

Committee Meeting 15th May 2019 8.10p.m.

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

Apologies: DB

1. Guest tickets – DM said that members were expecting guest tickets whilst not following the rules. There were instances of less than 24hours notice and expecting tickets to be posted. It was agreed that all members should abide by the rules detailed on the website. SMc would check website to see that instructions for obtaining guest tickets were clear. Guest tickets are held by DB,SMc,TP,JH and DM.
2. Road. RH brought up using grids and cold tarmac to repair potholes. Thought that grids might not be good idea in case of tyre damage. Might be possible to use cold tarmac alone.
3. Unhooking Mats – RN proposed changing rule 10 and 20d in the byelaws so that match anglers did not need to use unhooking mats. DM said that the rules say an unhooking mat had to be available, it is not compulsory to use one. RN always unhooks fish in a landing net between his knees. RH said the rule should apply to everyone as not all anglers are proficient at unhooking fish in landing nets. DS said that if the rule is revoked for match anglers then it would be difficult to enforce for other anglers. GP said it was a nuisance to take a mat if it was not going to be used. RH said that rule 10 stated that the welfare of the fish was uppermost. KK said that rule 20d should be amended and rule 10 stay as it is.
It was proposed that rule 20d should be amended to read: Match anglers are not required to comply with rule 10 re unhooking mats unless they are not capable of unhooking a fish in a supported landing net.
For:5 against:3 proposal carried.
4. Match arrangements for February 2020. DM brought up the issue of matches in February clashing with working parties. RN said that only two matches clashed and it doesn't affect large numbers of members. RH said that there had been criticism in the past with dates clashing and match anglers not attending working parties. Working parties are mainly supported by senior members. Written plans for all ponds need to be supplied to the Wildlife Trust every year. There was a query about trimming branches on the island. Manpower is not available to use the boat to trim branches. DM would seek clarification from Emma Hunt.
5. Action Plan: RH said that the committee need to consider topics for inclusion in the action plan.

6. AOB. Charity match June 2nd on Ben's Pond, previously in aid of Macmillan Nurses.

RH said that he had received signs from the Angling Trust – 2 publicising the Angling Trust Grant and one giving information/warning re Check/Clean/Dry of nets and equipment. These would be erected at the ponds after speaking to Emma Hunt.

DM said money could be available via grants to enhance disabled access to the ponds, he would investigate.

JH said he had had problems accessing the website, SMC was not aware of specific problems.

Meeting closed at 9.25p.m.