

Adroit Angling Club

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

24th January 2016

Venue – Boldmere St Michael's Football Club, Boldmere Sutton Coldfield

Attendees

Craig Williams - (Chairman and Secretary)
Robin Ivison - (Treasurer)
Paul Slater
Tony Bearcroft
Roy Ravenhill
Mark Causer
Norm Williams
Pete Norgrove
Mark Dennahay
Mick Edwards
Gary Sadler
Rob Taylor
Ben Taylor
Gavin Young
Trevor Rowley
Matt Holloway
John Hodson
Mick Drew

Apologies

Alan Sadler
Brian Dennahay
John Lester

Guests – None

Opening remarks, the Chairman welcomed everyone, and wished them a belated happy new year thanking the members for a large turnout, showing the health of the club. The chairman asked Mick Edwards for an update on John Lester, Mick advised that due to ill health John would not be re-joining this year, on behalf of the club the Chairman asked Mick to pass on our best wishes.

1. 2015 Annual General meeting

The Chairman referred to the 2015 AGM minutes noting that the last AGM was reasonably well attended with 13 members present, the Chairman (as a reminder) referred to the previous AGM minutes highlighting a number of the key points noted, one point noted was an action to redraft the club rules, this task had been undertaken by Tony Bearcroft.

The minutes were proposed, seconded and taken as read.

2. Election of officers.

The chairman requested any new nominations for the club committee; no nominations were received from the members the following were therefore re-elected as officers of the club.

- Craig Williams was re-elected as Club Secretary & Chairman
- Robin Ivison was re-elected as Club Treasurer

Paul Slater and Tony Bearcroft again offered to continue to support the club administration, (collection of match day money and recording of match weights) to support the Club Secretary going forward.

3. Chairman's reports (Craig Williams)

The Chairman welcomed all of those present remarking on another good turnout at the AGM and noted the club was going from strength to strength, improving year on year. This has been reflected in the attendances at venues and after match drinks. The Chairman reminded everyone that for the club to succeed (on an ongoing basis) a commitment was needed from everyone to make a success of the club, this goes from pools collection, weighing in, pegging out, booking matches and organising the Christmas bash. The Chairman issued a personal thank you to the following Adroit Fishing club members:-

- Robin Ivson - for his ongoing support as Club Treasurer
- Paul Slater - for collecting money on the match days and the trophy engraving
- Tony Bearcroft - for taking the AGM minutes & recording and circulating the match weights
- Alan Sadler - for organising the xmas bash

The Chairman provided an overview of the 2015 results which had been a very successful year and are summarised as follows:-

Attendances

- Average turnout - 18
- Highest turnout - 21 (4th & 8th Match)
- Lowest turnout - 17 (6th Match Manor farm)

Weights

- Highest individual match weight - 114 lb Mark D (Match 7, Toft Lakes)
- Lowest individual match weight - 14 lb Craig (Match 8, Furnace Mill)
- The Club weight for the year was - 4,454 lb
- The highest club match weight - 902lb (Toft Farm)
- Lowest club weight - 187lb (Tunnel Barn)
- Match average was - 445 lb
- Biggest fish - John Hodson 13lb 8oz - Packington Molands
- Highest winning pairs - 155.7 LB (Brian & Mark Dennahay) Match 7
- Lowest winning pairs - 38lb –Roy & Darren) Match 10

As an average each club member caught 24lb per match based on 10 matches and an average of 18 attending the matches.

The Chairman congratulated the individual and pairs champion(s).

- Individual Aggregate - Mark Dennahay
- Individual knockout - Darren Mills
- Pairs aggregate - Craig Williams & Mark Causer
- Pairs knock out - Craig Williams & Mark Causer

The Chairman remarked again on the success of the revised pay-outs for the pools with 58% of the members (framing 1-4) and an even higher proportion of members winning money when sections were also included as usually two sections per match.

4. Treasurers report (Robin Iveson)

The Treasurer issued the financial summary sheet (s) and reported the accounts. It had been a good year financially and again the savings account had not been touched. There was now £1, 7891.62 in the deposit and current accounts an increase of £2.35. The treasurer took the members through the

financial accounts reporting the income for the year was £1679.48 and the expenditure was £1,677.13 accounting for other income and expenditure £2.35.

