



WIMBORNE & DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Corfe Mullen Royal British Legion

Dated 13 Mar 2017

Started 19:35

Present

- President – Brian Heap (BH).
- Officers – Chairman, Mike Hirsh (MH); Secretary, Stuart Hitchman (SH); Membership Secretary, Chris Crompton (CC); Welfare Officer, Sean Harris (SeH); Game Secretary, Paul Nichols (PN); Match Secretary, Jim Finch (JF); Press Officer, Stuart Davison (SD); Head Bailiff, Steve Neale (SN).
- Committee – Nick Lawrie (NL); Nigel Taylor (NT); George Frost (GF); Neil Saxby (NS); Nick Churchill (NC); Mike Jepson (MJ); Kevin Parman (KP);

Apologies

- Vice President, Chris Yates (CY), John Rossiter (JR)
- Outgoing Membership Secretary, Dan Jenner (DJ)
- Mike Slater, Phil Houghton, Ann Triggs, David Triggs, Tony White, Steve Hemingway, Ian Denton, Bernard Kettlewell.

Chairman's Introduction

1. MH introduced himself to the membership and thanked those present for the excellent turnout. He noted that there was an attendance register being passed around and urged everyone present to provide contact email and telephone number to improve passage of information. He then requested a minutes silence in recognition of the passing of former member Mr Tony Brookes.

President's Introduction

2. BH opened his speech by welcoming all to the WDAC AGM and commented that in his view this was the highest attendance he had witnessed for some considerable time. He highlighted that at last year's AGM he had identified a number of key positional vacancies within the Committee due to a series of resignations, these positions included:

- a. Chairman
- b. Secretary
- c. Treasurer
- d. Game Secretary

3. BH was pleased to announce that all but one of these positions was now filled. As an interim measure to ensure completeness BH identified that he had taken on the temporary role of the Treasurer's post. Moreover, he noted that the Committee had expanded its responsibilities over the last year and identified the following new posts:

- a. Press secretary (web-site administrator + social media)

b. Welfare Officer (promoting junior participation)

4. BH referred to his comment at last year's AGM that, 'the long term survival of the Club was predicated on a healthy junior membership'. He identified that the Committee was working hard to promote junior participation and that SeH was working closely with the Angling Trust (AT) to ensure the Club had all the necessary Safeguarding policy in place in order to deliver this.

5. BH identified that the Club was about to take on a number of new waters and implored the membership to take an active part in their maintenance. He noted that the Committee had appointed Lake and River managers as work party coordinators responsible for upkeep of their respective waters. He reiterated that all members were welcome to attend work parties even if it was just picking up litter, the key was many hands make like work.

6. BH highlighted his concern over the increased amount of litter being left by a small element of the membership. This was extremely damaging to the established relationships with the landowners and ultimately risked the longevity of the leases. He urged the membership to pick up all litter, irrelevant of whether it was theirs or not; and to identify the individuals responsible to the Head Bailiff.

7. Finally he thanked the Committee for their huge effort over the last 12 months and looked forward to a successful and prosperous new season for all.

Election of new officers

8. MH identified the following as volunteers for the following positions:

- a. Membership Secretary – Mr Chris Crompton
- b. Press Officer – Mr Stuart Davison
- c. Welfare Officer – Mr Sean Harris

9. MH requested that these nominations be considered in block. SH proposed that CC, SD and SeH be elected as Officers of the Committee. Seconded Mike Cullen. Carried.

Re-election of President, Officers and Committee

10. MH requested that the following be considered for re-election on block.

- a. President – Mr Brian Heap
- b. Chairman – Mr Mike Hirsh
- c. Treasurer – Mr Brian Heap (stand in)
- d. Secretary – Mr Stuart Hitchman
- e. Game Secretary – Mr Paul Nicholls
- f. Match Secretary – Mr Jim Finch
- g. Head Bailiff – Mr Steve Neale
- h. Committee – Nigel Taylor, Kevin Parman, Neil Saxby, Nick Churchill, Nick Lawrie, Mike Jepson, George Frost.

