



## **CLATWORTHY FLY FISHING CLUB**

### **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT "THE WORLDS END" BRADFORD ON TONE, TAUNTON ON SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7.30pm**

- 1. Chairman's Opening Address** The Chairman welcomed 23 members including several newly joined that evening, to the first AGM of the fishing club.
- 2. Apologies** received from Danny Ford, Pete Wilkins, Dave Bull, Ian Perry, Innes and Chris Davis.
- 3. Treasurer's Report** copies of the accounts for the past year were made available to members. As that year had only been a short one, as the club only formed in August, the adult membership was set at £10 with juniors up to 16 and students up to 23 in full time education paying no sub. He reported the year ended with 28 adult and 1 junior member. Following successful events and generous donations the year ended on 31<sup>st</sup> December with funds in hand of £194.09. Funds to date have increased to £474.09 following subs already paid for 2018 and the £60 deposit recovered from The Worlds End following the postponed pre- Christmas AGM. Subs for 2018 have been set at £20 for adults and continued free concession for juniors and students.
- 4. Events Secretary** Richard reported a successful year for events and thanked members for their support and donations of cake etc. The smoker demonstration and fly tying (a sell- out) being of particular note. Both of these to be repeated this year if possible. He gave feedback back that the day trip to the fishing show had been enjoyed by those who attended and was hopeful that the car share system could be encouraged for future "away day" events. **He then ran through the calendar of events for 2018 which will be available to members on the club's web page.** A number of the events have been planned to encourage new members and beginners and he asked for volunteers to help man these events, he reminded members that there was a certain amount of fishing kit available for beginners stored at the lake for this purpose. He reported that Wessex Water are holding an open morning at the lake on 12<sup>th</sup> March when there will be the chance to look round the fish farm. Also a National competition is being held on 28<sup>th</sup> April and so the lake will be closed on that day for general fishing although members can enter. An event of note is the visit of Don Garner (journalist/writer) on 12<sup>th</sup> May, when he will fish with the club in the morning. With future events in mind Richard asked if any members would be willing to give a talk or demonstration, maybe a particularly good fishing holiday or memorable experience! Lady members suggested something to encourage new lady members to give them the chance to have a go and also asked for the Christmas Exe Valley match to be a week earlier this year as the last one was too close to Christmas. This was agreed. An open bank match at Clatworthy for non- members for P.R. was suggested. A cup for the biggest fish of the year was suggested by a member and agreed a good idea. Involvement with disabled charities was discussed and agreed, the committee to look into this further.
- 5. Wessex Water Update** Apologies had been received from Les Carter and no update was given.
- 6. Chairman's Report** Howard thanked everyone for attending and briefly explained how the club had been put together and events organised. He reported that the past few months had been reliant on the committee input but he emphasized the need now for ideas from members and hoped that going forward there would be more feedback for suggestions of what is wanted. The events arranged so far for the coming year would not only focus on fishing as the main focus but a mix of social events such

as cook-offs, BBQ's, fly tying, guest speakers, instruction and beginners days. There are several away days organised at other fishing venues and he asked for other ideas not necessarily FF related. Competitions have been arranged both friendly and competitive against other clubs. He hoped that the spread of events would cover the different tastes and interests of the members.

Going forward his aims for this year was an active and on-going membership drive with an aim of increasing membership to 50 this year. He emphasized the ethos of the club, to have fun, to be inclusive and share the passion for fly fishing, and help others. He called for all members to spread the word whenever and wherever they had the opportunity, as the more members there are the more opportunities for guest speakers, social events and general funds for the club.

He reported that he was self-funding a coaching accreditation course in March provided by the Angling Trust at Level 1 then followed by Level 2. This will enable him to coach in schools/children, beginners etc. which will hopefully be beneficial to the club in the long run. He asked if the club should pay for Level 2. To be discussed with committee. He asked if any other members would be interested. Several members advised him that they had accreditation already.

The website is the hub of all information for the club and he emphasized that this should be the first port of call for current information as things change but this site is always the most up to date. Always check the website for dates/venues etc. He advised the meeting that there was also a Facebook page up and running and asked all who are also on twitter/Instagram to like, share, repost club posts and generally spread the word. Howard discussed the possibility of a private members forum on the website, he did emphasize that this would take a lot of work and could not be achieved quickly. Members felt that this would be welcomed, as it could be used for fishing reports, buy and sell section, messaging other members, arranging car shares, boat shares etc., Howard asked that members provide a testimonial or two to put on the front page of the website to showcase the club and let people know what we are doing. Photos, fishing reports, fun or funny moments welcomed. It was agreed that Howard would take this members page forward but it would not happen quickly. He also agreed to put the link on the web page to a U tube video that had been filmed at Clatworthy a couple of years previously.

#### **7. Any Other Business**

- a. Richard asked for donations of mugs for use in the Fishing Lodge. It was suggested that a kettle and possibly a microwave would be useful. (These would need to be tested by Wessex Water)
- b. Jane Young suggested possible charities to support, SW Fishing for Life, FF For All. Howard suggested a possible walk around the lake as a fund raiser. He asked for thoughts for other ideas by email.
- c. It was requested that agreement was wanted from Wessex Water for a 2 fish ticket any time of the day just for club members. Howard to take this forward to WW when the new Fishery Manager starts in April.
  
- d. After discussion it was agreed that 6 of the tickets donated by WW would be used as a monthly raffle prize, 1 ticket a month during the season. To give equal chances all members names will go into a monthly draw, it was felt that this was the fairest way of using them. The remaining to be kept for visiting speakers, prizes etc.

#### **8. Election of Officers**

Call for Secretary	None
Call for Team Captain	None
Call for Committee Members	Peter Simmonds ?

Howard James                      Chairman  
Tony Peel proposed, Richard Earnshaw seconded - carried

Richard Earnshaw                  Events Secretary  
Howard James proposed and John Gilmore seconded

Tony Peel                              Treasurer  
John Gilmore proposed and Howard James seconded

**9. Items discussed at the close of the meeting**

- i)** Importance of notifying intention of attendance at events
- ii)** Payment of subs by bank transfer organised (details of account from Treasurer or on website)
- iii)** Members to have priority at organised events when numbers are restricted – non members to pay on arrival if space available.
- iv)** Howard talked about possible ongoing sponsorship requests.
- v)** Reminder for ideas for next season.
- vi)** Club car stickers on order.

**The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.**

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