

Summary of meeting minutes, W&G AC, 2021

12 January 2021

Present: 4, apologies: 9. Meeting opened 8:10pm – via Skype

Notes from Extraordinary meeting 31 December 2020

- PC reported that grant applications for bank restoration work (pegs 5 – 8) have been submitted
- Also, PC tasked with getting quotes for bank restoration and costs for floating islands

Matters Arising from meeting 1 December 2020

- Covid restrictions prevent delivery of the latest signs
- Netting planned for either Sat 13 or 20 February – PC to publish details once known
- MA will change oil in the generator

Chair

- MA says that Matthew Ellis is not interested in bank restoration work
- Also, meetings to continue via Skype until further notice

Treasurer

- The club finances remain healthy
- Network Rail have cashed their rental cheque
- The insurance policy document has been received
- RH to check account details for membership payments

Secretary

- Waiting list now stands at 65
- Costs for self-build floating platforms will be worked out
- Club data has been placed on cloud-based server so that other committee members can access it
- There is on-going contact with the club area EA representative

AOB

- Danny reports (via Matt) that there are no further dead fish at the pond

Renewals

- These will be by post and direct bank transfer only this year
- Club to request an additional £1 to cover postage etc
- Once details are finalised this will be published on all platforms

Meeting closed at 9:05pm

9 February 2021

Present: 6, apologies: 4. Meeting opened 8:10pm – via Skype

Matters Arising from meeting 12 January 2021

- Netting planned for Sat 20 February – Fishery closed, PC to publish details
- MA will change oil in the generator
- Tony Dawson will check with Karl about the boat trailer

Chair

- Matt wishes all good health during these trying times and the club can offer support if needed to any member
- There will be a work party on 13 Feb to prepare the pond for netting

Treasurer

- TSB have improved their online security and the new login codes go to Matt's phone not Richard's. This will be discussed with the bank to resolve.

- The match fund has overspent by about £200 last year. In future funds would be checked prior to expenditure (for example, engraving)

Secretary

- Waiting list now stands at 72
- The club has 2 quotes for the bank restoration work (£7,898 & £86,815)
- The EA is fully up to date with costs for restoration work and any grant will be allocated in March
- Contact continues between the club and the BDAA

AOB

- PM asked about enforcement of match rules, MA said he will discuss with BS prior to the start of the matches and ensure all anglers are aware of the rules
- BS has confirmed he will continue as match secretary but VK is considering stepping down as assistant

Fees & Renewals

- An increase of £ 5 across the board (except juniors) was agreed
- It was also agreed that the category of “concession” would be abolished from 2022
- All new members pay the full adult (no concessions)
- Rates are now:
 - Existing members (2021/22): Full: £35, Concession: £25, Junior: £5, Guest: £25
 - Existing members (2022/23): Adult: £35, Junior: £5, Guest: £25
 - New members: Adult: £35, Junior: £5, Guest: £25, Joining Fee: £5

Meeting closed at 9:45pm

9 March 2021

Present: 6, apologies: 4. Meeting opened 8:10pm – via Skype

Matters Arising from meeting 9 February 2021

- Bob will now check the state of the match fund with Richard prior to purchases of engraving and prizes
- MA will change oil in the generator
- Tony Dawson will check with Karl about the boat trailer

Chair

- Thanks to Bill H for organising the netting and to those members on the work party prior to the netting
- The aerators will be returned to the pond 13 March

Treasurer

- The online security issues are resolved and Richard now has access to the account
- The club funds remain healthy and there is one outstanding bill from Cannings due

Match Secretary

- Bob now has the match list from The Plough and will work round this
- Some new venues are being considered
- Vicky has kindly agreed to say on as assistant match sec

Secretary

- Waiting list now stands at 76
- Renewals have started, 29 cards received to date
- The club has received a third quote for the bank work, this is the highest so far
- Peter is scheduled to meet Stuart Manwaring (EA rep) at the pond on Wed 10 March

AOB

- Club funds, MA suggested the club could raise capital funds by offering a 5 year membership – proposal to be drafted for implementation in 2022
- Netting – Moore & Moore estimate there is about 1,800lb of fish in the pond. This is a lot and the club to consider netting out some roach in a tear or two’s time
- PC raised the matter of a 5 year fishery plan, a list of tasks to be drafted and distributed for comment

- Junior members – PC asked if juniors could be considered separately to adult members for the purposes of limits on membership – PC to draft change to the constitution of discussion at April's meetings
- Des said that he didn't think any roach should be removed from the pond. This was discussed and it was considered this would be best for the pond but a decision won't be made now.
- Phil asked if a close-season could be implemented on the pond, talked down, not least because in the past a closed season has led to an increase in poaching
- A working party list will be published as soon as dates are known
- Colmoor Farm, Buill asked what's happening. Matt said that there was no plan to spend money on it but the club will only relinquish if another river stretch can be found
- PC tasked with discussing further bank work with the contractors

