

*MINUTES OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024*

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Present:

Chairman: Paul Carter

Committee: Richard Edwards, John Walter, Les Watson, Nicola Cox, Geb Locke,  
Keith Veness, Rodney Shoemsmith, Chris Cooper, and Terry Merchant.

Co-opted: John Morris and Bob Sage

**1. Admin Report**

Jenny presented the financial report for end of March. The result for the first quarter is very positive and we are already ahead of budget.

Our fixed bond savings have now matured, offering us a healthy interest of just over £3,000. Jenny has explored the market and the best rate currently being offered is with Virgin Money at 5.15%. The committee agreed to go ahead and transfer our investment to Virgin for a further one-year bond.

**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**

Jenny updated that a new fund has been released with The Fore and we have been accepted according to their eligibility and have been invited to apply. Jenny is arranging the application for the full amount to focus on the works to the workshop area.

**4. AGM**

The minutes from the AGM were reviewed.

- a. The proposal to hold the annual prize-giving after the AGM when anglers are already at the club was discussed. This was discussed and, while the committee agreed that the Friday night prize-giving has been poorly supported, they were not in favour of holding it after the AGM for a couple of reasons. First, they are keen to keep the prize-giving separate from the AGM and second, it was felt that the juniors would not be able to attend. The committee will continue to work on ideas for next year and to make it more palatable to more of our anglers.
- b. The request for a defibrillator was discussed. We do have a defibrillator at the club, which was donated to us by the Hastings & St Leonards Lifeguards. However, both batteries are out of date and do not work. Costs were discussed to bring this up to date and Rodney proposed that we go ahead and purchase a new battery, this was seconded by Keith and agreed by a majority vote. The location for the defibrillator will be arranged outside of the meeting.

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- c. Following the AGM, some minor rule amendments were suggested. These related to byelaws and were clarified and agreed. Jenny will update the document for submission on the website.

### **5. Bulldozer**

Les reported that a dealer, known to Rodney, has a bulldozer which Les and Rodney went to see this week. It is in good condition and would suit our purposes well. As it is for sale for £16,000 +VAT, Les recommended that we go ahead with it. The committee agreed by unanimous vote.

### **6. Apologies for Absence**

Steve Shoosmith, Steve Saunders, and Carl Charman.

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

Jenny informed the committee that we have been contacted by HMRC to state that our CASC status is up for review. There are no concerns, and we don't need to do anything, as we still meet the criteria.

### **8. Membership Applications**

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

### **9. Commodore's Report**

Nothing to report.

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

Richard reported that the meeting following the AGM was positive and constructive with some good ideas put forward. Brian Pask mentioned that the juniors are keen to take part, but Sundays are problematic. Richard is looking at running a junior comp later in the year.

The spring comp is unlikely to go this weekend and is now catching up to the next comp of the season.

### **11. Any Other Business**

- a. Paul mentioned that there were some kids using the dart board at lunchtime and thinks we should restrict use until after food has finished. Nicola also suggested that we make it over 16's only for safety reasons.
- b. Rodney asked what was happening about the vinyl for the balcony and Paul said that this needs revisiting.
- c. Richard asked about the barrier, as he noticed it had been up a few times recently. Paul answered that the sensors had been knocked on several occasions, which forces the barrier to stay up. The engineer is aware each time and is fixing it.
- d. The next meeting will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:18