11. Paul Flatters proposed that BH, MH, SH, PN, JF, SN, NT, KP, NS, NC, NL, MJ and GF be re-elected as President, Officers and Committee members. Seconded Neil Pearson. Carried.

Matters arising from the previous AGM

12. MH identified that the minutes from last year's AGM had been published and had been available on the Club's web-site under resources for the last 11 months. He informed the membership on the following key issues:

- a. Concern over the continued decline in membership.
- b. Concern over continued annual financial loss.
- c. Uncertainty over the fishing rights at Rawlsbury.
- d. £5 Increase in membership.
- e. New rule on the use of CCTV.
- f. Night permits.
- g. Review of the Club's trophies.

13. MH reassured the membership that each of these issues had been addressed during the last year and that information would be provided during the meeting accordingly.

New business

14. **Constitution** - MH advised that the Committee had previously considered the proposed amendments to the constitution which was now brought to the AGM for consideration. Furthermore, he identified that the Club was about to commence the issue of a new membership book for the 2017/18 season. The new book would take the form of an A6 loose leaf binder; this would allow page amendments, as required, as opposed to a complete new book; thereby reducing future printing costs. He then distributed A4 copies of the constitution with the main proposed amendments underlined in red MH and identified each of the proposed amendments expanding the reason for each, adding a further amendment to 9a concerning the publication of minutes from General Meetings within three weeks on the Club's web-site . [A copy of the circulated document is available in PDF format on the web-site under resources].

15. MH asked that the proposed amendments be considered for entry on block. Mike Cullen proposed that the amendments be accepted into the Club's constitution. Seconded by Hugh Miles. Carried.

16. **Honoraria** – MH briefed the membership that the new Committee had discussed the issue of honoraria payments. He identified that for a number of years, the Officers of the Committee had taken an annual payment in recompense for work carried out on behalf of the membership. Having reviewed this payment the Committee were in agreement that this payment should be suspended for the foreseeable future. All current Officers had already agreed to take no payment of honoraria in 2016. The Committee was committed to ensuring that this particular saving would be reinvested for the benefit of the membership.

17. **Working towards Angling Trust (AT) affiliation** – SH briefed the membership that on behalf of the Committee he had invited Mr Dean Asplin, the AT's Regional Development Officer (Southern region), to present to the Committee the way in which the AT could assist the development of the Club. SH identified to the membership the following lines of development that had been adopted by the Club:

- a. Apply for maintenance assistance through the AT Angling Improvement Fund (AIF).
- b. Promote participation in Angling through the following AT incentives:
 - (1) Let's go family fishing.
 - (2) Get back into Angling.
- c. Train angling coaches through the AT.
- d. Seek Fishmark accreditation through the AT.

18. **Successful AIF grant application** – SH briefed the membership that he had submitted a AIF grant application to the AT under the 2016 round 1 'Access for All' on behalf of the Club. He explained that almost 50% of the membership was either OAP or disabled and that 'Access for All' incentive was seeking to improve facilities at fisheries to assist those struggling with mobility. The application had focussed on improved pathways, parking facilities and platforms and the following Stillwater's:

- a. Edmondsham
- b. Little Canford
- c. Creekmoor

19. SH informed the membership that the application had been successful and that the Club had received £10,000 towards materials for the identified works. He then showed the membership a short slide show from the web-site on the work already carried out at Creekmoor.

20. SH also added that he had submitted a second AIF grant application, on behalf of the Club, in round 2 of 2016. This bid was targeted at 'get your fishery ready for the spring' and the application consisted of a similar level of improvement works at Kingsbridge and Winterborne Zelston. Furthermore, he also identified that he had made an additional application for funding on behalf of the Club through Wessex Water, if successful this would see the installation of an otter fence around the stock pond and the replacement of all the platforms on site.