Meeting closed at 9:45pm

6 April 2021

Present: 6, apologies: 5. Meeting opened 8:00pm – via Skype

Matters Arising from meeting 9 March 2021

- MA will change oil in the generator
- Tony Dawson will check with Karl about the boat trailer – no reply so far
- 5 year membership – topic to be revisited in November
- Colmoor farm will be retained this year

Chair

- MA reported that there's a lot going on at the moment, thanks PC/RH for renewal work and PC for grant applications

Treasurer

- The club continues to receive renewal fees and the cash-in-hand situation remains fluid (but healthy)

Match Secretary

- A draft match calendar is now available
- 1st match Sunday 16 May

Secretary

- Of the 200 members, 125 have now renewed to date
- Waiting list now stands at 79
- Bank shoring work starts today (6 April)
- Work on the platforms for disabled anglers starts 15 April
- The grant from the EA is approved and we await the paperwork

AOB

- Work parties scheduled for Saturday 24 April & Saturday 15 May
- Covid restrictions on pegs 20, 21 & 22 can be lifted from 12 April (peg 16 remains closed)
- Siltex applications will continue, MA to purchase this
- Carp feed pellets have been purchased
- Instructions/requests for priority access for disabled anglers to the new platforms will be drafted
- A draft list of items for a fishery plan was discussed and each prioritised

Meeting closed at 9:40pm

6 April 2021 – Extraordinary general meeting

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The proposed change to the wording of constitution 3.1.1. was agreed to be changed from:

The club limits membership (at the discretion of the committee) to a maximum of 200 members including all officers, junior, senior and honorary members.

To:

The club limits membership (at the discretion of the committee) to a maximum of 200 adult members including all officers, adult and honorary members, and 25 junior members

Carried unanimously

PC to update constitution on website and advise members (website update and email)

Meeting closed 9:45pm

4 May 2021

Present: 9, apologies: 4. Meeting opened 8:10pm – King Alfred's Head

Matters Arising from meeting 6 April 2021

- Phil M now knows how to change generator oil
- Richard to talk to Tony D about the boat trailer
- Match anglers to be reminded of rules at first few matches this year
- Rent for Colmoor farm still to be paid

Chair

- Siltex applied 3 May

Treasurer

- All major outgoings except Colmoor rent have been met.
- Finances remain healthy
- The increase in member numbers will add about £90 to insurance costs

Match Secretary

- No change to draft match calendar

Secretary

- 19 members have not renewed
- 18 people on the list have responded positively to an invitation to join
- There are 8 junior members, than number expected to rise to 18

AOB

- Pegs 7, 8 & 9, agreed there is no need for platforms
- Work party for Saturday 15 May, to work on platforms pegs 10 & 11
- Disabled anglers will be given priority on pegs 3, 4 & 5
- In matches, disabled anglers to draw pegs 3, 4 or 5 prior to main draw
- Fish-in to be organised to allow scales to be taken from fish to get growth rates established by EA
- Parking – against fence, not pond side
- BDAA will provide lifebelts but defibrillators can't be installed as no mains power at pond
- No need to limit size of waiting list as there is no additional work involved in maintaining a long list
- Draft fishery plan was updated

Meeting closed at 9:40pm

1 June 2021

Present: 8, apologies: 5. Meeting opened 8:05pm – King Alfred's Head

Matters Arising from meeting 4 May 2021

- Boat trailer, issue still outstanding
- Match anglers to be reminded of rules at first few matches this year
- Vicky K will visit Colmoor farm and pay the rent

Chair

- No news to report

Treasurer

- Apologies for absence and no report this month

Match Secretary

- 2 aggregate matches so far, 16 in the first and 19 the second, no empty nets across both matches
- The advise given by Matt regarding rule enforcement was well judged and received

Secretary

- Currently 192 adult members and 14 junior
- 52 on waiting list (17 outside OX12)
- Contractor for bank shoring work to quote by mid June
- BDAA apologise for delay and will attend as soon as possible

AOB

- Steps behind pegs 7, 8 & 9 need to be improved
- Once peg positions on new bank are established the floating islands will be permanently positioned
- Fish scales for growth rates will be taken during the committee cup
- Club will purchase enough "shadow" anti-algal dye for 2 applications (June & Sept)
- Nathan to be asked to report on state of banks at Colmoor farm
- Path behind peg 16 needs to be widened – it is on fishery plan
- Only 1 dead tench (possibly spawning casualty)
- With thanks to Leslie Teale for running a water quality test, all nutrients within acceptable limits
- Generator run for 25 hours since last meeting, no need for oil change at the moment

