

# NUAC Annual General Meeting

Minutes taken by: Warren Jones

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 7.30pm – 9.40pm

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**Present:** Jim Sutherland (JS), Warren Jones (WJ), Paul Scarff (PS), Stuart Buck (SB), Jason Brewster (JB), Jon Weyer (JW), Dave Shearing (DS), Dave Watson (DW), James Lawson (JL) & Steve Rawlings (SR)

**Apologies:** Patrick Aitkens (PA), Mick Murphy, Jack Norton, Richard Spicker, Bill Atkins, David Craske, Paul Brooker, Warren Millward, Barry Green, John G, Robin Bircham

<b>(1) Introduction</b>	
JS welcomed the members attending and went through the apologies. See above.  Discussion around lack of contact with PSt – action to follow up on Facebook messenger to ask his brother if all is ok.	JW
<b>(2) Minutes &amp; Matters Arising</b>	
SB was keen to understand the AOB actions relating to new waters: Snetterton Pits – complete, now available to NUAC members. Wymondham Club – DS still establishing a relationship. Hockering (Park Farm Lakes) – SB re-established comms in April & awaiting response. SB to pass copy of comms & contact onto JB Wood Rising – this venue is closed, no further action. Rockland Mere – JS & DS visited, not impressed with management of the water or approach of owners so no further action.  The minutes from the last AGM for season 2016-17 were adopted. Proposed by SB and seconded by JW. The minutes were adopted.	SB → JB
<b>(3) Chairman's Report – JS</b>	
JS mentioned that the next two years are critical and that the committee were stretched. Focus on Open Day has shifting to recruitment for the committee. Ideas and strategy planning will be discussed at the next committee meeting.  JS welcomed back WJ.  JS thanks everyone for their hard work with the working group and help on the committee to continue the club.  JS was surprised that he had been chairman for over 2 years now.  SB said that this is the first year without wonderful gentleman and previous Chairman Mike Hoyland. Everyone was in agreement that he is sadly missed and the memorial match for Mike Hoyland and Simon Clay should progress. Venue should be on a broadland river with possibility of cows on the bankside and scope for people falling off their chairs into the river. Action to follow up at next committee meeting most likely in the summer.  Special mention for Christian for his generosity of using his pub for committee meetings and AGM.	JB
<b>(4) Membership Secretary's Report – JB</b>	
Final membership of 126 (131) including 97 (106) renewals (figures in parenthesis relate to 2016-17).  New membership materials include GDPR and reference to NUAC's new Privacy Policy on the website. <a href="http://nuac.org.uk/privacy-policy.html">nuac.org.uk/privacy-policy.html</a> .  JB mentioned that the ticket price will increase this year to £40. A £5 increase in-line with the club's strategy to meet increased outgoing and maintain a self-sustaining business model.  It was agreed that the vetting process is working well and SB would continue to support the booking process. Although it would be appreciated if more people could assist the booking process.	

<p><b>(5) Treasurers Report</b></p>	
<p>Copy of 2017-18 Accounts are available to current members on request (send an email to <a href="mailto:treasurer@nuac.org.uk">treasurer@nuac.org.uk</a>)</p> <p>PS overall the club made less this year due to lower interest, increased water charges and lower membership income which was down from 120 members to 113 (note figures differ from Membership Sec Report due to differing reporting period and financial reporting only includes fee paying members).</p> <p>PS wanted to record a special thank you to S. Mian the auditor of the accounts. Especially as no payment is taken for the activities.</p> <p>E. Carlton (The Grove) Rental was taken from the capital funds as opposed to the current account.</p> <p>The accounts were tabled for approval. Proposed by JS and seconded by JW.</p>	
<p><b>(6) The Grove</b></p>	
<p>Reports showed little fishing which could be in relation to the pollution incident in April 2016. Surveyed membership which surprisingly, given lack of catch reports, highlighted venue is used and valued by membership. Other consequence of the survey was to highlight how much the venue has declined due to silt and is not viable in the long run. Survey helped inform club's negotiations with Cheshire Homes which resulted in a reduction in the annual fee. Working party's have completed bank clearance with the exception of some overhanging willow. Swims have been raked but will need to be done again before new season. Action to communicate outcome of this work via FB. Discussions around the value for the membership concluded that with the new reduced deal it did offer better value for the members and should be maintained within the NUAC fishing portfolio.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">JW</p>
<p><b>(7) Shallowbrook Report</b></p>	
<p>JS reported no issues at these lakes. Snipe now overlooked by new housing estate which has reduced its appeal.</p>	
<p><b>(8) Rive Yare Report</b></p>	
<p>GYNCAA have indicated that access to the Yare has been reduced temporarily. Due to an ongoing dispute with the owner of the Beauchamp Arms there will be no fishing to the left of the pub and no access to parking behind the Sailing Club. Effectively the track to Beauchamp Arms is off limits to anglers until further notice. NUAC will update website &amp; communicate this to our members before start of the season.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">JB</p>
<p><b>(9) Hall Walk Report</b></p>	
<p>PA – This venue continues to be ever more popular and provides a variety of fishing in the 3 lakes. 145 bookings as of 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 compared with 142 in 2016-17.</p> <p>Specimen Carp and Pike in Toms. A good head of carp in Puppy lake which can keep you very busy, and plenty of bream, roach, tench, and pike on Long lake.</p> <p>It is important to ensure you read the rules for the venue, in particular no trebles for piking and carp cradles required when going after carp now on all lakes. (please see the website)</p> <p>We have built up a very good relationship over the years with the owner and therefore any rule breaking will not be tolerated.</p> <p>We only have 2 tickets on this water and unfortunately, I have to report that on one occasion we had 3 members fishing this year. Please ensure you have booked and have had confirmation of your booking as the Lake owner is advised of the names of each person who has booked.</p>	

