



Minutes 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.,
SLO 9AE**

14h00

1. Apologies for absence were received from the President, Peter Firth, Si Gaines (Fish Hawks) and Si Elson (Soldier Palmers).
2. The Minutes of the 27th Annual General Meeting were accepted, proposed by Richard Denney (Tunbridge Wells), seconded by Peter Lewis (Greylags), and signed by the Chairman.
 - 2.1 Matters Arising – none.
3. The Secretary's report was accepted.
4. The Treasurer reported that discount from the fisheries allowed some refunds to the clubs. The report was accepted unanimously, proposer Andy Newman (Invicta), seconder Martin Cottis (Bristol)
5. Election of New Clubs and Resignations – the Secretary reported that Queen Mother Fly Fishers and Mid Northants T.F.A. had resigned from the Association and that there had been no applications to join.
6. Election of the Officers and Committee

The Chairman, Graden Smith, was re-elected, proposer Peter Waterhouse (GWFFA), seconder Julian Weddle (H.F.A.), as were the Treasurer, Jeff Hickson, proposer Martin Cottis (Bristol), seconder Andy Newman (Invicta) and the Secretary, John Caldwell, proposer Richard Denney (Tunbridge), seconder Peter Lewis (Greylags). All were supported unanimously.

Of the other members of the Committee, Martin Cottis and Peter Hartley were prepared to stand for re-election and Peter Waterhouse and Julian Weddle were also prepared to stand. All were re-elected *en bloc*, proposer Andy Newman (Invicta), Derek Bravington (GWFFA). All were supported unanimously.

7. Financial Statement for 2016

- 7.1 As a result of the monies saved in the 2016 season the Treasurer proposed that subs for 2017 be reduced to £10.00 for a first team and £5.00 for a second team. This was seconded by Andy Newman (Invicta) and received unanimous support.
- 7.2 With regard to the cost of Association match meals for 2017, it was agreed to remain at £11.00 per angler. Invicta proposed that new text be added to the rules regarding the situation if a match is unavoidably cancelled "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." This was seconded by Rob Floyd (RNRMAA) and Richard Denney (Tunbridge) and received unanimous support.

8. Election of Auditor - the Treasurer noted that the Auditor for 2016 had been Michael Clark and he proposed to use him again for 2017. This was agreed.

9. Arrangements for the 2017 Challenge Table

9.1 Invicta proposed introducing an element of catch and release with the following proposal: "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." GWFFA proposed amending this to remove the reference to Anglian Water and the year, to reduce the kill to a maximum of four fish, and that released fish should only count as two pounds weight. At a vote, seven clubs were in favour of the amended proposal and three were against so it was agreed. The Secretary was tasked with amending the rules to reflect the changed structure in time for the Spring match. The Treasurer was asked to see if C&R could be further factored into the discount available from the fisheries.

9.2 Invicta further proposed that in 2017 teams in Group 3 be of only four anglers in order to allow smaller clubs to continue to participate. Greylags and RNRMAA indicated that such a change would give them severe problems. No-one was prepared to second the proposal so it failed.

9.3 Match programme

9.3.1 The Secretary announced that the Spring Association match would be on Bewl on Saturday 29th April, organised by himself, and that the Autumn Association match would be on Grafham on Saturday 7th October, organised by Peter Hartley.

9.3.2 With only 16 teams for 2017 the grouping will be:

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 The proposed change to the rules drafted by the Secretary was made redundant following the acceptance of agenda item 9.1.
- 10.2 The Newsletter would not be continued but more use of the website and Social Media was encouraged. Peter Waterhouse agreed to set up an AMFC group on Facebook.
- 10.3 The Secretary asked that two missing trophies should be located as a matter of urgency. Invicta agreed to do so.

Meeting closed 16h05