

P.G.R.B.L.A.C. Committee meeting minutes 2nd May 2018

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

Apologies: GP TP

Meeting commenced at 8.25p.m

1. Roy opened the meeting by welcoming Don Sinclair as a co-opted committee member. The committee is now at full membership as specified by the constitution.
2. Jim Houston has the exchange tickets for Dryad via the RNRM angling club.
3. Legal/emergency information. JH brought to the attention of the committee that fishing without permission is a 'theft of fishing rights, Schedule 1, Section 32 Theft Act 1968' and that taking fish without permission is a theft 'Section 1 theft Act 1968. This should be brought to the attention of the club bailiffs so that they can use this information if approaching poachers. **Action Steve Mullins.**

Emergency information i.e. the postcode of the lakes is to be put in the Club noticeboard at the New Road car park. **Action Steve Mullins.**

This information will also be posted on the club website. **Action Steve McGarry**

Discussion followed on recent news of fish disease at other waters. It was agreed that arriving at waters with bone dry nets was key in preventing the spread of disease.

4. Stocking Policy. A letter should be sent to the Environment Agency seeking clarification on our permission to stock Crucians. **Action Russ Hankey.**

Discussion followed on the next step regarding the club's restocking policy. It was decided that we would look to stock 30x 3-5lbs mirror carp with 20 going into the New Water and 10 into Ben's Pond. This would introduce a new strain into both ponds to supplement the original stock, which are now aged, in a similar way to the stocking of Tom's pond. Discussions will need to take place with the HIOW Trust at the next meeting on 21st May.

Preliminary contact to be made with Fishers Pond Fishery. **Action Russ Hankey**

5. As the timing of General Club Meetings has changed following the AGM, members need to be told of the new timetable. An email/letter to be sent to members detailing the new timetable and encouraging

members in future to look regularly at the club website for news/updates as newsletters will no longer be sent out. **Action Russ Hankey.**

6. The Action Plan is to be emailed to members of the committee. This will be used to inform future committee agendas and committee members can add items for discussion. **Action Russ Hankey**
7. The Charity match will be held at Ben's pond on 3rd June 2018
8. **AOB.** DM expressed concern at a number of anglers fishing either without renewing their membership on time or not being a member at all. It was reiterated that no one should be fishing the ponds without being in possession of a current paid up card.
9. Membership books. Dave Hamilton had offered to look into the practicalities of a club membership book, as nothing has come of this RH offered to look at this again. **Action Russ Hankey**
10. The paperwork for this summer's swimclearing needs to be with SM by the beginning of June. DM will be responsible for Tom's Pond, Dave Brownlee for New Water and SM for Ben's Pond. SM will contact Dave Brownlee. **Action DM, SM.**

The walk around will be with Emma Hunt, SM and DM.

11. DM reported back on his investigations re club clothing. Items could be printed with the club logo on the back and club initials on the front. Prices would be £26 for a hoody with or without a zip, £18 for a polo and £16 for a T-shirt. DM would check if individual names could be printed at no extra cost. SMC would use the website to try and gauge demand.

Action DM, SMC

12. DM showed the committee a mock up of a 'hedgehog' fish refuge. Discussion followed on the possible positioning of the refuges. These could be made by DM for about £20 each (rrp £70). These would be more portable than floating islands and could be moved out of cormorant 'season'. These were much more popular than the floating islands and the committee agreed to a trial of 4 hedgehogs to be installed in Ben's Pond in Autumn 2018. **Action DM.**
13. RH brought up the issue of Data protection as the law is changing later this month. It was decided to address this at next years membership meetings.

The meeting closed at 10p.m.

Next General meeting June 13th 2018

Next committee meeting 11th July 2018.