

NUAC 2016-17 Annual General Meeting

The Oaklands Hotel, Norwich.

Wednesday the 24th May 2017

Minutes taken by Dave Shearing; final version dated 22nd June 2017

1. Chairman's welcome and apologies.

Jim Sutherland welcomed the members attending and had received apologies from :- Richard Spicker, Jon Weyer, Sharon Lawn, Warren Jones, James Sillett and Warren Milliard. 12 members were in attendance.

2. Adoption of previous (2015-16) minutes.

The minutes from the last AGM for the season 2015-16 were adopted. Proposed Stuart Buck and seconded by Paul Scarff. The minutes were adopted.

3. Matters arising and actions.

No open day had been arranged due to unavailability of committee members. No interest shown for holding a club dinner.

4. Chairman's report.

The Chairman thanked everyone on the committee for their hard work during the year. He said that it had been a hectic year for him in his first year as Chairman as he had recently got married and was spending a lot of time on fishing projects but he was determined to give it his all.

He will shortly be going on a Continental Barbel fishing trip which might be of interest to members in the future for a week away with other club members. He is also looking in to the feasibility of other foreign fishing trips for members. He also stated that a worry for the club was the lack of members coming forward to volunteer their services on the committee. The tasks are not particularly onerous but without committee members the club will die.

5. Membership Secretary's report.

Jason reported that we had 131 members compared to 139 last season. The meeting was reminded that the permit cost for season 2018-2019 would be raised to £40.

Applicants for membership are carefully vetted by Jason and the committee, especially to prevent applicants getting cheap access to the waters we rent.

6. Treasurer's report.

Paul commented that although we had less members than the previous season the income was about the same due to our permit cost adjustment where we increased the fee and abolished the over 60 discount. The accounts were tabled for approval. Proposed by Stuart Buck and seconded by Jim Sutherland. The accounts were adopted.

The Grove was initially to be funded for 5 years out of our capital. This season will be crucial to whether or not we keep it on our list of venues.

7. Match Secretary's report.

In the absence of James Sillett Jason reported on last season's match results. 18 members had fished at least one match and the average attendance was 6.2. Best attendance was 10. The evening series was won by James Sillett. His best weight, and a venue record for a three hour match was 193lb 7oz at Bergh Apton.

The weekend series was won by Jason Brewster with his best weight being 57lb 11oz at Besthorpe New Canal. James Sillett agreed to take over the match section and he has arranged a series of evening and weekend open matches under the NUAC banner this coming season. Hopefully this will lead to some new members who wish to match fish with the club.

8. Election of Officers.

The Chairman and committee stood down and Paul Scarff took over to supervise the election of a Chairman. Jim was proposed by Stuart Buck and seconded by Patrick Aikens. Jim then supervised the election of the rest of the committee.

Treasurer. Paul Scarff proposed by Dave Shearing and seconded by Patrick Aikens. Duly elected.

Secretary. There were no proposals or volunteers for the position of Secretary.

The old committee, with the exception of Sharon Lawn, who had signalled her intention to stand down from the committee, was re-elected.

9. Fishery reports.

Hickling Broad boat. Dave reported that the Broad had fished very well for silver fish last season with the average size of the Bream increasing giving regular fish in the 4-5lb bracket and night time bags of over 100lb. Some Perch over 2lb caught. Pike not showing much but not many anglers fishing for them.

The Grove. Last year's pollution incident resulted in the loss of an estimated 2000 silver fish. This may be of benefit in the long run as the fish stocks were very high. Care being taken to avoid leaving decomposing weed in the water after swim clearing by doing the bulk early in the year. Carp seemed unaffected. Important to complete fishing return in box provided to help the committee assess usage and ongoing viability of this venue as a NUAC offering.

Shallowbrook. New match Lake open but this is not available on our ticket. Many of the Carp have 'parrot' mouths due to poor unhooking.

Snipe Lake. Largely under fished but big Tench and Perch showing.

Lenwade. (Hall Walk) Good relationship with owner. (The Bridge) Nothing of note to report but feedback from members needed for Bridge Lake, the river and Hall Walk.

Bigwood. 82 bookings from 28 members last season. New arrangement for this season. Now 3 tickets available via club booking system. 10 bookings so far this season. The small lake has been treated for excessive weed growth and 600 Crucians have been stocked. Carp to low doubles have been showing.

Langley. It is hoped that this stretch of the River Yare will be a good replacement for the loss of our Postwick stretch. Massive match weights figure throughout the season and good pleasure catches can be taken from all pegs. When there are matches on any of the stretches the pegs in use will be displayed at the road access point. The River Yare website should provide advance warnings of the stretches in use on any one day. Please carry your membership card otherwise you will be charged for a day ticket!

10. Any other business.

Several potential new waters were discussed including :- Snetterton Pits, Wymondham Club, Hockering, Woodrising and Rockland Mere. Jim and Dave will be investigating Snetterton and Rockland Mere this week. Hockering may be swallowed up by the new A47 proposals so when the preferred route is known we will have another think.

Proposals for an open day will be discussed in committee.
There being no further business the meeting closed at 2145 hrs.