

Girling Angling Society

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2024 AGM Minutes – 2023 Season

Location	The Village Inn, Beorley, B98 9AT
Members Present	FB, PF, HP, SC, MC, RM, AH, GB, PW, AC, BC.
Members Apologies	Chairman Dave Mullins, Steve Mathews (unwell).

2022 AGM Minutes	
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Secretary's Report – See Secretary's Report	
Chairman standing down	The Chairman has decided to stand down due to ill health after over 20 years on the Committee. The Committee and Membership thank him & wish him well.
Committee Resignations	H. Potter & Brian Barton have left the Committee after seven years of service.
Deceased Ex. Member	Sadly, Dave Hughes a member for several years is no longer with us. Judging by the amount of members & past members attending his funeral he was highly thought of.
Membership 2023 Membership 2024	54 Members in 2023 (40 Full & 14 Assoc.). The Secretary explained that for various reasons we will lose some members next season. Match Turnout slightly down regardless of record membership
Website	Eighth year of the website, pays for itself through Membership (20 in 2017 / 54 in 2023).
Fladbury Water Quality	November 2021 to January 2024, long term high Phosphate is the only concern. Andy has taken these measurements from May 2022, thanks Andy.
Avonvale Group	The Society through Andy continues to support the local River Action Group
2024 Venue List	Issue 2 available and shown on the website & chat groups. Eighth Aggregate is now at Twyning. Following first match cancellation the Pools matches have dropped down so the final Spring League match is now at Meadowlands.
Fladbury Maintenance	Plenty of help but a difficult year with floods, October through to December. Currently requiring a work team to sort out the pegs, Roger is sourcing a chainsaw contractor.
Match Results	See the results handout, Eight Canal matches fished reflecting the seasons river conditions.
2024 Comm. Meetings	Zoom meetings in 2024 suggested to allow members further afield to participate

Treasurers Report – See Balance Sheet	
Balance Sheet 2023	All revenues Balanced, Fladbury Income used for Fladbury maintenance.
Financial Changes 2023	The Treasurer explained the new Accounting Format used in 2023 which has club prize money funded from Full Members Subscriptions after deducting fixed costs & Fladbury income spent on Fladbury maintenance. Membership Subscriptions and cost of Club Bookings were raised in 2023
Club Prize Money	Record Club Prize Money paid in 2023 Chart supplied showing members Club Prize Money in 2023 We paid Cash for Series Winners for the first time.
Match Deposits 2022	Previous seasons match deposits were recouped without loss
Match Peg Fees 2023	Match Peg fees show £6 loss after 21 matches requiring a peg fee.

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AOB – Brian Coles – See Handout	
Brian Coles AOB-1A 4 Match Pools prizes No WTA or BP	<u>Brian proposed match day pools of £8, with 4 prizes & no WTA or BP on Pools matches.</u> The Committee advised rejection as the fourth prize is derisory unless >13 turnout. The WTA & BP is optional & designed to encourage match turnout, a derisory fourth prize will not improve turnout.
AOB-1A Decision	Voted Against, WTA & BP are optional & designed to encourage turnout
Brian Coles AOB-1B Club Prize Money x4	<u>Brian proposed Club Prize Money for first four in matches, not first three as current.</u> The Committee advised rejection as the fourth prize will be minimal.
AOB- 1B Decision	Voted Against, fourth prize derisory unless a big turnout
Brian Coles AOB-1C Split Series winner prize x2 on Pools	<u>Brian proposed that the £100 for the Series Winners on Pools should be split over the 2x 5 match series.</u> The Committee advised rejection. Last season for the first time we had cash for winning both 10 match series designed to encourage competitiveness and a reduction in winnings diminishes the objective. The Committee prefer similar rules for sponsoring the 10 matches on River & 10 matches on Pools.
AOB-1C Decision	Agreed to split & the £100 paid over each of the 5 match series on pools
AOB – Steve Cox – See Handout	
Steve Cox AOB-2A Purchase an Air Horn	<u>Steve proposed purchasing an Air Horn at a cost of £10-£20 plus top ups seasonally</u> The Committee advised acceptance.
AOB-2A Decision	Agreed
Steve Cox AOB 2B No Pike in Matches	<u>Steve proposed to cease allowing Pike to be weighed in matches.</u> The Committee advise that only the River anglers should vote for this proposal.
AOB-2B Decision	Agreed
Steve Cox APB 2C Purchase an industrial Brush Cutter	<u>Steve proposed purchasing an industrial Brush Cutter</u> The Committee estimate that an industrial Brush Cutter would cost in excess of £300 and suggest servicing the Secretary's Brush Cutter then housed by a member in a suitable storage area. The Committee advise accepting the cost of a service.
APB-2C Decision	Service the existing Brush Cutter.
AOB – Secretary – See Handout	
Secretary AOB-3 Purchase a Chain Saw.	<u>This Season the Society does not have access to a Chain Saw.</u> The Committee suggests that the Society purchases a Chain Saw.
AOB-3 Decision	Decided to employ an experienced operator, Action Roger Middleton
AOB – Secretary – See Handout	
Secretary AOB-4 Additional Match Secretary's & a weigh team for the River Matches	<u>The Secretary is happy to continue as Club Secretary but suggests that he now needs help running the Society's 32 Matches / season.</u> The Committee suggest that we appoint a couple of Match Secretary's and a weigh team for the Aggregate Series. The Appointments would be solely to run the matches & a non-Committee role.
AOB-4 Decision	Roger Middleton will run the BAA River Matches although he needs help pegging out. H. Potter & Gary Buzzard will weigh in on BAA River Matches.