Meeting closed at 9:40pm

13 July 2021

Present: 10, apologies: 5. Meeting opened 8:05pm - King Alfred's Head

Matters Arising from meeting 1 June 2021

- Boat trailer, issue remains outstanding
- Colmoor farm rent now paid
- Floating islands to be repositioned at work party
- Anti-algal dye applied (next application due in September)

Chair

- No news to report

Treasurer

- Club finances remain healthy, two outstanding invoices to be paid

Match Secretary

- Apologies for absence but no recent matches to report on

Secretary

- Club now full with 200 adult and 18 junior members
- 45 on waiting list
- BDAA advise work will be completed w/c 19 July
- Estimates for bank shoring have been received, approx £200 or £300 per meter (depending on material used)

AOB

- Small aerator stops after 10 mins, needs to be serviced
- Access at Colmoor farm remains unresolved
- Scales for fish growth rate will be collected at the committee cup
- Signs for the pond will be produced soon
- Reports of drugs and other anti-social behaviour at the pond by anglers – reminder of rules etc to be posted to web and emailed
- Work party scheduled for 31 July
- Netting out of 300lb of roach to be costed, Moore & Moore to be advised so they can schedule this

- Junior trophies need a new home
- Barley straw bales to be sourced and put into the pond

Meeting closed at 9:45pm

10 August 2021

Present: 12, apologies: 2. Meeting opened 8:00pm - King Alfred's Head

Matters Arising from meeting 13 July 2021

- Richard to dispose of boat trailer
- Signage is in hand

Chair

- Work party poorly attended, may need to switch this to a contractor

Treasurer

- Club finances remain healthy, one outstanding invoice from Cannings to be paid
- £2,000 pa is estimated as a minimum to keep the club afloat

Match Secretary

- Wantage and Grove beat The Plough in the first leg of the 2 leg competition

Secretary

- 53 on waiting list
- BDAA work now completed – access ramps to be installed by club

AOB

- Only 3 booking for social on 21 Aug – cancel
- Small aerator continues to stall, service required
- Colmoor farm access is unresolved
- Reports of non-members drinking and socialising at pond, British Transport police have been informed
- The Plough AC to be offered first refusal on 300lb of roach to be netted out this winter
- The feasibility of a solar powered bubbler aeration system to be investigated
- New lock and chain for boat is required
- The chain at the top of the fishery has been torn out by a vehicle, to be replaced

Meeting closed at 9:35pm

7 September 2021

Present: 10, apologies: 5. Meeting opened 8:00pm - King Alfred's Head

Matters Arising from meeting 10 August 2021

- Cost for the bank work are to be presented to the AGM for consideration
- Anyone carrying out paid work for the club must have insurance cover
- Colmoor farm reopened, park at top of slope

Chair

- No report this month

Treasurer

- Club finances remain healthy, there are no significant invoices outstanding

Match Secretary

- £50 donated from match fees to Cancer Research UK. Ray Rolfe also kindly donated his match pools winnings

Secretary

- 54 on waiting list
- A quote of £1,300 was obtained for completion of bank work on West bank (Station road). Further assessment required

AOB

- Committee cup to be rearranged
- Netters to be contacted regarding fish removal
- The entrance sign is disintegrating and must be repaired or replaced
- Braid has been found, members to be reminded that using braid is against the rules

Meeting closed at 10:15pm

5 October 2021

Present: 13, apologies: 3. Meeting opened 8:00pm - King Alfred's Head

Matters Arising from meeting 7 September 2021

- Solar powered aeration system likely to cost £12,000, therefore out of reach of the club
- The meal for the Christmas match is to be booked

Chair

- The club has 50Kg of feed pellets
- Thanks to Nathan for strimming the bank

Treasurer

- Club finances remain healthy, there are no significant invoices outstanding

Match Secretary

- There is £425 in the match fund
- 16 members have qualified for the Christmas match so far

Secretary

- The waiting list now stands at 56

AOB

- Network Rail to be approached again to see if a mains electricity supply can be installed
- Dissolved oxygen level have fallen at times to low, but not dangerous, levels
- 5 year memberships to be discussed at November meeting
- AGM scheduled for Monday 7 February 2022, at the Old Mill Hall
- The railings on the disabled pegs will not be removed as they are built to national guidelines
- A "Match in Progress" sign will be displayed to stop members driving down during a match

Meeting closed at 10:05pm