

Committee Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019 following new members joining meeting.  
Commenced 8.50p.m.

Present RH, DM, KK, JH, SMc, DB, RN, SM, TP, GP.  
Apologies DS.

Agenda

1. RH gave an update regarding the Angling Trust award. All relevant paperwork including copies of receipts, receipt summary, end of project report, and eLearning certificates have been sent to the Angling Trust. Receipt of documents has been received by RH. Unless the Angling Trust want to make an on-site monitoring visit then RH does not expect any further work involving the award.
2. DM recounted his experience on 3rd March when he monitored the use of unhooking mats at a club match. This resulted in an altercation between DM and Mr Painter. RN felt that it was inappropriate to check the mats in bad weather. RH/DM felt that this was irrelevant. DM felt that there was not enough support from the committee for members upholding the rules. The rules say that unhooking mats must be available at matches and most competitors did not have mats. RN read a message from a member re being asked by DM about unhooking mats and didn't respond because of a lack of ID. DM felt threatened by Mr.P's response to being asked if he had a mat and being poked in the chest. SM felt that the situation was not as serious as described, DM disagreed. SM said that the nature of the job entailed being confronted to which DM disagreed. General discussion followed regarding poaching. DM felt that RN was not giving sufficient guidance to members regarding dry nets and the possible spread of disease. RN commented that the temperature was too low to worry about dry nets. KK commented that his nets were never dry. RH said that Godalming AC insisted that all nets were bone dry before being allowed on to the Marsh Farm complex and that during his completion of the eLearning course on non-native species it was said that viruses can survive for months in damp conditions and that the advice is always Check, Clean, Dry. DB asked where the discussion was heading as it was wandering from the original subject. RN suggested that the discussion come to an end.
3. RN suggested revoking the bye law for unhooking mats in matches. RH disagreed with this as the whole point of the bye law was to protect the welfare of the fish. RH also said the according to the Constitution paragraph 37 it was not possible to rescind resolutions without notice being given at a previous committee meeting. RN delayed further discussion until the next committee meeting.

4. DM requested funds to install 'hedgehog' fish refuges in the small pond. They would cost about £30 each and 4 would be needed. This was agreed.
5. JH suggested additional working parties in the summer that would consist of older members doing light duties at some point on a week day. JH to look into organizing this.

The meeting closed at 10p.m. with the remainder of the agenda to be completed at a committee meeting after the next **General Meeting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019.**