

*MINUTES OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2023*

Present:

Chairman: Paul Carter

Committee: Steve Shoemsmith, Richard Edwards, John Walter, Keith Veness, Steve Saunders, Keith Baker, Les Watson, Nicola Cox, Geb Locke, Shaun Massey, Rodney Shoemsmith, Carl Charman and Chris Cooper

President: Bruce Dowling

1. Admin Report

Jenny presented the accounts for end of September, which shows an excellent result for the time of year and now puts us 23% ahead of our budget. Jenny highlighted a couple of areas that have contributed to this result, namely the increase in bar prices at the beginning of the year, the introduction of a £50 room hire charge for wakes, and a Christmas Party initiative by Sharon.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes were circulated to the committee prior to the meeting. These were agreed.

3. Electronic Doors/CCTV/Sound System

Paul explained recent issues with the parking barrier system and a local company, Bright Sparks, has taken over maintenance and repair. They have found numerous issues with the system and have now installed a system upgrade. He has informed us that there are grants available for new CCTV systems until the end of December and he will provide a full quote for our CCTV to support this. Richard will look after the application.

The sound system was also discussed, and Jenny is arranging for a sound engineer to come in for a consultation to advise us on what we need.

4. Balcony
ongoing.

5. Grant Applications

Richard updated regarding the Sport England grant, however there are caveats, such as it doesn't cover upgrades.

6. Jack Reece Mounted Fish

The fish are being shuffled around due to the installation of a new shelf above the bar to display Christmas raffle items.

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7. Christmas Draw

Paul explained the process for this year's draw and what will be happening on the renewals.

8. Membership Offer

Each year we do the same offers, i.e., half price mid-year and the "buy next year, get rest of this year free" offer in October. Rather than go to the committee each year, could we agree the dates now for each year going forward. It was agreed that the half-price offer will take effect each 1st August and the end-year offer will take place on 1st October each year.

9. Rule Changes

A sheet of proposed rule changes was given to each of the committee members. Paul briefly outlined the changes and asked that feedback be given to Jenny by the end of next week so that we can finalise the changes at the next meeting.

10. Apologies for Absence

Bob Sage.

11. Membership Applications

18 social applications were received which were all approved by the committee.

12. Commodore's Report

Les reported that three boats have gone, one sold and two moved to Eastbourne due to launching difficulties. A 20ft Wilson will be arriving soon.

Les asked for changes to two byelaws; the first being no launching after 11am; the other being that we provide hosepipes, which we do not. Nicola added that in the kayak rules, Brian's number is in there and needs to be taken out.

13. Competition Secretary's Report

Richard is now thinking about comps for next year and updating the booklets. He is going to change the timings to start at 8am rather than 8:30am and finish at 3pm for the fast boats and 3:30pm for the slow boats. He also wants to keep the entry fees the same.

Richard is looking at the catches and comp weights and would like to reduce the weights of six fish. Les asked why the comp weights and specimen weights have to be different. Richard answered that it is to prevent specimen weight fish wiping out the competition.

14. Any Other Business

- a. Steve Shoesmith reported that he is now booking bands for next year and if anyone has any suggestions, to let him know.
- b. Keith Baker has collected the Pete Welford Shield and this is now being engraved.

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- c. Keith Baker said that he has spoken with Brian Pask about grants for the workshop for the juniors.
- d. Nicola stated that she is standing back from the welfare side of the junior anglers, so Sam Briggs will be taken on that role. Nicola also informed the committee that one of the coaches caught a 7lb small-eyed ray, which is a club record.
- e. Nicola asked for any suggestions for specimen weights in the next couple of weeks.
- f. Chris thanked everyone for their support of the Leonie fundraiser and said that they raised £1200. He asked that we give Vicky and John honorary membership and make Leonie an honorary junior angler. This was agreed.
- g. Keith Veness gave his apologies for the next meeting.
- h. The next meeting will take place on Thursday 16th November.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:16