21. SH concluded by asking the membership to support the final work party at Creekmoor scheduled from 08:00 Fri 31 Mar.

22. **Council waters** – SH advised that the Club had been in negotiations for a substantial period of time with the Borough of Poole (BoP) Council with regard to the transfer of fishing rights at:

- a. Hatchpond
- b. Alder Hill
- c. Creekmoor Ponds

23. SN explained that the Club had yet to receive final versions of the leases, but that the BoP had already informed its membership of the change in management and that those wishing to continue fishing these waters would need to be a member of WDAC. Moreover, he highlighted that the Club had agreed with BoP that WDAC members can fish Creekmoor and Hatchpond with immediate effect; and Alder Hill at commencement of the new season from 16 Jun 2017.

24. SN briefed that he would be coordinating a working party to thin the extensive lilies at Hatchpond. He further added that the Council had completed a comprehensive round of refurbishment/improvement work at Alder Hill to include:

- a. Bankside reinforcement.
- b. Construction of a wooden access bridge.

25. A previous BoP member briefed the membership on what to expect when fishing these waters. The individual identified the following:

26. **Alder Hill**

- a. Large Tench
- b. Large Roach
- c. Large Carp (30lb +)

27. **Hatch Pond**

- a. Large Carp (30lb +)
- b. Large Roach (3lb +)

28. SN further informed the membership that the Environment Agency had promised to stock Creekmoor with 40,000 roach and that Sparsholt College had agreed to electrofish Poole Park on behalf of the Club with any excess stock to be moved to Creekmoor Ponds.

29. **Lake manager's reports** – MH reminded the membership that the Committee had delegated the responsibility for the management and maintenance of its waters to specific Committee members. The following reports were delivered:

a. **Kingsbridge** – NS opened by briefing by informing the membership that work parties at Packhorse would begin in the spring, on a Saturday. He then outlined the aims of the work parties as follows:

- (1) Replacement of up to 26 platforms (reliant on successful AIF from round 2).
- (2) All platforms to be enlarged to a standard 1.8m x 1.8m or 3.6m x 3.6m.
- (3) Direct path from Car Park to peg 21.
- (4) Widen path to peg 20.
- (5) Peg 21 to be re-modelled in order to better support wheelchair access.
- (6) Widen path from peg 20 to peg 26.
- (7) Use spoil from item (6) to reclaim land to the right of the disabled peg, allowing remodelling to improve disabled access. [All subject to the necessary approvals].

b. NS went on to confirm the following fish stocking at Packhorse:

- (1) (June 16) 21 Carp from Arfleet Mill. An average size of 8lb, totalling 167lb.
- (2) (Oct 16) Stock pond fish. 40 in total. 120lb total. (new stock due end Mar 17)
- (3) (Feb 17) 58 Bream. An average size of 2 ½ lb, up to a maximum of 7lb. Total of 147lb.
- (4) (Aug 16 – Jan 17) 86 Carp from Poole Park. Average weight 10lb 2oz. Total 870lb.
- (5) Total weight of fish amounting to 1157lb. Fish from 2lb – 16lb.

c. NS invited feedback from members, especially if it was constructive. He finished by reiterating all of the work was conducted by volunteers and thanked all of those involved.

d. **Wellington, Widgeon and Tranquil** – SN briefed the membership that a small team of volunteers from the Club had conducted a significant amount of tree thinning work through the winter and as such he did not expect to be conducting working parties during the spring. He thanked Nick Lawrie for his help felling trees on the complex. He added that a considerable area of reed had been removed from Tranquil that now allowed 2 x bivies to be erected in this area. He identified the following works subject to AIF round 2 approval and statutory consents:

- (1) Vehicle access to a small parking area in the vicinity of Wellington. For mobility impaired members only.
- (2) Installation of a wheelchair friendly portaloos.
- (3) Installation of a portacabin (donated by Jewson and to be used for Angling Coaching).

e. SN identified the following stocking at Wellington.

