



Minutes of the Twenty Ninth Annual General Meeting
of the
Association of Major Flyfishing Clubs
Sunday 28th January 2018, Tower Arms Hotel, 2 Thorny Lane S.,
SLO 9AE
14h00

1. Apologies for absence were received from the Bristol Reservoirs and Greylags.
2. The Minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting were accepted unanimously and signed by the Chairman.
 - 2.1 Matters Arising – none.
3. The Secretary's report was accepted.
4. The Treasurer reported that the fishing events had remained stable but stationary, printing and postage had risen as a result of the change to incorporate catch and release. The report was accepted unanimously, proposer John Hancock (Bewl Bridge), seconder David Moore (Invicta)
5. Election of New Clubs and Resignations – the Secretary reported that no clubs had resigned and that there had been no applications to join.
6. Election of the Officers and Committee

The Chairman, Graden Smith, was re-elected, proposer John Caldwell (AMFC), seconder Richard Denney (Tunbridge Wells), as were the Treasurer, Jeff Hickson, proposer David Moore (Invicta), seconder John Hancock (Bewl) and the Secretary, John Caldwell, proposer Neil Cohen (H.F.A.), seconder Rob Floyd (RNRMAA). All were supported unanimously.

Of the other members of the Committee, Martin Cottis, Peter Hartley, Peter Waterhouse and Julian Weddle were prepared to stand for re-election. All were re-elected *en bloc*, proposer Richard Denney (Tunbridge Wells), seconder Mark Brinkman (GWFFA). All were supported unanimously.

7. Financial Statement for 2018

7.1 The Treasurer proposed that subs for 2018 be £50.00 for a first team and £40.00 for a second team as in 2016. This was seconded by David Moore (Invicta) and Richard Denney (Tunbridge Wells) and received unanimous support.

7.2 With regard to the cost of Association match meals for 2018, it was agreed to try to keep it at £11.00 per angler although it was possible the Spring and Autumn matches might need to be priced differently from each other. The guide price for Group matches should have a ceiling of £15.00.

8. Election of Auditor - the Treasurer noted that the Auditor for 2017 had been Michael Clark and he proposed to use him again for 2018. This was agreed.

9. Arrangements for the 2018 Challenge Table

9.1 Match programme

9.1.1 The Secretary announced that the Spring Association match would be on Draycote on Saturday 21st April, , and that the Autumn Association match would be on Rutland on Saturday 6th October, both matches organised by himself.

9.1.2 With only 16 teams for 2018 the grouping would be:

Group 1

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

Group 2

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

Group 3

Bristol Reservoirs
GWFFA 'B'
Invicta 'B'
RNRMAA
Soldier Palmers 'B'

10. Any other Business

10.1 With regard to trophies and badges it was generally accepted that the badges and the boxes for them was an unnecessary drain on resources. It was agreed however to retain plaques for winning teams and individuals. The Chairman would look into the possibility of tackle box stickers.

10.2 There was some discussion regarding the current Anglian water policy on predator fishing and the Secretary would circulate minutes of a meeting held with AW once

he received them. It was also suggested the Chairman wrote a supporting letter to AW.

- 10.3 It was agreed that the Constitution should be amended to allow clubs to join the Association with only 30 members.
- 10.4 The Treasurer asked that the AMFC financial year be brought forward to finish at the end of October. In this respect the Clubs thought the AGM should be brought forward to early December to allow easier boat booking for Group matches.. These points, and that in 10.3 above, were agreed and the Secretary would call an EGM prior to an AGM in early December to ratify the changes.
- 10.5 There was considerable criticism of the website particularly regarding lack of content, particularly with regard to fixtures and up to date position tables. Peter Waterhouse agreed to look into ways the site might be improved.

Meeting closed 16h25

(to be signed by the Chairman 02/12/2018)