<p><b>(10)Bridge Inn Report</b></p>	
<p>PA – As with Hall Walk this is a popular water which provides a wide range of fishing with the added bonus of fishing the river during the season. 98 bookings as of 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 compared with 113 in 2016-17. Please ensure you read the water rules and note that there are restrictions as to when you can pike fish. We have 2 tickets for this water and instructions on how to book are contained on the NUAC website.</p>	
<p><b>(11)Bigwood Report</b></p>	
<p>Have negotiated a reduced rate for 2017 after reduced use the previous year. Richard Spicker is still managing the relationship with Bigwood but has indicated this will be the last. Richard was thanked for his efforts. It was agreed that a new water would be ideal to replace the Bigwood lakes as it is expected that a better deal could be obtained by the club. During this discussion Carlton Fen was mentioned and JS offered to contact the owner. All actions regarding this will be followed up and progress via the committee meetings.</p>	<p>JS</p>
<p><b>(12)Trinity Broads</b></p>	
<p>JW – 11 bookings this year down from 16 in 2016-17. Reduction is probably due to poor winter weather. Overall the broads are mostly used for piking and fishes well in the mornings and dusk. The broads compliments our diverse range of fishing and should be kept within NUAC's portfolio.</p>	
<p><b>(13)Hickling Report</b></p>	
<p>DS fantastic relationship with the management Whispering Reeds. Making a booking is simple and easy with a simple call you can arrange the boat where they will provide oars and life jackets.  PS &amp; SB to determine if they can receive an online payment instead of cheque which will simplify the payment process, otherwise SB will deliver cheque to them.</p>	<p>PS,SB</p>
<p><b>(14)River Bure Report</b></p>	
<p>PA – This is the first year we have had access to one of the Wroxham and District Angling club boats. As this is booked directly with WDAC I am not sure of how popular it has been although I am aware that quite a few members have used the facility.  WDAC have had issues with oars being stolen this year and we are investigating the possibility of having our own oars stored close by. I therefore ask if anyone lives locally and would be willing to store a set of oars which can be accessed by members that would be great.  I have used the boat for pike fishing. The river above the rail bridge aswell as on Bridge Broad hold decent size pike over 20lbs. Be aware though that on Bridge broad and the river close by there is a very tenacious otter which has no qualms about swimming up to the boat and taking your deadbait.</p>	
<p><b>(15)Snetterton Pits Report</b></p>	
<p>Syndicate waters with an arrangement of 2 day tickets for the membership at £10 each.  The Pits offer some great fishing with a variety of fish.  Poor winter weather resulted in flooding which curtailed access to the lakes. Unfortunately this meant bookings were cancelled so still no feedback. If members make use of this facility and it proves popular then club will look to incorporate into our offering without the need for day tickets. All agreed to leave arrangement as is.</p>	
<p><b>(16)Election of Officers</b></p>	
<p>The Chairman and committee stood down and PS took over to supervise the election of a Chairman. PS thanked JS for his efforts over the last year. JS was proposed by SB and seconded by JW, JS then supervised the election of the rest of the committee.  Treasurer. PS proposed by JS and seconded by JB. Duly elected.</p>	

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Secretary. WJ proposed by JS and seconded by JW. Duly elected.		
All committee members were voted in. Interest from members who attended the AGM – invites will be sent to them as optional.		WJ
<b>(17)Any Other Business</b>		
PA – Although we say this every year and will probably be said by other water managers the more you report back to us on how you get on is important not just on how well the waters are doing but also so we can share where the best places are to catch with other members. Action to include in email to members a reminder to provide catch reports etc...		JS
SR asked if NUAC had investigated NACA waters since they disbanded end of 2017. JS to contact Alan Kerridge (NUAC member who had previously been involved with NACA).		JS
Trophy was presented by PS on behalf of the club to SB for his service and commitment to the club. 20 years with highlights relating to his time as water manager for Upton and filling in for Mike Hoyland when he was ill as Chairman. JB presented a free membership to SB. Round of applause.		
Meeting closed at 9.40pm.		
<b>Signed as a true record:</b>		
<b>Name</b>		<b>Date</b>