

Committee Minutes Wednesday 23rd January 2019 8.05 p.m.

Members Present: RN,SM,DS,GP,DB,TP,DM,SMc,RH

Apologies: KK

RN welcomed Dave Brownlee to the committee. He added that RH was the contact to add items to the agenda.

1. Subscriptions – Juniors – there are no junior members at present and no family subscriptions. We advertise for new members in the notice board at the ponds and also at Poindestres. Junior members cannot fish the lakes on their own.

It was decided that an adult member can have a free junior membership associated with their membership. The junior does not have to be a relative. This applies up to the age of 16. An EA licence is still required.

Up to 16 – free

16-17 - £15 per annum

18+ - full adult subscription

Pro- rata – this applies to a person joining the club part way through the year. It was decided that the full rate should apply up to the 31st October then the full joining fee and half price subscription from 1st November. This arrangement to commence from 1st April 2019.

2. Landing net sizes – after much discussion it was decided that the word “suitable” should be replaced by a specific measurement and the larger size should only apply to Tom’s pond and the New water. Bye law 11 should now read:

All members shall be in possession of a suitable unhooking mat for the species being fished for, a suitable made up landing net and a disgorger. On Tom’s Pond and the New Water the landing net arms must be a minimum of 36” in length or a minimum diameter of 32” for a circular net. A smaller net may be used as long as a larger net is available in the event of large fish being hooked.

(the rest of rule 11as before, change keep net width to 45cms).

3. The Road – RH read out KK’s email regarding current finance. It was accepted that we could not continue to fund major repairs to New road every year. SM suggested obtaining up to 2tonne of planings or scalplings to be held on standby as used as necessary. RH suggested trying cold tarmac to fill in individual potholes. It was decided to delay a decision until February and revisit the finances with KK.

4. Water Manager – SM told the committee that he was stepping down as Water Manager. RN thanked SM for his past work in the role. DM is willing to stand as Water Manager. SMC said that the membership cards were already printed with SM's contact details. The change in details can be announced at the subs meetings and SM can pass on any messages to DM. SM will still have contacts that he can pass on to DM. DM asked for two assistants , DB and DS. This was agreed by all.

5. Working parties – the Trust have been given plans for New Water and Tom's Pond and these have been agreed. SM said that he had given a verbal plan to Emma Hunt. RN questioned the responsibility of the pathways around Ben's Pond. This can be brought up at the next meeting with the Trust. The Angling Trust award will be finished during the February working parties.

6. AOB – SM's gear has now been removed from the lock-up. The trailer will be removed as this does not belong to the club.
Rule 5 in the byelaws is to be removed as we no longer operate a close season.
On 9th/10th/16th February a film crew will be on site through arrangement with HIOW trust and NATS.
We need to find a new source of parking stickers.
Query with KK regarding income from guest tickets.

Meeting closed at 9.40p.m.