

25/1/2017 AGM - Meeting Summary

Very good turnout with 15 members present including one of the new members, welcome Keith (Kite).

***Secretaries Report;-** The incoming Secretary presented last season's Secretaries report. Steve M. and John B. are both recovering after major surgery, we have heard that John has been back in hospital since Christmas for further treatment, heard through the grapevine that Steve is recovering, he's targeted June for a return, get well soon guys.

Peter's resignation surprised everyone, more in AOB.

We had five new members in 2016, four are expected to remain within the Society, we have two new full members next season, both will be fishing the river matches. We had one Fladbury booking in 2016 and one already received in 2017. There was a huge effort made this year to overcome the effect of winter floods and have all pegs fishable, in addition, three stages were erected (pegs 2, 5, and 7).

In 2017 we will use weigh teams which will help the committee enormously on the bank.

***Treasurers Report;-** The Society made a profit in 2016 mainly due to increased membership, no increase in subscriptions.

***Website;-** The Website is in its second year and already this season we have a Fladbury booking and two full members easily covering this year's costs, we get the website very cheaply with free management and a low annual subscription. In January 2017 there was a raft of changes due to seasonal and Committee changes. The committee will consider the website a success when we meet our objective of having five or six club bookings every season at Fladbury.

***Any Other Business;-** (AOB 1)The Chairman paid tribute to Peters immense efforts over his 40 years at the helm, the committee have decided to award life membership.

(AOB 2)The remainder of the committee have re-organised their roles. Dave remains as Chairman, Frank took on the Secretaries role while continuing with the website and Peter F. is the new Treasurer, H. Potter and Brian Barton have joined the Committee and the reformed team began at the start of the 2017 season.

(AOB 3)As the new Treasurer does not fish the River matches the committee informed the members that club prize money will be paid at the end of the season.

(AOB 4)In 2017 there will be five SFL matches (prev. 3) similar to the SL and WL series, all three series will count 4 from 5 in 2017.

(AOB 5)The two additional January SFL matches occur before the AGM when traditionally the venue list is distributed. To overcome this, the venue list was distributed with the pre-AGM letter early December.

(AOB 6)In order to encourage members to help during bank clearing the committee have decided that all revenue generated from club bookings at Fladbury will be used for Cutters Cup prize money after deducting website costs.

(AOB 7)Darren Onley followed procedure and submitted the discussion point "Should we continue to allow Pike in matches". After discussion the membership voted to ban Pike, you can retain them but you must return them.

*** Pegging Out;-** Pensham BB & DB, Blackpole DM & PW, Fladbury below HP & BB, Manor Farm DM & FB, All other venues pegged by the Committee

***Prize Giving for the 2016 season;-** The Aggregate Cup was won by Brian Barton, The Pairs was won by Brian Barton and H. Potter, The SFL was won by Jeff

Foxworthy, The SL was won by Carl Fortey, the WL was won by Peter Whittingham, well done guys.

* **Finally**;- The incoming Secretary commented that despite stirring efforts by the few, 17 out of 26 pegs at Fladbury have dangerous and eroded steps and asked the membership for a concerted effort to renew all of the steps next season. Anyone who can help please inform a committee member and a work party will be arranged. An eventful and positive well attended AGM meeting and with Peter stepping down after decades at the helm, a fresh challenge for the Society.