



Agenda of the Twenty Eighth Annual General Meeting
of the
Association of Major Flyfishing Clubs

Sunday 29th January 2017, Tower Arms Hotel, 2 Thorny Lane S.,
SL0 9AE

14h00

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **Minutes of the 27th Annual General Meeting** Previously circulated.

2.1 Matters Arising

3. **Secretary's Report** Previously circulated.
4. **Treasurer's Report**
5. **Election of New Clubs and Resignations**

At the time of preparing the agenda both Queen Mother Fly Fishers and Mid Northants T.F.A. had resigned from the Association and there had been no applications to join.

6. **Election of the President, Officers and Committee**

The Officers of the Association are as follows:

President	Peter Firth	Not necessary to re-elect until 2018
Chairman	Graden Smith	Standing for re-election
Treasurer	Jeff Hickson	Standing for re-election
Secretary	John Caldwell	Standing for re-election

The other members of the Committee are:

Martin Cottis	Standing for re-election
Phil Hall	not standing
Peter Hartley	Standing for re-election
John Mees	not standing

7. Financial Statement for 2016

- 7.1 Level of Subscription for 2017. Proposal from the Treasurer to reduce subs for 2017 to £10.00 for a first team and £5.00 for a second team.
- 7.2 Cost of Association match meals for 2017. See Annex 1: Proposal from Invicta regarding the situation if a match is unavoidably cancelled.

8. Election of Auditor

To be arranged by the Treasurer.

9. Arrangements for the 2017 Challenge Table

- 9.1 Catch and release. See Annex 2: proposal from Invicta.
- 9.2 See Annex 3: Proposal from Invicta regarding Group 3 reducing to teams of four for the 2017 season.

9.3 Match programme

9.3.1 Association

Spring:	Saturday 29 th April	BEWL (booked)
Autumn:	Saturday 7 th October	GRAFHAM (booked)

9.3.2 Groups

We currently have 16 teams. If there is no change to the number of teams or number of groups then the 2017 grouping will be as follows:

Group 1

Bewl 'A'
 Fish Hawks
 Invicta F.F.C. 'A'
 Rutland Water
 Soldier Palmers 'A'
 Tunbridge Wells

Group 2

Bewl 'B'
 Bristol Reservoirs
 England Police
 GWFFA 'A'
 Hanningfield

Group 3

Greylags
GWFFA 'B'
Invicta 'B'
RNRMAA
Soldier Palmers 'B'

10. Any other Business

- 10.1 Proposed change to the rules to accommodate the catch and release element. See highlighted section in Annex 4. Note that this will be redundant if 10.1 is rejected.
- 10.2 The Secretary again seeks the endorsement of the clubs for the Autumn match on Grafham to be fished between 09:30 and 17:30 if possible. This would ease the pressure on fishery staff and allow an earlier finish for teams with a long distance to travel.
- 10.3 Any other business at the discretion of the Chairman.

Annex 1

In the event of an AFMC fixture having to be cancelled or abandoned then any unavoidable lost deposits for fishing or catering incurred by the organisers for the match day will be paid from Association funds rather than by the organising club. Organisers should avoid this situation occurring wherever possible. This excludes any other costs incurred by participating teams such as travel, accommodation and any costs relating to practice days which must be met by the teams.

Note, Invicta has already consulted the Treasurer and Secretary on this issue. Although the situation has not occurred this rule is intended to avoid controversy in the future.

Annex 2

All AMFC matches fished on Anglian Water reservoirs in 2017 will be fished to a 5 fish kill and then Catch & Release to a total of 8 fish with released fish counting as 2.5 lbs. Time bonus to remain at 4 oz per full 15 minutes. Appropriate rule changes will be made to accommodate this change.

Notes: This will comply with existing AW permit rules and enable gold, silver and bronze AW season permit holders to comply without an additional day permit.

This rule should be reviewed for subsequent years taking account of AW season permit conditions and experience.

Consideration should also be given to C&R on other venues taking local rules into account. The AGM could pass an amendment to this resolution to extend it to all matches in 2017.

Annex 3

Group 3 Matches in 2017 will all be for teams of four rods.

Notes: Action is required to stop the decline in the number of teams. This change will encourage:

1. new clubs to take part,
2. smaller clubs to continue participating
3. larger clubs to run a second team.

The existing rules limiting rods to 4 matches each and only one of the two Association matches will be unchanged. The change should be promoted to fly fishing clubs in time to attract new and existing teams for 2017. The rule should be reviewed for 2018 taking the league structure into account.

Annex 4

SECTION TWO – RULES (B) BOAT FISHING RULES.

ORGANISATION

1. Association Matches shall be between teams of four anglers. Matches in the group programme shall be between teams of six anglers. The host team shall be responsible for all the organisation of the match, including booking the boats and the weigh-in.
2. Fishing shall be for eight hours, and unless otherwise agreed between the hours of 10.00am and 6.00pm
3. Boat pairings will be made by the Association so that, if possible, each visiting team has at least one member paired with one from the home team.
4. The host team captain shall be responsible for informing all the competitors of any local rules and all the arrangements for the match. The Association deprecates unlimited catch competitions. For all competitions organised by the Association the **maximum** number of trout it is permitted to catch shall be that allowed on a single day ticket. It is not permitted to release eligible trout before this limit is reached. Provided a full catch of trout is brought to the scales, an additional bonus on the agreed time of quarter of a pound for each full quarter of an hour of the match remaining.
5. Should the fishery allow it, competitions may be fished to a four fish kill, then up to eight fish caught and released and finally a time bonus as above. Released trout will earn the angler a bonus of two pounds weight per fish regardless of size. With regard to brown trout, the number that may be killed as part of the first four fish will be that permitted by the fishery. Further browns caught before four fish have been killed will not count but any caught and released thereafter will be included for the weight bonus. Catch and release must be carried out using barbless or debarbed hooks, buoyant flies to be used only in conjunction with a floating line, and the fish released while still in the water. Mistreatment of fish will not be tolerated.

GENERAL

In any case where the rules of the fishery conflict with these rules, the rules of the fishery shall have precedence.