



## **AGM 2018 Minutes**

### **20<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

#### **Opening**

The Annual General Meeting of the Ashfield Angling Club was called to order at 11:15AM on 20th May 2018 by Phil Turton and was attended by approx. 40 members and committee.

#### **Committee Members Present**

Phil Turton (PT), Cliff Ranson (CR), Terry Statham (TS) Minutes, Bryan Ashford (BA), Simon Hayes (SH) Lee McCarthy (LM), Dave Shipstone (DS), Terry Howarth (TH), Peter Jackson (PS), Gary Joynt (GJ)

#### **Apologies**

Ian Stewart (IS), Darren Barker(DB), Wayne Prince(WP), Brian High(BH)

#### **Approval of Previous AGM Minutes**

Previous minutes were approved as being an accurate reflection of events. Proposed by John Bingley (2047) seconded by Ian Wilson (2025) no objections.

#### **Chairman's Report**

PT started by thanking all of the committee members for their effort and continued support and that he believes that Ashfield Angling Club has improved Immensely. Every single Committee member have put a right shift in with health & safety reports, grant applications, work on venues, attending meeting and generally giving up any free time to improve our Fishing Club. "Outstanding commitment guys, thank you".

PT then thanked TS for his work as General Secretary and also his massive input into the membership renewals that has gone as smooth as possible due to the work put in.

PT also thanked Cliff Ranson for contributing much more than the Treasurer Role for Ashfield Angling Club. He puts an unbelievable amount of Time & effort into everything we (The Exec Committee) do and we have had to really up our game and he is always available to sort whatever needs doing.

PT thanked John Turner, Danny Mulvaney, Jack Cooper & Trevor Robinson, who have resigned from the committee, for all their efforts.

PT gave a big thank you to Ian Stewart, Peter Jackson, Daren Barker, Terry Howarth, Gary Joynt and Wayne Prince who have recently volunteered to join the committee and help the club continue to move forward.

PT gave a massive thank you to all of our Bailiffs for their hard work over the last year and said that they represent the AAC on the ground, keep our venues safe and clean, give informative fishing reports, welcome our members and give up their time for and on behalf of AAC.

PT said that we had a small number of members that have passed away this year and their families are very much in the thoughts of Ashfield Angling. Some were very unexpected and our thoughts are with their families.

PT said a massive thank you to Mark Bates for the Quarterly Magazine and asked that members support Mark with this by sending him pictures and articles as it is a fantastic addition to our Club.

PT then talked about stocking and said how we have stocked 52 carp at Bingham and Gunthorpe complex, we have registered Caudwell Dam, Nostel Priory and Thrumpton Estate Lake with CEFAS in order to stock all types of fish, but we have to reduce the risk of predation before stocking smaller fish as we know from other clubs that new stock has been eaten in a matter of weeks.

Coaching - PT said that AAC have been awarded 5 level 1 & 5 level 2 coaching courses and that he will be putting together a program to have a coaching section within the club. He wants to encompass all different styles of fishing with such things as Barbel Workshops, Junior Coaching at Cauldwell Dam etc.

PT explained that we have raised some money for charity again this year through Grzegorz's Polish Barbel day (£420) and PAC social day (£620 of which £320 is going to AAC). A total of £740 will be split between Bluebell Wood, Children's Hospice and the Air Ambulance. Great Effort

PT said that Junior Memberships are still rising and that they are the future of our club

Photo Competitions will continue so please keep posting your pictures on the website, free membership up for grabs along with items of tackle for the Junior competition.

PT said that we had a record number of renewals this year with over 90% of members renewing. All renewals were completed by the end of February and also new memberships have now completed. The new system introduced ran very smoothly and is sustainable for the coming years.

PT then went on to talk about the venues:

**Cauldwell Dam** – We now own our very first water and one of our earliest. This is a massive step forward for Ashfield Angling Club. PT explained the process that he, TS and CR went through in trying to secure the purchase directly instead of through an auction. This involved correspondence with the auctioneers and the administrators where we convinced them that our lease gave us rights to the fish in the pond and that it would take a long time to get them moved. We put as many obstacles in their way as possible until they eventually agreed that it would be easier to sell the pond directly to us at market rate.

**Ferry Farm at Thrumpton** – fantastic addition and settling in very nicely.

**Thrumpton Lake** - Plenty of trees to remove and work to do but a great addition to our waters

**River Trent at Cromwell** – We have improved the access to the Pegs and made them a lot more secure against floods.

**Bingham Pond** – We are extending our Lease terms, we have gained grants from AT of £5k for predation protection and stocking plans are being developed

**River Trent at Stoke Bardolph** – The Nationals are being held on the stretches this year and we have plans to improve access to some pegs on the road stretch at members requests.