Robin advised that the local bank (HSBC) had closed with the branch moving to Sutton Coldfield. It was noted that Paul Slater had again paid for the engraving and would be reimbursed.

On behalf of the club Rob Taylor thanked Robin for his ongoing support.

5. Secretary's remarks on the Contests for 2016

The Chairman went through the venues for 2016 (itemised below) including new and familiar venues. Including the increase in venues to 10 as agreed at 2013 AGM. The Members were again asked to notify him (or any of the other committee members) if they were unable to make a match venue as it may be possible to reduce costs to the club and or invite a guest as a replacement.

MATCH NO	VENUE	MATCH DATE 2016	HYPERLINK Website
1	Tunnel Barn Farm HIGH Pool (24 pegs plus enough room)	Sunday 13th March	http://www.tunnelbarnfarm.co.uk/
2	Barston BIG Lake - (Pegs 1-36ish or enough room)	Sunday 10th April	http://www.barstonlakes.co.uk/index.htm
3	Manor Farm Middle Pool Whole Lake	Sunday 15th May	http://www.manorfarmleisure.co.uk/fishing/
4	Woodlands View FRONT DEANS Whole Lake	Saturday 11th June	http://www.woodlandviewfishery.co.uk/
5	Holly Farm Trotters Pool Whole Lake 40 Pegs	Saturday 2nd July	http://www.hollyfarmfishery.com/trotters.html
6	Holmes Farm (whole Lake 28)	Saturday 13th August	http://www.live4fishing.com/holmes-farm/
7	Woodlands View HIGH POOL (Whole Lake)	Saturday 10th September	http://www.woodlandviewfishery.co.uk/
8	Holmes Farm (whole Lake 28)	Saturday 1st October	http://www.live4fishing.com/holmes-farm/
9	Fisherwick Lake Match Pool Whole Lake	Sunday 6th November	http://www.fisheries.co.uk/fisherwick/index.htm
10	Tunnel Barn Farm EXTENSION Pool (Whole Lake)	Sunday 4th December	http://www.tunnelbarnfarm.co.uk/

Due to the significant increase in cost for Manor Farm – the chairman advised we will looking for an alternative venue to Manor Farm going forward The Chairman advised we will now be looking for larger venues after 2017 to accommodate 24 members including reservoirs/canals.

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The venues for 2017 were circulated amongst the members as set out below. Craig provided an overview of the venues.

Match No	Venue	Match Date	Hyperlink
1	Tunnel Barn - Extension Pool	Saturday 11th March	http://www.tunnelbarnfarm.co.uk
2	Fisherwick Lakes - Match pool Whole Lake	Saturday 8th April	http://www.spanglefish.com/fisherwicklakes/E11
3	Larford Lakes - Grass Bank Match Pool	Sunday 14th May	http://www.larfordlakes.co.uk/index.php?option=static&id=1
4	Woodland View - High Pool 2 day Match to 7pm	Saturday 10th June	http://www.woodlandviewfishery.co.uk/Home.html
5	Packington Fishery - Little Gearys Whole Lake	Saturday 1st July	http://www.packingtonestate.net/fisheries_main.html
6	Cob House Fishery - Laugharne Island Whole Lake 39 pegs	Sunday 20th August	http://www.cobhousefisheries.co.uk/default.asp
7	Woodland View - Front Deans Whole Lake	Sunday 10th September	http://www.woodlandviewfishery.co.uk/Home.html
8	Ashby Canal - Moira Overnight Social aspect	Saturday - 7th October	http://www.moirafurnace.org/inner_page.php?page_id=85
9	Fisherwick Lakes - Match pool Whole Lake	Sat 4th November	http://www.spanglefish.com/fisherwicklakes/E11
10	Tunnel Barn - New Pool	Sunday 3rd December	http://www.tunnelbarnfarm.co.uk/

A discussion took place regarding the afternoon match in 2017 (match4) it was voted on and agreed that the start would now move to a later start 2.00pm fishing until 7.00pm for this one match.

