

NUAC Committee Meeting

Minutes taken by: Warren Jones

Tuesday 14th May 2019, 7.35pm – 9.25pm

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Present: Warren Jones (WJ), Paul Scarff (PS), Stuart Buck (SB), Jason Brewster (JB), Jon Weyer (JW), Patrick Aikens (PA), Dave Watson (DW), James Lawson, Steve Rawlings, Rob Boothby (RB), James Scarff, Stuart Johnson, Barry Green, Martin Burgess, Peter Stokell

Apologies: Jim Sutherland (JS), Richard Spicker, Dave Shearing (DS), Dave Crooks (DC), Jim Sutherland (JS), Richard Kirby, Richard Herrell, Chris Turnbull, Jack Norton,

MINUTED ITEMS	Action Owner(s)
(1) Introduction	
<p>JW passed on apologies for Chairman JS</p> <p>MS introduced to the members – Looking after Lenwade</p> <p>RB introduced to the members – Committee Member</p> <p>JW welcomed the members attending and went through the apologies. See above.</p>	
(2) Minutes & Matters Arising	
<p>Intro - Concern regards Peter Stokell's absence last year due to ill health; thankfully Peter's health is much improved and he was in attendance.</p> <p>Chairman's Report - Memorial Match (Simon Clay / Mike Hoyland) – still outstanding.</p> <p>River Yare - Website updated.</p> <p>Bigwood - Carleton Fen wasn't deemed a viable replacement for Bigwood.</p> <p>Hickling Report - Payment process now using online banking.</p> <p>Election of Officers - Possible new committee members have been followed-up unsuccessfully.</p> <p>AOB: Catch Reports - Reminder added to 2018-19 Permit documentation.</p> <p>AOB: NACA - Suggestion that Chris Turnbull (CT) would be a good contact.</p> <p>The minutes from the last AGM for season 2017-18 were adopted. Proposed by RB and seconded by PS. The minutes were adopted.</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>JB</p>
(3) Chairman's Report	
<p>In JS's absence JW read his written report: <i>Having served as chairman for NUAC over the last few years I have now decided to take a couple of years off. This is due to other commitments business wise. I have been rather busy nipping over to Jersey and up to Glasgow, (where my Daughter lives) lately and helping my Son achieve the goals that I could only dream of. I am hoping to pass on the knowledge that I have gained over the years in fishing and life in general to him (without getting into trouble!!)</i></p> <p><i>I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the committee members that have helped me to be part of a great fishing club. Their dedication and work ethics have shown me that they are the clubs foundation. As we all know the success to a great building that stands tall and proud is always down to a solid foundation and that's what they are.</i></p>	

NUAC is a special club compared to others. It offers a massive variety of options on species and venues. A very rare type of club compared to your normal syndicate waters. Again, this club offers a much better deal money wise than any other that I have been involved with but as we all know inflation can slowly creep up on us all and we must match that price if we want to move into the future of fishing. I've seen the hard work the committee have put in and the time they have spent, not on the bank I hasten to add and hopefully they will continue with that commitment.

We, as a club, should now be thinking of the next generation. To fill our boots in years to come if we want to survive. I've noticed over the years the diminishing sign of youngsters on the bank and we should be asking the question why? How can we change this?