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Election of Officers	
Current Committee	The Secretary and Treasurer were re-elected - Unanimously
Committee	Andy Coles accepted a position on the Committee, welcome Andy.

2023 Objectives, how did we do?	
Financial Balance	New Accounting format successful, ensured correct use of income, and all revenue Balanced
Pegs fishable all Season	11 members helped but the floods in October through to December proved difficult.
Increase Bookings	Fladbury Club Bookings were down compared to 2022
Membership Level	A record Year with 54 members
Match Turnout	River, Pools & Canal turnout all slightly down compared to last season.
Peg Fee losses	After 21 matches requiring Peg Fees we lost a total of £6 on two Canal Scrambles.

2024 Objectives	
Committee Vacancies	Continue to look for suitable candidates to join the Committee to take the Society Forward ideally a river angler to give the Committee balance. Set up Zoom meetings in 2024 allowing members to join from further afield. Promote a Chairman when the Committee is back up to strength
Membership	Continue the drive for new Full members, improving Match Turnout
Match Secretary's	Appoint additional Match Secretary's.
Fishery	Sort out the fishery after three months of flooding & continue with regular maintenance
Finance	Continue with the Accounting format after a highly successful inaugural season

January 2024 AGM – Discussion & Resultant Actions	
Trustees	Current Trustees are Dave Mullins (Chairman resigned) & Frank Bagley. The meeting agreed to promote Peter Fawke, Peter Whittingham & Roger Middleton as new Trustees. Action - Secretary to investigate Solicitor Costs
Website	Steve Cox commented that backdated results were missing. Action - Secretary will investigate.
Website	Brian Coles commented that some members do not access the website, saying that we should use the Chat Group to inform members of changes. Before the website there was very little information available except for paper copies of results. Now with the new website designed for Mobile Phones there is a wealth of easily accessed information including full transparency of finance. This information is available to members if they want to access it from a Mobile Phone. Providing a totally up to date website is time consuming and duplication is pointless. The Society cannot be held responsible for members who choose not to access this information.
Booking on to Matches/ Late Venue Changes.	Peter Whittingham raised the issue of booking on to matches & learning of late venue changes. The rule which has been in place for decades is to call or text to book on Thursday evening. If there has been an unfortunate late change of venue the member will then be aware. If a member does not book on Thursday the Secretary cannot be held responsible for his lack of awareness.
Driving behind the Pegs on Match Days	The issue was raised about the wisdom of paying £80/ year for cutting the top of the pegs. Gary who cuts the top of the pegs twice a year is our only contact with the land owner and over the years it has become custom & practice to pay Gary annually 2x £40 for the costs involved, this would be a mammoth task for the membership to undertake twice a year. This procedure allows vehicle access & the Committee accept that if we decided to stop Gary cutting the top of the pegs the ability to drive into the field would be in jeopardy.
Venue List	For the last three seasons the January match has been affected by bad weather. The meeting agreed to move the pools matches down therefore the Meadowlands scramble now becomes the final Spring League Match in 2024. In future the first match on Pools will be in February. Action – Secretary to discuss the £30 match deposit paid for the January cancelled Match.
Brush Cutter	Action – Secretary will investigate cost of a service
Chain Saw	Action - Roger Middleton to identify a competent chainsaw contractor
Aggregate Cup Engraving	Action - PW was asked to engrave the Aggregate Cup for 2022 & 2023.
Club Prize Money Chart	The Chart showed on the first match Andy Cole was entered twice and Bob Styles overlooked Action – Secretary to investigate