

*MINUTES OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH MARCH 2026*

Present:

Chairman: Richard Edwards
Committee: Keith Veness, John Walter, Les Watson, Nicola Cox, Geb Locke,
Shaun Massey, Chris Cooper, John Morris, Brian Pask and Paul
Douglas
Co-opted: Tom Ford and Lucille Walter
Admin Officer: Jenny Elliott
President: Bruce Dowling

1. Welcome

Richard welcomed Lucille to her first meeting.

2. Admin Officer's Report

Jenny presented the accounts for the end of February. Jenny mentioned that Fat Tuesday took place in March last year, so the comparison to February last year looks much better than it is. However, with the spending much lower, we are starting the year in a much better position.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

4. Apologies

Apologies were received from Steve Shoemith, and Rodney Shoemith.

5. Membership Price Increases

Membership prices were discussed considering rising costs.

Tom proposed a £50 increase to boat berths with immediate effect. This was seconded by Paul and agreed with a unanimous vote. Nicola proposed that we add CPI increases to all prices. This was seconded by John Walter. This was also agreed. Brian proposed we use the July CPI rate (published mid-August) or 5%, whichever is higher for yearly increases going forward. This was seconded by Shaun and agreed by a show of hands.

6. AGM

The invitation notice was approved by the committee and will be sent to members tomorrow.

7. Maintenance/Building Matters.

The balcony needs several good days before it can be taken off to see what's under the threshold of the door so it can be made solid.

EAST HASTINGS SEA ANGLING ASSOCIATION

Signage is now done and a new banner has arrived.

8. Membership Applications

16 social, and 2 angling applications were received which were approved by the committee.

9. Commodore's Report

All is going well. The doors for the outboard store and Les' room have been sourced from a company in Yorkshire that has good quality, second-hand PVC doors. Les is just waiting for the right sizes to be available.

One of our club boats is in a state of disrepair, as it needs a new deck, keel and seats. It would cost around £1,000 to bring it up to spec and, as it is not used and our other 7 boats are sufficient, do we want to sell it? Jenny looked at the value and said that financially it is worth selling. It was agreed to offer it to members on a sealed bid auction basis, with a reserve of £500.

10. Competition Secretary's Report

John said that there is a meeting taking place straight after the AGM for members to discuss the competitions. Jenny will add this to the AGM Invite. Paul asked if the entry fees will be staying the same this year. John answered that it is certainly possible and we have new members who are interested in fishing the comps, so this should raise the entries.

11. Angling

a. Junior Report

Brian updated that lots of fish have been caught since the juniors have been back. The last beach comp was cancelled due to the weather and the next one will take place on Friday 20th March from 7-10pm.

We will be hosting the England Pathway again on the weekend of 2/3 May and we have five young people who are looking to do the talent pathway this year.

12. Any Other Business

- a. Nicola asked if we have anything on our hiring rules regarding indoor fireworks or candles. Jenny answered that yes, it is on the booking forms that these are not allowed.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 16th April.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:12