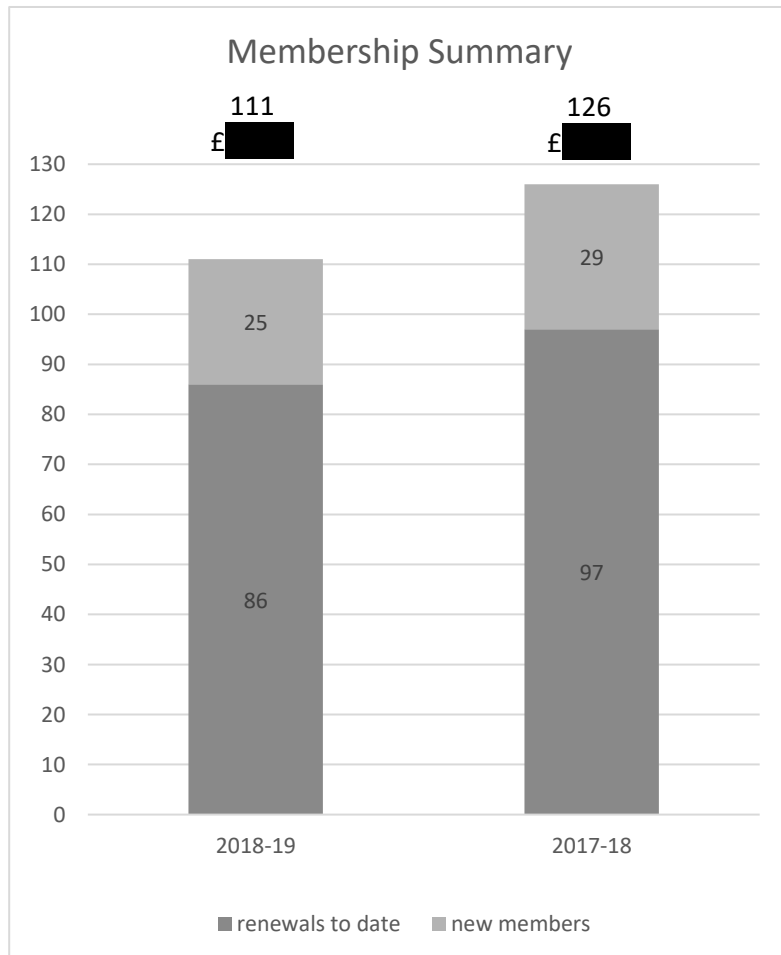
This club has so much to offer for everyone so let's try to drive and achieve this goal.

Once again, my apologies for not being present but as Arnie said "I'll be back!!!"

Committee wanted to state their appreciation to JS for his service.

(4) Membership Secretary's Report

Membership totalled 111, down 15 on 2017-18, generating an income of £h,nnn.
 86 renewals on a par with previous season following 12 previous members confirming their non-renewal.
 Membership fee increase of £5 to £40 resulted in extra £285 revenue despite the reduced numbers.



(5) Treasurer's Report	
<p>Copy of 2018-19 Accounts are available to current members on request (send an email to treasurer@nuac.org.uk)</p> <p>Still awaiting invoice for The Grove – these have been accrued into the accounts unlike previous years where outstanding outgoings were rolled into the next financial year.</p> <p>Permit numbers slightly down but increase in membership fee resulted in greater membership income – surplus of profit due to Snetterton and Bigwood. Two Bridge Inn payments included in the accounts.</p> <p>Covering costs and take advantage of future waters. Call out to members.</p> <p>PS expressed his thanks to Shar Mian for producing accounts and the corrections he has made on behalf of PS.</p> <p>PS mentioned that he will be standing down this meeting, first time in 20 years that someone has nominated for the role.</p> <p>JW thanked for him for the 21 glorious years. On behalf of the committee many thanks.</p> <p>The accounts were tabled for approval. Proposed by PA and seconded by JW.</p>	
(6) The Grove	
<p>JW talked about the objectives; access to a water that didn't entail any bookings, giving mixed fishing opportunity and exclusivity.</p> <p>3 years since fish kill – lost 2000 fish. As an event this polarised the views of the membership & prompted approach to membership to determine if it was viable to maintain as a water. Or was it a dying fishery?</p> <p>View from the membership – there are a lot more proponents to have the water than leaving it, but overall provided leverage to The Grove Renewal negotiations. Club has re-assessed value and seen slow recovery as a fishery. No carp harmed from the kill. Some Perch, but esp. Roach/Bream/Rudd were hit big time.</p> <p>Recent membership applications highlight the desire to join NUAC & fish @ The Grove – has helped the decision to continue renewal as part of NUAC offering. In terms of the what NUAC want to have at The Grove it's stock or twist – maintain what we have or see how NUAC can improve it as a fishery. Home Management has undertaken some bank work, & the working party has shown a radical the right skills (e.g. divers in the water).</p> <p>PS mentioned it was bloody humorous watching the divers undertake the water.</p> <p>SB where is the deeper part in the waters? RB mentioned there was a lot of silt near 12 & 13 where it is the deepest. Ideal option would be to remove the silt out.</p> <p>Local Management Team in discussion for improvement of the water & appear to have a budget. NUAC will be involved if this progresses – will keep members updated.</p> <p>Steve Lane (EA) supported us during the fish kill – has been approached on how NUAC?LCD can improve the water. Cost/No cost NUAC unknown – something we are following up...</p>	