For the October 2017 match the club also voted to as previous AGM to do an unofficial social event after the match with option for anglers to stay over at a local B&B for beers and curry or similar. Please support this if possible and Alan Sadler was voted to organise B & B options

6. New and retiring members

The Chairman advised the members that only two members would not be renewing their membership these being:-

- John Lester (due to ill health)
- Trevor Rowley (emigrating)

The Chairman reminded everyone that as a club we had made a decision last year to actively increase the membership to 24 as it was felt that 24 was the maximum from a venue booking and administration perspective, It was noted that a number of new members had been identified for 2016 these being:-

- Mick Horton
- Neil Butterworth

The new members were proposed and seconded.

It was agreed that if John Lester's health allowed him to re-join (at a later date) then this would be acceptable and the club would then be at 25, John would not be required to pay for 2016 membership as he had missed most of 2015 season due to ill health, this was passed.

7. Subscriptions

The Chairman noted the annual subscription is constantly under review against rising venue costs, membership numbers and prize monies paid out; however as a club we had broken even and that with the increase to 24 members there was no reason to increase the annual subscription which would remain at £80.00.

It was agreed that Increasing the money in the bank was not in the spirit of the club, it was also agreed that the subscription would be revised at the 2017 AGM for 2017 membership.

The Chairman and Treasurer reminded members that subscriptions must be paid before the first match (Tunnel Barn on the 13th March), annual subscriptions can be paid on the day prior to draw, or cheques can be sent to Robin Ivison beforehand.

8. Proposed Rule Changes

The Chairman personally thanked Tony Bearcroft for the work on updating and re-drafting the club rules; these would now be circulated as agreed, and would not require updating for some time.

The Chairman reminded everyone on the existing rule regarding "clipping up" before the match start, this rule has always been there and members should respect this rule in that ONLY a bomb or plummet can be used. (NO FEEDERS or METHODS allowed for clipping up prior to the whistle)

Pairs and individual Draws

The Pairs team were drawn as follows:-

- a) John Hodson & Robin Iveson
- b) Paul Slater & Gary Hampshire
- c) Tony Bearcroft & Mick Horton
- d) Alan Sadler & Neil Butterworth
- e) Mick Edwards & Gavin Young
- f) Darren Mills & Gary Sadler
- g) Pete Norgrove & Matt Holloway
- h) Craig Williams & Carl Harper
- i) Ben Taylor & Mark Causer
- j) Roy Ravenhill & Mark Dennahay
- k) Rob Taylor & Brian Dennahay
- l) Mick Drew & Neil Butterworth

Draws took place for the pairs and individual draws as follows

Individual knockout (to be fished at the first match)

- Ben Taylor v Gary Hampshire
- Darren Mills v Gary Sadler
- Mick Edwards v Mick Horton
- Mick Drew v Matt Holloway
- Rob Taylor v Craig Williams
- Mark Causer v Mark Dennahay
- Carl Harper v Alan Sadler

Pair's knockout (to be fished at the second match)

- Paul Slater & Gary Hampshire v Alan Sadler & Neil Butterworth
- Tony Bearcroft & Mick Horton v Pete Norgrove & Matt Holloway
- Mick Edwards & Gavin Young v Roy Ravenhill & Mark Dennahay
- Craig Williams & Carl Harper v Rob Taylor & Brian Dennahay

Any Other Business

- a) Robin (on behalf of the club) again thanked the Chairman for his ongoing efforts as his contribution along with others had put renewed enthusiasm into the club
- b) Robin then personally thanked ADROIT club members for their attendance at Sutton anglers matches has this got him out of a fix.
- c) Presentations of winning trophies and cups was made by the Chairman
- d) It was agreed that **Alan Sadler** would now be the **"Unofficial"** Adroit Social Secretary and was tasked along with Carl Harper in organising the:-
 - a. A social event after the Oct match
 - b. XMAS BASH
- e) Craig advised the members of the "Skeg vegas" dates and asked for anyone interested to let him know by return and there is 12 anglers attending this year 50% of the club 😊.

End.....

Anthony Bearcroft

Feb 22nd 2016