- (1) Aug 16 – Jan 17) 22 Carp from Poole Park up to 29 ½ lb.

f. **Edmondsham** – NL began his report to the membership by highlighting the work conducted throughout the year to control weed. This has involved manual raking and the application of micro-chalk in an attempt to reduce silt. He went on to add that the Top lake was in the process of being converted to a Crucian/Tench venue and at present was drained. He noted that a total of 70+ tench ranging in size from 1 – 5 inches had been recovered and moved into the bottom lake. He identified the following works (funded from the successful AIF bid) that would be completed over the next few months:

- (1) Resurfacing of the Car Park.
- (2) Addition of a hardened track from the Car park to the bank of the bottom lake, suitable for vehicles.
- (3) Addition of 2 x car park spaces at the end of the track in item (2). Primarily for those with mobility issues.
- (4) Replacement of both disabled platforms.
- (5) Hand rails to fitted to pegs 20 and 21.
- (6) Addition of a large on-site notice board.

g. NL thanked JF for providing the majority of the funding to support the purchase of the following stocking.

- (1) (From Autumn 15) 72 Carp from 7 – 17lb.
- (2) (Feb 17) 100 Chub. Average size 10-12oz.
- (3) (Jan 17) 11 Bream. Between 2 ½ lb – 7 lb.

h. SH reinforced NL brief with a short slide show from the web-site highlighting the work conducted thus far.

i. **Little Canford** – SH briefed the membership on the works carried out this year using a short slide show from the web-site. He went on to thank all of those involved in the work pointing out the varied attendance (Female members, Junior members, Elderly members and disabled members). He noted that maximum attendance was vital to ensure the success of all projects and urged all the membership to consider whether they could assist.

j. SH rounded up by confirming the following works (funded by the successful AIF grant would be completed over the next few months:

- (1) Addition of an on-site disabled portaloo. (already installed on-site)
- (2) Replacement of 8 x platforms.

k. **Winterborne Zelston** – Included in Game secretary's report.

l. **Rawlsbury** – Included in Game secretary's report.

m. **Rivers** – SD briefed the membership that he intended to conduct a series of work parties over the close season to improve access. He then went on to provide the membership with an overview of the Clubs river stretches as follows:

(1) **Trickets and Parsons**

- (a) Chub to 6lb.
- (b) Perch to 3lb.
- (c) Good bags of Roach and Dace.

(2) **Netherwood**

- (a) Brown trout and Grayling on the fly.
- (b) Sea trout to 6lb.
- (c) Good nets of Roach, Dace and Chub.
- (d) Barbel to 10lb 6oz.

(3) **Purchases**

- (a) Perch to over 2lb.
- (b) Good bags of Roach. With single fish exceeding 1 ½ lb.

(4) **Chissels**

- (a) Chub above 6lb.
- (b) Bream above 7lb.
- (c) Double figure Pike.
- (d) Large bags of Dace.

(5) **Baileys**

- (a) Cracking bags of Roach and Dace.
- (b) Roach to over a 1 lb.

(6) **Buggs and Maitlands (as reported from Conyers)**

- (a) Good sport on the fly with Brown trout and grayling.
- (b) Large Chub.
- (c) Large Pike.

(7) **Derweston Mill (EA reports)**

- (a) Large bream in the upper weirpools.
- (b) Large Pike on the deeper bends.

n. SD completed his report by urging the membership to venture out on to the River as reports were good with significant fish reported this year.

30. **2017 Membership book** - MH briefed the membership that there would be a new membership book issued for the 2017/18 season. The book would take the form of an A6 size loose leaf binder and would incorporate the constitution and Club rules; fishery notes and guidance; permit page. The transition to a loose leaf binder would enable the Committee to issue only pages that required amending at future annual renewal, thereby reducing cost.