<p>JB talked about the youngsters being involved in Angling – this is the perfect water for families and meets our values.</p> <p>Costs have been brought down £[REDACTED] with an annual inflating increase – now down to £[REDACTED] over last 3 years.</p> <p>More reports are coming through from Facebook – helps to promote the mixed fishery rather than Carp interest.</p>	
(7) Shallowbrook Report	
<p>JB covered this topic in the absence of JS.</p> <p>Meadow hasn't fished as well as previous years for silvers, match weights up to 20lbs (rather than 40lbs+ in 2016-17). Plenty of carp in water.</p> <p>Winter time it is quiet but Summer tends to be busy especially with Day Ticket anglers. Snipe is a good place to fish for Tench and Perch and is a lot quieter than Meadow.</p>	
(8) Rive Yare Report	
<p>JB provided update</p> <p>Access still an issue as GYNCAA dispute with Beauchamp Arms is still outstanding. This means the pegs upstream of the pub remain out of bounds.</p> <p>GYNCAA revenue is driven by open match bookings and these result in all Saturday's being used from start of the season until November plus some midweek dates in July & August – the fixture list is on the NUAC website. Detailed pegging notices for weekend & mid-week matches are displayed from Thursday at each of the road access points to the river.</p> <p>Lots of roach and bream during the summer months with bream and skimmers showing in the winter especially if the river is coloured and big roach that, unlike the smaller fish, reside year long on this stretch.</p> <p>PS mentioned he fished it before the end of the season.</p>	
(9) Hall Walk Report	
<p>MS now has taken over as NUAC liaison for Hall Walk</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>40% of all our noted bookings which is down from last year.</p> <p>MS called out is the booking system causing the issue. RB said it is more about location.</p> <p>PA mentioned it is popular for carping and piking.</p> <p>Tom's up to 40lb.</p> <p>Tench in the Long and Tom's lake.</p>	

Please note new rule about fish care. Mandatory on Tom’s lake and advisable on the other lakes. NUAC will take a stance.

Please follow the fish rules – please please follow this as it makes it look’s bad on the club if these are not followed.

SB mentioned members might only see it as a carp lake – might be worth showing more catches about other fish types to highlight the potential. The rule might be a hinderance due to the requirement to have a carp matt when you only want to fish for other fish types.

Single hooks for Pike.

Facebook have noted some catches – Carp 30lb and a lot of 20lbs.

Bookings Summary 2018-19					
Venue	Season Total	Discrete Members	Maximum Bookings	Average	Percentage
Hall Walk	█	█	█	█	39.42%

Notes: Numbers in parenthesis relate to 2017-18

(10)Bridge Inn Report

£█ – █ bookings, up from last year. Maybe relates to new members – accounts for 36% of our bookings.

Fished occasionally not as much as Hall Walk.

A lot of people travel to these waters from around the UK.

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Bridge Inn	█	█	█	█	36.23%

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(11)Trinity Broads

Filby – boat has been part of our offer, other than a gap 6-12 years ago, for a long time, but age & repair of boat means facility “is-what-it-is”. NUAC will continue to use so long as safe.

Access gives us a traditional pike water and provides breadth in our offer – albeit far from easy – with spectacular access to the Broads.

Whilst mostly pike bookings this year – expecting to the bookings increase following Neil Glover 9lb 4oz Tench Oct 2018. Steer for Tench is early season, let the Rudd take over for the summer, and then give it a crack later in the year.

Committee considered new boats – but balance between current use & cost justifying unless a real bargain emerges.

SB mentioned is there an opportunity to share boats with Wroxham – these boats, however, no better than existing.

BG mentioned opportunity to laminate the boats to improve the quality – committee will get in touch.

PA mentioned can anyone in the membership help bail the boat – needs special trips @ present. No response @ meeting.

PA to contact Wroxham to see if they would like Barry (BG) to repair transom.

PA

Bookings Summary 2018-19					
Venue	Season Total	Discrete Members	Maximum Bookings	Average	Percentage
Filby					2.32%

Notes: Numbers in parenthesis relate to 2017-18

(12)Hickling Report

In the absence of DS, JW read his written report:
I only managed one session on the broad last season and I have not received any catch reports from members so my up to date catch information is limited.

