collingham F.C 20/10/25

### **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, W.Holland, T.Holland, W.Sweeney.  
Absent; J.Jeal.

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

Trophy cabinet, secondary boundary map, shooting disclaimer sign and new digger purchase ongoing. The new electric smart meter, as planned by EON, didn't materialise and is to be re-arranged by them at some point going forward. All other tasks done.

New holding net for the Swan harvest is now fully up and running and in the first 3 weeks of operation a total of 219lb of homegrown commons have been relocated to relevant lakes across the complex;

118lb to Willow,

46lb to Centenary,

2 x 8lb and 1 x 14lb fish to Kingfisher,

1 x 12lb and 1 x 13lb to Kestrel.

The minutes were adopted.

### **4) Correspondence;**

Request received from UK Barbel Masters to host 2 off 24 hour and 1 off 48 hour large scale matches on our river stretch in 2026. After some discussion this was rejected as the club rules do not allow non members to fish overnight.

### **5) Treasurer's Report:**

N.Hayman reported all was in order.

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

None received, although it was noted that the Autumn league had started well. All match results available on the relevant WhatsApp groups.

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

J.Mante noted that all was in order with routine maintenance on going, and thanked all who helped on the recent work-party, clearing problematic overhangs on Swan and Kingfisher, and a large tree that had fallen into Kestrel.

The work-party also created a small memorial garden in the NW corner of Kestrel where members and/or their families are welcome to remember their loved ones however they wish.

J.Mante reported that he and K.Morton had started the new match platform replacement program, with some old unused platforms having been removed and that 2 had been replaced. K.M has successfully sourced a large quantity of second hand scaffolding at exceptional value for the upgrades.

All were happy with the program and the project is to proceed over the coming months, as their time allows.

G.Turner highlighted that most cutting had been completed on our river stretches, with a small amount of strimming remaining to be done.

The committee were informed that the conveyor had now been removed and that just a small amount of land clearance remained.

J.Mante informed all that this years annual Carp Charity matches had raised £737 and the committee agreed this would be made up to £1000, this year to be donated to the Motor Neurone Disease Society, as they had given long time carp angling member, former committee member and MND sufferer much needed help and support. The committee thanked all involved.

## **8) Juniors:**

Level 2 coach T.Moate and several members who had volunteered to help out with the club juniors were invited to join the final part of the meeting.

T.Moate and G.Noble accepted the invitation, and were welcomed to the meeting, to offer advice as to what the club needs to do for any members wishing to pursue a role in helping, coaching and advising the club's juniors going forward. After a lengthy and informative discussion it was clear to all that, due to current legislation and safeguarding issues, this would not be a straightforward matter.

T.Moate advised the club that, if we were to proceed, the first appropriate step would be to appoint a future Head Safeguarding Officer, who would need to attain the relevant national training, leading to appropriate qualification. The committee accepted this advice and Tom has agreed to help the committee canvass those interested members to find a willing volunteer.

## **9) AOB:**

J.Mante reported that a junior member had recently requested to upgrade to an intermediate membership, as he had just turned 16 yrs old, thus enabling him to overnight unsupervised at Millenium. Having been accepted, this resulted in a couple of other junior members wishing to do the same as they turned 16, and following a discussion it was agreed that this would continue to be allowed, although the 'intermediates' portal on clubmate would remain closed, and the upgrades would be dealt with on a case by case basis, with those wishing to upgrade having to message [members@collinghamaa.co.uk](mailto:members@collinghamaa.co.uk) and potentially, in some instances, being required to produce evidence of date of birth.

J.Robinson asked if parking could be allowed on the tackle drop off point at the SE corner of Kestrel, near the Pipe Swim. J.Mante confirmed he had no problem with this and the committee agreed this would be allowed, provided that no vehicles were to proceed beyond the existing hard standing and in no way must they encroach onto grass banking.

K.Morton informed all that a large heavy duty trailer had become available for purchase and the committee agreed that this would be an asset. K.Morton to investigate further.

P.Kitchen proposed, sec.J.Mante, that it would be a good idea for the club to purchase its own bulk diesel tank, which would save large amounts of money going forward and predicted we would be in profit within a couple of years. All agreed and P.Kitchen is to proceed.

**Meeting closed at 21:35.**

**Next meeting scheduled for 17/11/25.**

## **Work To Be Done;**

K.Morton to continue looking for a digger.

Match platform upgrades to continue throughout the coming months.

Trophy cabinet (T.Holland)

Secondary boundary map (P.Thomas)

Shooting disclaimer sign (R.Jones).

K.Morton to inspect the above mentioned trailer with a view to its purchase.

P.Kitchen to proceed with purchase of bulk diesel tank.