31. **Poole Park fish** – SH briefed the Committee on the successful removal of 112 Carp from Poole Park. This amounted to a total weight of some 1270lb, the largest fish being a 29 1/2lb Ghost Carp. He used a short slide show from the web-site to illustrate this task and some of the fish captured. Furthermore, he used a short slide show from the web-site to illustrate the fish removal task from Arfleet Mill.

32. **Chairman's report** - MH briefed the membership that in his opinion the Committee was functioning in a very positive way, with all Committee members pulling their weight, indeed the Committee had produced a series of strategic action plans and had disseminated responsibility for its waters to individual Committee members. He highlighted the following key lines of development for 2017:

- a. Increase new membership – to be encouraged through the AT incentives mentioned at item 17 b (1) and (2).
- b. Look after existing members better – to be implemented by maintaining our waters, increasing fish stocking, providing a better passage of information, such as working parties, through an improved and better administered web-site and social media footprint.
- c. Keep within budget – constant review of the Club portfolio of waters to ensure the membership is receiving value for money with regards to leases.

33. MH went on to reiterate that the Committee was formed of volunteers, who received no payment from the Club. He urged the membership to attend working parties and suggested that in most instances volunteers enjoyed the work. He further added that Committee had agreed to subsidise refreshments at work parties.

34. MH concluded by acknowledging the dedication and meticulous record keeping of the outgoing Membership Secretary DJ. On behalf of the Membership he thanked DJ and wished him all the very best and looked forward to meeting him on Club waters and at working parties.

35. **Secretary's report** – SH briefed the membership on the following:

- a. Dyofix (a concentrated food dye used to reduce the amount of light penetrating the water, thereby reducing photosynthesis) would be applied at Creekmoor to control weed growth. BoP had donated a sufficient quantity for a 1 year trial to be conducted.
- b. Friday 31 March completion work party at Creekmoor.
- c. Thanked Steve Moss, the manager of Jewson Wimborne, for his considerable efforts in securing materials, from his suppliers.
- d. SH finished off by asking each member to actively recruit one new member.

36. **Membership Secretary's report** – In the absence of DJ, MH informed the membership on the following:

- a. Membership count for 2016 totalled 404. Whilst this was slightly down on 2015, more recent figures, analysed by CC, suggested that there was likely to be an upturn this year.
- b. DJ wished to inform the membership that he had thoroughly enjoyed his 7 years as Membership secretary and hoped that CC would also enjoy his position.

37. **Press Officer report** – SD briefed the membership on the following:

- a. **Web-site** – That he had taken over the responsibility of Web-Site administrator and had spent some considerable time and effort renewing the site to provide a better passage of information to the membership. He urged the membership to continue to submit catch reports and provide feedback using the contact link.
- b. **Cormorant predation** – That having witnessed cormorants decimating fish stocks on the River Stour he had approached Jake Devoile (JD), AT Fisheries Management Advisor, back in June 16 to ascertain how to apply for an Area Licence to control cormorant predation. JD highlighted the following requirements in the application process:
 - (1) Gain landowners permission to shoot cormorant on their land.
 - (2) Provide evidence of predation.
 - (3) Provide evidence on non-lethal measures employed.
 - (4) Apply to Natural England (NE) for an area licence.
- c. Having gained permission from a number of landowners, and establishing a cormorant sightings log on the web-site in order to evidence cormorant numbers on the Stour, SD announced to the Committee that he had now submitted an application to NE and was due to meet with Mr Robert Hall, the Wildlife Management lead advisor for NE 21 Mar 2017 to discuss the application and visit the site (the final stage of the application process).

d. SD further added that permission had recently been gained to shoot cormorant from landowners at Kingsbridge and Edmondsham. He advised that he would be discussing future licence applications at these areas at the meeting articulated at item 37 c.

