

**SALMON & TROUT ASSOCIATION
BRISTOL & WEST BRANCH**

Minutes of Committee Meeting on October 10th 2016 at The Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke.

1. Present:

Alfred Pope (AP) Chairman
John West (JW) Treasurer
Brian Kick (BK)
Nick Mitchell (NM) President
Malcolm Bond (MB) Secretary

Also in attendance: Jenny West (JVRW) Minuting Secretary

2. Apologies

Malcolm Fisher (MF), Mike Hobbs (MH), Roy Buckland (RB)

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

AP signed the Minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising

MB has still to follow up with Dean Asplin regarding the marketing of the Junior Coaching.

ACTION: MB continuing.

Action on AP/JW with regard to S & TC Membership – see para 9 of Minutes.

5. Water Resources Officer's Report

Nothing to report.

6. Head Office Report

Nothing to report.

7. Branch Programme

Annual Dinner –September 23rd at Cameley Lodge. This was a great success. More people could have attended but nevertheless excellent and thanks to NM for organizing

The Meeting agreed that the date of the dinner in 2017 should be Friday 22nd September when Mark Lloyd would be the speaker.

ACTION: NM to book Cameley Lodge.

ACTION: MB to speak to Mark Lloyd and ask for a general talk not to be just about the Angling Trust.

Member's Day at Blagdon – 2/10/16. A good day but numbers are going down each year although 2 were only temporary losses. The later date may be an issue.

ACTION: BK/MF to try and book an earlier date – 10th Or 17th September 2017 and provisionally book 10 boats.

Thanks to BK for his work sorting out the boats, weighing etc and doing the raffle.

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Catering – this is very expensive with the way that Elaine prices the food and the loss had only been minimized because of the raffle – consideration to be given to doing the catering in house. A pub was considered but thrown out as most people would likely go straight home after the fishing.

ACTION: BK to speak to Bristol Flyfishers to see how they do the cooking for their event.

ACTION: BK to check if the hobs were working at Blagdon.

This would be discussed again at the meeting after the AGM when facilities could be explored.

8. Treasurer's Report

Dinner - £638 income
 - £644 expenditure including £50 gratuity
 - £120 Raffle
Members' Day - £658 income including raffle
 - £669 expenditure

A query was raised on whether Roy needed £29 returning as one of his guests cancelled and Malcolm Fisher attended instead but also paid. (Secretary's note: RB has been reimbursed)

Current Account	£3286.18
Income/Expenditure a/c	£2424.67
JH-G Junior a/c	£861.51 NB This is available for junior coaching on a 1-1 basis

The Treasurer gave a warning of a loss of approximately £300 for the year.

Everything except the AGM made a loss.

Royal Bath & West and West Country Game Fair both have expenditure but no income.

Other costs include AT Membership, Newsletter and Website.

The finances will be discussed as a separate agenda item at the next meeting.

ACTION: MB to put on the agenda.

Note: The finances need to be discussed together with what we are and what we do in the future.

9. S & TC Membership Situation

A paper had been circulated to the committee by AP and JW. JW had also raised the situation with Paul Knight at the Dinner and he was going to raise the issue with the Trustees.

ACTION: NM to email Paul Knight to see if there is any feedback from his meeting. NM would also give a summary of the discussion at this meeting.

Do we want to be part of an organization that is run by a committee that elects itself? Concerns expressed over integrity and management.

Possibilities:

We could keep the branch going as a separate organization

Individuals could resign from S & TC and put the money into local branch

We could become a West Country subgroup of the Angling Trust

Or carry on as we are.

ACTION: MB to check with AT the scope of the branch membership with them.

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10. Newsletter

There are 112 on the group email for the newsletter which also is placed on the website.

ACTION: MB to contact Debbie Creasey to create a new list of current S &TC members to update the email list.

11. Any Other Business

The website would be an agenda item at the next meeting as would an update on S &TC Membership.

ACTION: MB to put these on the agenda.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Monday December 5th 2016 at 7.45 at The Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke preceded by dinner at 7pm.