

# NUAC Annual General Meeting

14 May 2024

7:31pm – 9:37pm

Minutes taken by: Jason Brewster

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**Present:** Jon Weyer (JW), Patrick Aikens (PA), Jason Brewster (JB), Paul Scarff (PS), David Shorter (DS), Scott Maunder, Andy Jubb, Nick Walpole (NW), Dave Watson (DW), Martin Burgess and Paul Pegg.

**Apologies:** Scott Swift (SS), Richard Spicker & Steve Rawlings.

Minuted Items	Action Owner(s)
<b>1. Introduction</b>  Meeting held at The World's End, Mulbarton. JW opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.	
<b>2. Minutes &amp; Matters Arising</b>  JW reviewed matters arising from previous AGM run on Tuesday 23 May 2023.  <b>Simon Clay &amp; Mike Hoyland Memorial awards</b>  Information regarding these awards had been added to the website. No nominations had been received this season. The awards were promoted when issuing membership permits and via the AGM invite. It was agreed to issue another communication mid-season as a reminder of these awards.  <b>Wensum, Oram's Farm</b>  Steve Rawlings had made multiple attempts to contact the owners of this stretch but to no avail. Steve had confirmed he would keep trying and JW thanked him for his perseverance.  Minutes proposed by DS, seconded by PA and accepted as a true reflection by attendees.	JB
<b>3. Review of 2023-24</b>  JW presented an overview of the season.  The smaller committee have responded well to the challenges of the last season. The club continues to maintain good relations with our partner fisheries, a positive reflection on the committee's efforts and the good behaviour of our members.  In December the club learned of the closure of the Bridge Inn Fishery (BIF) indirectly via a member who had booked to fish and arrived to find it closed. Apart from an initial response from BIF indicating that they were in a legal dispute with the landlord we have received no further response on this matter. The club would like to re-establish a relationship with this fishery if/when the opportunity arises.  The committee met in January to consider the impact of the closure of BIF and it was agreed to re-establish a relationship with Bigwood Fisheries. Scott Swift took the lead on this activity and we are pleased to announce that he was successful. For 2024-25 members will be able to book access on both lakes at Bigwood. Big thanks to Scott who has now delivered a hat-trick of new venues for the club having previously brokered deals on the river at Taverham Mills Fishery and then subsequently their No.1 Lake.  The closure of BIF did not go unnoticed at Hall Walk and the club has had to react to the perception that former BIF bookings will now switch to Hall Walk. The club has taken steps to maintain our access at Hall Walk and the risk of over-stepping our usage at this venue will also have implications when seeking new members.  For 2024-25 the maximum number of bookings that a member can request on Hall Walk will be reduced to 15. The same maximum will also be applied for bookings at Bigwood.  JB provided an update on membership, which had fallen from ■■■ (2022-23) to ■■■. The membership fee would be unchanged for 2024-25. The membership level had enabled running costs to be covered. However, any further reduction would require new members and would expect to approach existing members to recommend family/friends in the first instance.	

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<p><i>[The membership figures/fees above will be removed/redacted when these minutes are published.]</i></p> <p>The challenge of succession planning continues and any help to support the committee, especially regarding administration and IT skills, would be welcome.</p>	
<p><b>4. 2023-24 Accounts</b></p> <p><i>[The accounts will be removed/redacted when these minutes are published.]</i></p> <p>Copies of the accounts were provided to the attendees.</p> <p>PA confirmed that, despite an increase in the membership fee, income was down due to the reduced membership. Outgoings were up on the previous year although the comparison had been skewed by a late payment to the Bridge Inn Fishery (BIF).</p> <p>Based on the current budget for 2024-25 and factoring in the new access at Bigwood Fisheries, an anticipation that BIF <u>could</u> be re-instated during the season and a late payment to Hall Walk the expectation was that the club would make a loss in 2024-25. The committee had agreed that any loss would be covered by reserves.</p> <p>PA thanked Adrian Poole for auditing the accounts for the club.</p> <p>Accounts proposed by JW and seconded by NW and approved by attendees.</p>	
<p><b>5. Election of Chairman</b></p> <p>JW thanked the officers and committee for their continued support.</p> <p>JW confirmed he was prepared to continue in his role as a “stand-in” Chairman.</p> <p>JW stood down and JB took chair of the meeting.</p> <p>JW proposed by PS, seconded by DW and unanimously re-elected by attendees.</p> <p>JB returned chair of meeting to JW.</p>	
<p><b>6. Election of Treasurer</b></p> <p>JW confirmed that PA will continue in this role.</p> <p>PA proposed by JW, seconded by DS and unanimously re-elected by attendees.</p>	
<p><b>7. Election of Secretary</b></p> <p>JW confirmed that JB will continue in this role.</p> <p>JB proposed by PS, seconded by DW and unanimously re-elected by attendees.</p>	
<p><b>8. Election of Committee</b></p> <p>JW confirmed that there had been no new nominations to join the committee.</p> <p>JW confirmed that Nick Walpole and Scott Swift will continue on the committee.</p> <p>Committee proposed by JW seconded by PA and unanimously re-elected by attendees.</p> <p>Meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm and recommenced at 8:46pm.</p>	
<p><b>9. Any Other Business</b></p> <p>There was a general discussion on waters, the impact of the winter’s high rainfall on the Broads and the limitations of flood defences given ever increasing extreme flood events.</p>	
<p><b>10. Meeting Closed 9:37pm</b></p> <p>JW thanked everyone for attending and for their contributions.</p>	