38. **Treasurer's report** – BH provided an overview of the 2016 circulated income and expenditure account :

- a. Income from membership reflected an increase of about £6000 over 2015.
- b. The total income figure for 2016 included an additional £10,000 from the AIF grant.
- c. Expenditure for 2106 was recorded at £32,554 markedly down on the £44,754 expenditure in 2015. He identified re-negotiated leases, no legal costs, no expenditure on coarse fish, and a better control of maintenance costs as key reasons for this reduction in expenditure.
- d. The net surplus for 2016 was £23315 (including grant money) compared to a £4757 loss in 2015.

39. BH thanked all of the Committee for ensuring that the Club was able to return a surplus during 2016 and reverse the recent trend of loss making. He identified that some of the surplus and already been committed and highlighted the following:

- a. Match funding pending a successful second grant application.
- b. Funding for the new membership book.
- c. Funding to pay off some of our creditors.

40. BH identified the following reasons for an expected increase in expenditure during 2017:

- a. The addition of three new waters from the BoP.
- b. Increases in fishery rentals, although renegotiation on certain waters was expected.

41. BH went on to state that it was the intention of the Committee to stabilise income and expenditure to allow a 70% expenditure on rentals leaving a margin of 30% to cover maintenance and administrative costs.

42. BH finalised by saying the Committee must continue to explore ways to promote membership as he remained observant to the fact that membership numbers were still declining. Careful restraint on spending must continue to ensure the long term survival of the Club.

43. **Game Secretary's report** – PN briefed the membership on the following:

- a. When he took over as Game secretary he noted that Rawlsbury was secured against an escalating rental of some £7500. This figure was untenable based on the size of the Game section. He was happy to report that in light of a successful negotiation a new 3 year fixed rental had been agreed with the landowner of Rawlsbury, at approximately half the previous cost.
- b. That the Game membership had adopted a new system of catch reports, the data provided was extremely useful and formed the basis for when to stock. He urged all Game anglers to continue to report accurately.
- c. That he was now looking to source quality fish from Iwerne Springs trout farm and would also be looking to include a number of larger fish.

d. That he had identified that the hard efforts of the Game section throughout 2016 had reflected in an increase of 10 memberships.

e. That the small profit returned from trout ticket sales in 2016 had been reinvested in the purchase of brown trout for catch and release at Viners, Rawlsbury.

44. **Match Secretary's report** – JF opened his report by stating that matches held on commercial waters did generate additional membership. He identified 16 match anglers who only fished commercial venues, but in order to do so had to be members of WDAC.

45. JF presented the following trophies:

a. Rawlings Cup (beat aggregate score for matches in 2016) – Mick Maidment (receives free membership for 2017).

b. Kellaway Cup (Committee match 2016)– Mike Jepson.

c. Sir Richard Trehaine Cup – Malcom Taylor.

d. Wally Cup – Stuart Hitchman

46. JF then briefed the membership as follows:

a. Overall the weights were down on last year apart from a 92lb weight recorded by Pete Christopher on Packhorse. An outstanding weight of 213 lbs by Chris Albiston backed up with 152lbs by Colin Parman was recorded on an outing to Dandy's Ford.

b. The introduction of the highest quality carp and wild bream (not commercially bred, acquired from a local lake) into Packhorse and Edmondsham, plus 100 Stillwater Chub into Edmondsham; will help our Club waters compete with the commercials'

47. **Safeguarding officer report**

a. **Promoting participation** – SeH briefed the membership that he taken over this new role in order to provide the conduit between the Club, Parents and the AT. He emphasised the requirement to promote Junior membership and explained that the Club would be hosting 2 x Let's go Family Fishing events scheduled for Sat 29 July and Sat 19 August. Both these AT incentivised events would be held at Little Canford Ponds. He went on to identify that both the AT and BoP would be actively promoting the event.

b. SeH went on to brief that he was due to meet Beaucroft School and discuss the Club's plan to deliver free Angling Coaching to disabled children. He reiterated that the Club currently had 3 x level 1 coaching staff within its membership, himself, GF and SH.

