

NUAC 2016-17 Annual General Meeting

The Oakland Hotel, Norwich
Minutes taken by Richard Spicker

Wednesday 18th May 2016
Version 2 dated 28/04/2017

1. Chairman's Welcome and Apologies	Actions
Stuart Buck took the chair and welcomed 20 members (including members of the committee) to the meeting. Apologies were recorded from Paul Brookes, Jim Sutherland, Mike Woods and John Greenwood. The meeting being quorate as to officers and members, SB declared the meeting open at 7.35pm.	
2. Adoption of Previous AGM Minutes	Actions
The meeting considered the minutes of the 2014-15 AGM, which had been available to review on the club's website, for approval. Proposed: Paul Scarff Seconded: Patrick Aikens Approved	
3. Matters Arising & Actions	Actions
There were no outstanding actions. The club had hosted a successful open day last August at The Bridge, Lenwade and the committee would consider doing so again this summer. There had been little interest in the idea of a club annual dinner.	
4. Chairman's Report	Actions
SB thanked members for showing their support by attending the meeting and his fellow committee members for their support in running the club. He referred to the club's healthy position where it could boast a membership of over 130, sound finances and a broad range of waters offering a variety of fishing at good value. The club's success in recent years could be judged by the level of interest shown from people looking to join though SB felt that increasing membership numbers might pose a risk to the excellent relationship the club has with its fishery owners.	
5. Treasurer's Report	Actions
Paul Scarff presented audited accounts for the club for the year ended 31 March 2016. It was noted that the club's total income for the year was £4199 compared to £2665 in the previous year, reflecting the increase in membership numbers and also the modest increases to permits. The club was in the happy position of being close to meeting its projected outgoings without having to touch its capital of just over £20,000. The accounts were tabled for approval. Proposed: Richard Spicker Seconded: Sharon Lawn Approved	
6. Membership Secretary's Report	Actions
SB reported that, as of now, the club has 139 members in all categories, compared to 105 this time last year. He reminded the meeting of the committee's desire that NUAC should not be a vehicle for people looking to get cheap fishing from the commercial fisheries available on its 'ticket' and the club would continue to take a cautious view on applications from potential new members to ensure no damage to our relationships with fishery owners. The meeting was reminded that the differential between the full membership and retired membership fees had been removed.	
7. Match Secretary's Report	Actions
Jason Brewster reported that 28 club members had fished at least one of the club's matches last year. The average attendance at each match had been 10 with 14 being the best attendance. The meeting thanked JB for his efforts in organising the match calendar and congratulated him on winning the Evening series. Congratulations were also in order for Mike Woods who won the Weekend series in his first season with the club. The format for the coming season is broadly the same with Evening and Weekend series of 5 matches each. The list of fixtures is available on the club's website.	

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8. Election of Officers and Committee	Actions
<p>SB advised the meeting of his intention to stand down as chairman at the conclusion of the meeting though he was willing to remain on the Committee. He had received one nomination, from Jim Sutherland, to take over as Chairman and, in the absence of any objections, would put this to a vote: Proposed: Stuart Buck Seconded: Patrick Aikens Approved that Jim Sutherland be elected Chairman of NUAC with effect from the end of the meeting until the next AGM.</p> <p>PS had confirmed his willingness to remain as Treasurer and, there being no other nominations for this role, SB would put this to the vote. Proposed: Stuart Buck Seconded: Mike Dack Approved that Paul Scarff continue as NUAC Treasurer until the next AGM.</p> <p>SB advised the meeting that RS had decided to stand down as Secretary and would leave the committee at the close of the meeting. There were no nominations to succeed RS and the meeting was advised that, for the time being, the Secretary's responsibilities would be divided amongst the Committee.</p> <p>Other Committee Members – The following persons having indicated their willingness to carry on as members of the Committee, it was proposed by Richard Spicker, seconded by Paul Scarff and approved on a show of hands that:</p> <p>Stuart Buck, Sharon Lawn, Mike Hoyland, Dave Shearing, Dave Crooks, Jason Brewster, Jon Weyer, Warren Jones and Mike Woods be re-elected as committee members until the next AGM.</p> <p>SB invited other members interested in helping to run the club to put their names forward for being co-opted to the Committee. As a starting point, any members so interested would be invited to a future committee meeting for them to assess the contribution they could make.</p>	

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9. Club Waters	Actions
<p>Hickling – DS advised boat season ticket renewed. Hasn't fished too well since 2014 tidal surges but can still produce enjoyable fishing for roach, rudd and bream.</p> <p>Alpha Marine, Brundall – current owners looking to sell up and new owners, whoever they may be, may not be receptive to continuing arrangement with NUAC.</p> <p>Filby – JW confirmed that arrangements for boat hire renewed for coming season. A difficult venue, particularly in winter, but all bookings appear to have resulted in catches of pike. Tench, bream and silver fish can be caught in summer but few bookings then and no catch reports.</p> <p>The Grove, East Carleton – renewal in hand for NUAC's 2nd season on this typical estate lake. It offers excellent fishing for roach, rudd and bream with a few carp to double figures and some excellent perch too. It's justifiably regarded as a quiet, family fishing venue.</p> <p>Upton – 11 bookings last season, mostly for winter pike and this remains a venue where multiple catches of pike to mid-doubles using any method are likely. No reports of tench or bream catches. NWT is reviewing access arrangements in conjunction with various works around broad and any changes will be reported to NUAC members asap.</p> <p>River Yare, Postwick – JB advised of some catches of double figure pike and sizeable hauls of bream through winter months. It's a venue that fishes best with some colour in and flow to the water.</p> <p>Bridge Inn, Lenwade – PA advised of the variety of fishing on offer on this venue which includes lakes holding carp to 30lb as well as sizeable tench and bream, and also a stretch of the River Wensum notable for its chub and roach (though no reports of barbell catches last year).</p> <p>Hall Walk – as with Bridge Inn, there are 2 season tickets for this fishery, available through the club booking system. PA reminded members to familiarise themselves with the rules of these fisheries, particularly with regard to the size of landing nets, use of unhooking mats/carp cradles and use of single hook rigs for pike fishing. There are several lakes at the venue with Tom's Lake being renowned for large carp and pike to mid-20s.</p> <p>Bigwood Fishery, Blofield – the club's newest offering with a number of day tickets available to NUAC members by booking with the fishery owner. RS advised anyone struggling to book a ticket to contact him direct as he may know the owner's whereabouts. The venue comprises 2 lakes, the smaller of the two containing a good stock of carp to 20lbs that respond to float fishing tactics with the larger lake holding a big head of pike. Members who book tickets here must have their NUAC membership cards with them or they risk being thrown off the venue.</p>	
10. Any Other Business	Actions
There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm.	