

# GIRLING ANGLING SOCIETY

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## Minutes of the A.G.M. held at The Sheldon Ivy Leaf – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

### - A Summary of the 2017 Season

#### Members Present and Apologies.

**Committee;** Dave Mullins (Chair.), Frank Bagley (Sec. & Website), Peter Fawke (Treas.), Brian Barton (Flad. Bookngs), H. Potter (Fishery Man.). FB recording.

**Attendees;-** PW, SM, HJ, DO, DD, CF, BC, AC, KK. **Apologies;-** DJ, DB, JA, JB.

#### 2018 AGM Documentation.

- Members had rec'd through the post an AGM invitation with agenda, 2017 AGM minutes, 2018 Venue list, a 2019 Venue selection form & Summaries of AOB1 & 2.
- Available at the AGM;- 2017 Results, Balance sheet, Secretaries & Website report, Venue List, Match Rules, Aggregate Prize Money chart, Venue selection form.

### 2018 A.G.M. Minutes

#### Previous AGM Minutes.

- The 2017 AGM minutes was accepted unanimously by the members with no matters arising.

#### 2017 Secretary's Report summarized – see report.

- Membership;-** A healthy 21 Full & 9 Associate members in 2017, six Associates have already renewed for 2018. Increased Assoc. membership is a direct result of making the pegs and steps safer and advertising through the Website, Fladbury signs & Tackle shops..
- Jeff Foxworthy & John Austin have decided to leave the Society.
- New land owner & Cattle;-** Initial apprehension lifted, we are on good terms with the land owner, we can park in the field.
- Fladbury Island;-** The owner of the island agreed to let us establish two platforms on the island then later asked the Society to consider selling the rights to the island. See the circulated summary, this topic to be raised in AOB.
- Silver Fish League;-** After 6 years of catching Carp & recording a dry net it was time for a change, participating members voted overwhelmingly mid-season to allow Carp using natural baits in 2018. The series has been re-named "Winter Pools", see match rules for allowed baits. To date we have fished two of five matches, & the format appears to be accepted.
- 2017 Committee objective "All of the pegs safer & fishable".** Sixteen sets of permanent steps the rest have new temporary steps, twelve bottom stage platforms & 2 further raised platforms on the silted pegs, plus signs renewed with contact details. A magnificent effort by the few. Previously unused pegs are now winning matches eg. peg 11 has won the last 4 matches. We have 7 sets of robust steps and 8 more bottom stages to install to complete a low maintenance fishery. Thanks to the 6 or 7 members who worked tirelessly to get us this far.
- 2018 Committee objectives;-** 1)Robust steps & Bottom stage platforms in every peg by June 2018 creating a low maintenance fishery, 2)Continue to encourage Match bookings & Associate membership.

#### 2017 Treasurers Report & Balance Sheet summarized – see report.

- In 2017 the Society made a loss of £256.19 in a season where Associate membership increased (£190) and cost of Fladbury materials increased considerably. The material cost in 2017 was exceptional & spend on materials will be much reduced in 2018. There will be no increase in subscriptions in 2018.
- Bank Account accepted signatures have changed (early 2018) to include Peter Fawke, Dave Mullins & Frank Bagley.

#### Website – see report.

- The website is now very well established, totally up to date, self-funding & we are starting to see the benefits in terms of Associate membership, although Fladbury match bookings still disappoint.
- Created a section for Assoc. members & guidelines are available in 2018.

#### Committee Roles in 2018.

- Fladbury Match Bookings;-** Brian Barton has accepted the role of promoting Fladbury club match bookings.
- Fishery Manager;-** H. Potter has accepted the role of identifying & managing Fladbury projects
- Fladbury Custodian;-** Trevor Gladding has kindly accepted the role of custodian and will call the Secretary if he is aware of any issues affecting Fladbury Fishery, Trevor has been supplied 3 free Associate cards.

