

*MINUTES OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024*

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Present:

Chairman: Paul Carter

Committee: Richard Edwards, Steve Shoesmith, John Walter, Les Watson, Nicola Cox, Geb Locke, Keith Veness, Keith Baker, Rodney Shoesmith, Chris Cooper, and Carl Charman.

Co-opted: John Morris and Bob Sage

**1. Admin Report**

Jenny presented the financial report for end of February. Although it is early in the year, we are already ahead of last year and ahead of budget, which a great February on the bar.

The membership renewals are disappointing with 52 anglers and 234 socials not having renewed.

Jenny updated regarding the renewal and membership process that the trial with Member Mojo was not very successful and threw up some issues. In the meantime, Jenny met with Ben Crease and has arranged with him for renewal forms and online payment to be available on the website. Forms have already been set up on the site for new membership applications. These can test the process and then when renewal time comes, most of our members can be contacted by text and email to say that memberships are due, directing them to the website in most cases to complete their renewals.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes were sent to the committee prior to the meeting and were agreed by a show of hands.

**3. Grant Applications**

Unfortunately, our grant application for the stage area was not accepted. Our focus now must be the bulldozer. Les confirmed that the only major issue currently is the tracks and fears that the chain could snap while on the beach or at the water line. The cost of two new track chains is £5,500, plus £1,000 to fit, but we can't get quotes for other items such as brakes, as they won't give a price until it is taken apart, but then they wouldn't put it back together as is, thus forcing us to pay for repair if this was to happen. Therefore, a replacement is by far the best option. Paul confirmed that there are further rounds of matched funding coming up and Jenny will focus on finding funding in the meantime.

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### **4. AGM**

It was agreed that honoraria would remain the same as last year.

Nicola suggested that the Chairman's report is forwarded to social members as there was particular mention of Saturday nights. Jenny will email them.

### **5. Apologies for Absence**

Shaun Massey.

### **6. Secretary's Report and Correspondence**

Steve confirmed that the bar is doing well and praised Sharon. Fat Tuesday was a great success and exceeded last year's takings on both dates by some margin. The Seafood and Wine weekend will be going ahead under the management of a new team, headed by Mike Raxworthy.

### **7. Membership Applications**

18 social, 2 junior and 1 angling applications were received which were all approved by the committee.

### **8. Commodore's Report**

Nothing to report.

### **9. Competition Secretary's Report**

Richard confirmed the Spring comp is due this Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March but is unlikely to go.

### **10. Any Other Business**

- a. Paul raised a request from one of our members for a defibrillator. It was mentioned that there is one situated round the corner at Stade Hall. This raised the issue of first aid training which needs to be updated.
- b. Nicola asked if our panic button is working. Jenny stated that they had disconnected it after false alarm, but we are trying to get it reinstated.
- c. Nicola was asked recently by a member what our stand on political and religious events is, as a couple of political events have taken place or are scheduled. This was discussed and the event that took place recently was booked in good faith, while there was no political demonstration at the event, some banners were left in the hallway that were clearly political. It remains our policy that no events are booked for any political party.
- d. Keith Baker confirmed that the trophies are all done and £60 cash has been secured for the juniors, donated by John Livick. A letter will be written to Karen at Top Flight, who despite her husband's recent health issues, got all our trophies done on time.
- e. Keith Baker added that he has decided to stand down from the committee. However, he has offered to continue to work as cup custodian until the end

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of the year. Paul thanked Keith for all he has done.

- f. The next meeting will take place on Thursday 11th April.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:31