48. **Head Bailiffs report** – SN briefed the membership on the following issues:

a. He reiterated concern over the increase in littering at Packhorse.

b. He that fish had been moved by members from Wellington into Widgeon. This practice was unauthorised and urged this practice to cease.

c. He explained the principle of fishing etiquette as required within the Club. Where anglers are opposite each other than neither can fish beyond halfway across the lake. He requested that all members observe this etiquette.

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49. Andy Kellard, a WDAC member briefed the Committee that he had bought the stock from the closing of Avon Angling and was looking to open a new fishing shop in the Wimborne area. MH

responded by stating that the Club would be extremely interested in selling memberships, guest tickets and trout tickets from such an outlet.

50. Mike Cullen (MC), informed the membership that he was coordinating a charity match to help raise funds for Montacute School. He advised that he had already received interest from 54 potential participants. SH commented that he hoped MC would support the Club in its venture in providing free Angling Coaching to Montacute School.

51. A representative from Nucleus baits briefed the membership that the company was based in Merley and was offering Club members a 20% discount on bait purchases. He further identified that the company was looking to sponsor trophies, and Junior teams. MH thanked the representative and offered free advertisement within the new membership book.

Questions raised by the membership

52. Why is the Committee not submitting match results to the local newspapers? JF responded that in his experience match results would not be published. He further responded by inviting the member to submit reports on the Club's behalf. MH suggested that the Club would however, look to advertise specimen fish.

53. Why the Game section had no access to machinery during work parties? PN responded that the plant alluded to was the property of one of the coarse members. SH further identified that if plant was required for Game working parties, PN would coordinate hire through Steve Moss at Jewson. NS asked why this issue had not been raised at the recent Game AGM, and that if it had been the Committee would have worked to provide the necessary equipment.

54. Why are night tickets not available to guests? SH responded by stating firstly that guest tickets were exactly that, and should not be viewed as day tickets. The emphasis remained on attracting full members. Night fishing on Club waters was deemed extremely valuable and the Committee had taken the decision not to allow guests privileged access to night fishing. If individual's wished to night fish they would first need to become full members of WDAC.

55. Why are large trout not stocked in Club waters? PN responded that large had been stocked at various stocking iterations in 2016 and that a small number of large fish would continue to be stocked throughout 2017.

56. Could the Committee seek to better inform the membership? SH responded that he had now completed a membership distribution list and was more than happy to email more regular updates.

57. Was there an update on the potential Angling Coaching courses advertised in the newsletter? SH responded that he had received interest from two individuals and that he need a further four volunteers to organise a free level 2 course that had been offered by Dreamstore.

58. Why were fish being moved? SN responded that under no circumstances should members move fish. NS added that this practice was extremely unhelpful and potentially undermined stocking policy. JF further added that this would seriously jeopardise the Crucian Carp project at Edmondsham.

59. Why were matches not being held on the river? JF responded that he would not organise matches on the river because he did not expect more than two people to turn up. He further responded by inviting the member to organise a river match. MH commented that river fishing was much improved and that it might be worthwhile investigating a river Match.

60. When could WDAC members commence fishing BoP waters? SH responded that as part of the gentleman's agreement WDAC members could commence fishing at Hatchpond and

Creekmoor with immediate effect. However, a close season was enforced at Alder Hill and no fishing was permitted until 16 Jun 2017.

61. Had the Club been in contact with the Bursar at Canford School? SH responded that the Bursar had not responded to requests by email and telephone. He further responded that this did not overly concern him as the Club had received and paid the lease invoice and therefore there was no risk to the current fishing licence arrangement.

62. Why had certain individual's not received information by Email? SH responded that he had not received these individuals emails and that there must be a breakdown in the passage of this information. He requested that all members that had not received an email invitation for the AGM provide their email details to him at the end of the meeting. CC further added that some individuals' details were illegible and that others chose not to provide information. This was not helpful and prevented the Club passing information to the individual's concerned.

Meeting Closed 22:35

Signed on Original
S M Hitchman
WDAC Secretary