

Committee Meeting 13th September 2017

Repetitive arguments on match days

The committee are becoming increasingly concerned about unnecessary arguments on the bank. The three separate occurrences have all been from the same source and all over trivial issues. If any member has a concern please either talk to a committee member or raise it in AOB at the AGM rather than disrupt the matches. We have reached the point where any further occurrence will be dealt with by the committee.

New and refused Associate Members

We have eight Associate members so far in 2017, 2 local anglers (Fladbury notice boards), 4 new guys through the website, 1 saw a tackle shop sign and 1 returning from last season (letter from the Sec.). We have had enquiries from Barbel Bashers, the last thing we need is heavy pre-baiting, the website now reflects this.

Rules for Associate Members

We have had match rules for full members for many years and with increasing Associate membership the committee have recognised that we need a set of Associate guidelines supplied on joining. With Associate's there is less familiarity compared to full members therefore guidelines are essential. We want to keep all responsible members, Associate guidelines gets the message across. See "Membership / Associate members / Associate Rules".

2017 Objective "All Safe Steps"

All of the pegs now have safe steps and all pegs are fishable, 13 sets of steps were built to last, the remainder have new temporary steps. We also built 6 bottom stage platforms in the weir pegs, we built 3 more raised platforms on the silted pegs 5 to 9, sorted out peg 1 and put approach steps in pegs 2 and 12, a huge effort.

Bank Clearing. A tremendous effort by the few.

Jim Tyler's Cutters Cup. After an incredible effort renewing all of the pegs plus the regular Bank clearing it doesn't feel right that there is no club prize money for the JTCC. We have ruled that any funds generated from club bookings after deducting website charges should be used for Cutters Cup prize money but with one match booking we have just covered the website cost. The committee have decided to reward the members for their hard work by donating £75 prize money to the Cutters Cup spread between all 9 members. This is a one off response to exceptional circumstances and an exceptional effort. Next year it is hoped that we will have more match bookings to render the Cutters Cup a very desirable match. Eligible to fish the Cutters Cup this season are;- FB, DM, BB, HP, DB, JA, KK, PW, JB. Thanks and well done guys, have a great match.

Silver Fish League

Although the SFL concept (Silvers on local pools) seemed sensible for January to March the trend over 14 seasons in the early matches was returning Carp and registering a dry net, it was time for a change. A vote was held at TBF concerning the future of the SFL, the options were;- (1)No change, (2)Allow Carp using natural baits, (3)Allow Carp using Carp baits. The members voted overwhelmingly nine votes for option two and two votes for option one. So, in 2018 the match series will include Carp caught on natural baits. Renamed "Winter Pools", again all on local venues, for allowed baits see 2018 match rules.

New Land Owner - Cattle

After the first meeting with the owner most of the apprehension has lifted, the committee view is that we remain in a position to negotiate, confrontation gets us nowhere.

Parking in the field;- Since that first discussion we have driven in the field many times delivering materials and completing projects and for the first time on the 6th Aggregate match most parked in the field, the owner seems very cooperative. Until the fencing is complete and cattle installed the thinking is that we park in the field on match days only, continuing to text him on the day so that he is fully aware of events.

Peg 2;- He knows that our most immediate concern is protecting peg 2 from becoming a cattle drink, we will negotiate with the land owner later when he starts erecting fencing. We understand that he plans to create a compound effectively fencing off the field gate and footpath round gate from the field, essentially to corral the cattle in times of flood so they can be easily removed.

Environmental Agency;- We heard that the land owner has been delayed by the Environment Agency (EA) who were not happy with him trimming the trees. The Secretary had a chat with the EA when they had a walk round the field Wednesday 2nd August, he explained that we were repairing steps that had been there since the 1940's, there were no concerns expressed at the time.

The Island Pegs

A chance discussion between the Secretary and the new owner of the Island has resulted in the ability to fish the weir pool again, it's very overgrown & we will have to recreate the pegs. The owner is keen to preserve the island as a nature reserve & concerned about erosion. Over the years we have had many problems with access, that responsibility is now the land owners.

We had a look around Friday 11/8/2017, the initial plan to build platforms on the reeds went out the window when we realised the reeds extend out 25 feet. "Plan B" is to build two platforms in the water between the causeway and the reeds, we see that as a start.

The land owner is happy with the plan and even offered to help. The project plan shows a Spring 2018 start, to be ready by June 2018.

2018 Venues

Only one member responded with venue suggestions. Next seasons venues were decided for the "Winter Pools", the "Spring League" series and the "Aggregate BAA matches", a draft venue list was produced. We will book the matches and distribute the confirmed venue list in December.

2018 Objectives.

The committee discussed next season's objectives;-

Objective 1; We have 13 pegs with "low maintenance" steps built with poles and slabs. There are a further 11 pegs built with boards of varying standard that we know will deteriorate quickly over time (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18). The committee want to see robust steps in all 26 pegs resulting in a "Low Maintenance Fishery" by the end of the 2018 season.

Objective 2; To increase Fladbury match bookings and Associate membership.

Objective 3; Create two Island pegs ready for June 2018.

Feedback from the Cashmore's MG match 5/8/2017.

Thirteen fished leaving out the pegs with cabbages, they used pegs

2,6,7,8,15,16,17,19,21,22,23,24,& 26. The match was won in peg 15 with 6-10-0 a peg that was only re-instated the week before, surprisingly peg 16 was third with 5-11-0.

These pegs haven't been fished for years.

Next committee meeting is in December 2017.