#### Any other Business – Presented by the Chairman Dave Mullins.

- AOB1 - Sale of fishing rights to the island – see summary;-** The Chairman raised the issue of the island land owners request to purchase the fishing rights to the island. The owner's objective is to secure the island against vandalism & offers exclusive access for full members & responsibility for legal fees. After consideration & consultation with the BAA the committee determined the Society's "terms of agreement" ie. £5k, exclusive access, parking & buyer paying for legal costs. The land owners counter offer was £5k no access or £2.5k exclusive access, parking was not possible, legal cost paid up to £1K. The Committee discussed the agreement with senior members PW & SM. A summary was supplied showing the Society's three options of 1)No sale, 2)£2.5k with exclusive access without parking, 3)£5k and relinquish all rights. Options two or three will result in starting the legal process and registering with the "Land Registry Office". The Committee asked all full members to vote. The members voted Op.1 one vote, Op. 2 no votes and Op.3 13 votes with three proxy votes for Op.3 (JC, DB, DJ). We will now start the legal process. The overwhelming vote is vindication of the Committee approach.
- AOB2 – Match Prize money on Pools matches.** The Chairman raised the anomaly of lack of prize money on the pools matches. For 14 years we have held matches on pools and actively sought membership of all match anglers. For eight years we have taken subs from long term members who switched to the pools without offering prize money. An increase in Associate membership has allowed the reformed committee to have similar prize money on both Aggregate & Pools matches in 2018 (12x £28 x2 = £312), an increase on last season spend of £114. This is sustainable only if we maintain the current level of subscriptions. This long overdue change was not possible before the reforming of the Committee in 2017.
- PW thought that we should not reduce the Agg. prize money & BC proposed same. We had two votes for and 10 against, so, we have equal prize money in 2018.
- AOB3 – Raised by DO** – Go back to 8am draw on Summer River Matches, June to September – (inc. 3<sup>rd</sup> Agg. – 8<sup>th</sup> Agg.). All members to vote on the bank - **OPEN**.
- AOB4 – Raised by SM** – Allowed to change peg if double banked when arriving at your peg. Carried unanimously, requiring a revision of the match rules - **OPEN**

#### 2018 Bank Clearing Dates

- Saturday 19/5/2018      Sunday 1/6/2018      Saturday 11/8/2018 – see Venue List.

#### Pegging out in 2018

- |                                       | <u>Venue</u>      | <u>Responsibility</u>   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| • 1 <sup>st</sup> Aggregate & Pairs   | BAA Pensham 1-2-3 | BB & HP   |
| • 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aggregate & Pairs   | BAA Alvechurch    | DO & DD   |
| • 4 <sup>th</sup> Aggregate & Pairs   | BAA Hallow 4-5    | BB & DB   |
| • 7 <sup>th</sup> . Aggregate & Pairs | BAA Pershore RB   | May require venue change due to flood damage in Jan. 2018 - <b>OPEN</b> |
| • 9 <sup>th</sup> . Aggregate & Pairs | BAA Bidford LB    | BB, DB, HP.   |

#### Presentation of Trophies for 2017 Season, presented by the Secretary & senior member Peter Whittingham.

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|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| • The Aggregate Cup    | <b>P Whittingham</b> | * Eric Jones Fladbury Cup       | <b>D. Banks</b>            |
| • Silver Fish League   | <b>Darren Davies</b> | * The Annual WW Shield          | <b>H. Potter</b>           |
| • Spring League        | <b>Darren Davies</b> | * Roach Cup                     | <b>D Banks (0-12-8)</b>    |
| • Winter League        | <b>P Whittingham</b> | * Jim Tyler Cutters Cup         | <b>F. Bagley</b>           |
| • Pairs                | <b>KK / PW</b>       | * Lou Greatrex Challenge Shield | <b>F Bagley / B Barton</b> |
| • Chris Green Memorial | <b>H Potter</b>      | * PW Shield                     | <b>B Barton</b>            |

#### Subscriptions and Membership Cards.

- The Treasurer collected 2018 Subscriptions from the Members & the Secretary handed out 2018 club cards to fully paid members.

The 2018 AGM closed at 10.10pm.