**Winthorpe** – Mick Rowett has stepped down as Bailiff due to ill Health and we would like to say a big thank you for all his work over the years. Mick has been granted a permit free of charge to fish whenever he chooses on AAC waters.

**Gunthorpe** – Wayne Prince & Darren Barker have agreed to take on venue lead with the help from Lee McCarthy. This is a massive venue. Roads PART 2 will be continued now the weather is getting better and peg repairs have been documented and will be progressed. Road stone has been ordered, Wayne Lee and Daren have a huge amount of construction experience and will take this venue from strength to strength. Also, thanks to the 3 new bailiffs that have joined the team.

**Rampton Wharf** – Small section of the river but very strategic in location and has a lot of reports of very big fish coming out.

**Nostell Priory** – last but very much NOT LEAST – An opportunity for AAC to take on this very impressive Estate Lake on a long-term lease. Loads of work to do but lease very reasonable and this work has been built into the deal. Massive thanks to Simon Hayes and the bailiffs, helpers and Christine for their unbelievable amount of effort to not only make the place fishable, but continued improvements. Fantastic effort and a few fish coming out!!

## **Treasurers Report**

CR gave a break down of the financial report including some of the categories that are of interest. The approved financial accounts will be uploaded to the website. CR said that we had made a loss last year that enabled us to receive a tax rebate of ~£610. CR talked through some of the expenses and a summary of the income. CR said that the income and expense account and balance sheet has been certified by our accountant as being a true reflection of our books and accounts.

Leigh Tolton (030) asked why we couldn't have a smoothed out set of accounts so that they are easier to read. CR said that he inherited the accounts format from the previous treasurers and continued using the same format to enable comparisons to be made over the years. CR said that he was more than happy to listen to suggestions to simplify and summarise the accounts moving forward.

Leigh Tolton (030) asked how we can be looking to grow the club and take on more waters if we are making a loss. CR explained that the carried forward figures for the 2018/19 FY meant that we are in a strong financial position going from 110k in the bank to 140k and that the 2017/18 figures are a snapshot. LT suggested that we change our financial year end to simplify the accounts. CR said that this can be investigated.

Mick Brown (2035) asked if the auditor was independent. CR said that they are independent, Coalesco Accountants have won many British Accountancy awards and they have officially signed off the accounts as being a true record of our books and accounts.

CR agreed to sit with Leigh Tolton following the AGM and discuss his suggestions.

John Turner (2026) said that we have £41k ring fenced to buy new waters in a savings account, should we not be adding to this? CR said that we now have to pay the purchase price for Cauldwell Dam, once this has been done and all other financial obligations had been assessed we would review whether we need to touch our savings. PT said that the money incoming will be used as and when required. CR said that the savings are not ring fenced to just buy new waters, they are there for the benefit of the club and as a safety net but can be used if required.

CR asked for a proposer and seconder to accept the accounts presented, proposed by Simon Lilliman (738), seconded by Patrick Dower (469), vote passed unanimously.

## Proposals

- a) 3 rods to be allowed on rivers during predator season (Proposer: Karl Newbold, Seconder: Kevin Helsby) – **VOTE RESULT WAS MEMBERS DISAGREED**
- b) Membership numbers to be reduced to 800 next year (Proposer: Ian Wilson, Seconder: Stuart Jessop) – **VOTE RESULT WAS MEMBERS DISAGREED**
- c) ~~Membership numbers to be decided by membership at AGM (Proposer: Ian Wilson, Seconder: Stuart Jessop)~~ – **WITHDRAWN BY IAN WILSON**
- d) Guest Tickets to be raised to £10 and only 4 allowed each year (Proposer: Ian Wilson, Seconder: Stuart Jessop) – **VOTE RESULT WAS MEMBERS DISAGREED**
- e) Start and End date to be added to membership cards (Proposer: Ian Wilson, Seconder: Stuart Jessop) – **VOTE RESULT WAS MEMBERS AGREED - PASSED**
- f) Total ban on keepnets on still waters (Proposer: Bob Beal, Seconder: Karl Newbold) – **VOTE RESULT WAS MEMBERS DISAGREED**
- g) Work party levy to be introduced (Proposer: Terry Howarth, Seconder: Michael Abson) – **VOTE RESULT WAS MEMBERS DISAGREED**

## Election of Committee

The committee was then dissolved and there was an individual vote on each committee member. All current members were voted back on to the committee unanimously or by majority. Phil Turton was voted to continue as Chairman, Terry Statham was voted to continue as Secretary and Cliff Ranson was voted to continue as Treasurer.

## **AOB - Q & A (not recorded)**

There were a number of questions asked of various committee members and those questions will be raised at the first committee meeting.