The broad does suffer from weed outside of the boat channel so mooring close to a red or green post is a good move. The boat channel is also a bit deeper than the rest of the broad. The fish respond readily to a bit of cereal groundbait and good catches of Bream to 3lb and Roach and Rudd to 8ozs on the whip or waggler are quite normal. Where the broad empties in to the River Thurne the water is up to 11ft deep and it is well worth trying a swimfeeder even from the boat. There are also much bigger Bream in the broad, but these mostly come out at night.

Very large Pike and Perch are also present in the broad but need a lot of work to locate them. The boatyard owner tells me that people fishing from the floating caravans at the entrance to the boat dyke regularly catch big Carp.

As well as the good fishing you are in the middle of a fantastic area for wildlife. I have personally seen an Osprey on the broad as well as Bearded Tits, Marsh Harriers, Common Cranes and Swallowtail butterflies.

Please use the boat and enjoy some relatively unspoilt broads fishing.

Don't forget to let me know about your catches on Hickling as per my contact details on the [website](#).

*Dave Shearing
 Hickling Boat Manager*

(13)River Bure Report (Wroxham)

PA – Wroxham Boat – last year NUAC was able to combine with Wroxham club to utilise their boat. Booking system had to contact them direct. Renewing this year, NUAC has access to a boat – and because of that NUAC can include it within our booking system. It makes it easy us to analyse the water usage. We are very surprised about amount of times it is fished which is good.

Bookings Summary 2018-19					
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Venue	Season Total	Discrete Members	Maximum Bookings	Average	Percentage
Wroxham Boat	█	█	█	█	7.83%

NUAC intends to renew for a further year and it is deemed cost effective.

Oars are continually stolen which is of a concern. PA does have a set of oars which he is willing to provide but his location maybe an issue.

You can take your own boat engine. But adding an engine on the boat does cause an issue. Please note.

Solution possibly get NUAC own boat – but there is a general reluctance due to the thieving. Something to explore and continue to investigate.

(14) Snetterton Pits Report

In the absence of DS, JW read his written report:

I urge all members to give these waters a try. There are 6 lakes available for us to fish and they all contain beautifully conditioned fish. The lakes are old, mature gravel pits and they are fringed with Willow and Alder trees and reeds. The water is heaving with microscopic life and the bottom is paved with Swan mussels. Carp can be caught to 30lb, Tench to 8lb, Bream to 14lb, Roach and Rudd to 3lb, Perch to 3lb and Pike to over 20lb as well as Roach/Bream hybrids to over 3lb. The fish do not give themselves up and can be preoccupied with natural food. Persistence is the key and you will be rewarded. There are plenty of swims to choose from and it would take a very long time to fish them all. Wildlife is also in abundance. I saw a Bittern down there only two weeks ago. Don't forget to let me know about any catches you make on the pits via my contact details on the [website](#).

(15) NDAA

WJ apologies for missing off agenda.

JB new arrangement this year – started August time last year. 4 tickets provide access to the following: Bank fishing on the River Bure at St. Benets, adjacent to Decoy Broad and at Woodbastwick. Bank fishing on the River Thurne at Cold Harbour. And boat fishing on Decoy Broad.

Bure and Thurne are prolific venues from season start through to late September. Fishes very well but dependent on the tide. A lot of match fishing happens on these rivers with multiple big catches per event e.g. 1000lb between 40 anglers in one match for instance.

NUAC will continue to provide access to the NDAA waters in 2019-20.

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Venue	Season Total	Discrete Members	Maximum Bookings	Average	Percentage
NDAA	█	█	█	█	4.64%

(16) Election of Officers

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. JW was proposed by RB and seconded by PA, JW then supervised the election of the rest of the committee.

<p>Treasurer. PA proposed by WJ and seconded by PS. Duly elected.</p> <p>JW would like to thank PS for the 21 years as treasurer and 30 years on the committee. Present was provided.</p> <p>Secretary. WJ proposed by PA and seconded by RB. Duly elected.</p> <p>All committee members were voted in. Interest from members who attended the AGM – invites will be sent to them as optional.</p>			
(17)Any Other Business			
<p>Committee Recruitment – JW mentioned that the recruitment has been good this year especially with RB and MS joining.</p> <p>Water Opportunities – Finding new waters is a part of the process but there are other tasks / help required.</p> <p>PA echoed the desire for new waters.</p> <p>DW talked about Drayton – did anything come about it.</p> <p>JW thanked those who have attended.</p>			
Signed as a true record:			
Name		Date	