

HASSOCKS ANGLING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2024
THE KINGS CENTRE BURGESS HILL**

AGENDA

Meeting commenced at 7.15. 20 attendees.

1)Opening Address - Steve Pead

Welcomed all present

2)Period of silence

One minutes silence held for Roger Bulman who passed away recently.

3)Apologies for Absence

Barrie Ford, Dave Farmer, Martin James, Neil Fisher, Ian Fisher, Nigel Jackson(P), Rob Beattie, Kevin Tree, Darren Chilcott, Roy Nightingale, Ed Taylor, Alastair Allen(P), Martin Roper (P), Teresa Roper (P), Michael Roper (P), John Butler (P)
(P) = Proxy vote granted to the Committee/Chairman.

4)Matters Arising from 2023 AGM and 2024 EGM

a)Trophies will no longer be engraved. Discussion about "Silver" trophies and it was put to the floor that these be sold off. Agreed by majority vote.

Allan Butcher would like the Dick Butcher Shield returned as it was donated by his family. A note to be placed on the website to see if there are any others that can be returned if there is a family link etc.

Steve Pead will arrange for trophies to be valued.

b) Tony Morris. Commented on the improved publicity, advertising etc. for this meeting.

c) Allan Butcher. Have we heard any more with regard to Electricity pond? Answer. No, and we are still fishing this rent free.

d) Tony Elkins updated about potential planning in the Halland and East Hoathley area. The latest on local social media platforms is a potential new town to the West of Decoy Lake and the A22. No specific applications yet regarding the proposed housing in East Hoathley Village. Hugh Netherway will let us know if he hears anything through his work.

e) Tony Morris. Pegging fees. No longer being paid, hence no engraving. Details of the winners will be recorded on a roll of honour on the club website.

AGM 2023 AND EGM 2024 Minutes approved.

Passed by a show of hands from the floor.

5)Election of Board Members (Directors and Non- Executive Officers) etc

a)All existing officers, members representatives, committee members to be voted in en bloc.

**Proposed by Gary Garman, Seconded by Malcolm York
Approved by Majority vote, Show of hands**

b) No offers to join the committee

6) Financial Matters

a) Greg Brown. Initial comments highlighted the surplus funds we currently hold which are for the purposes of purchasing new land as and when any comes available plus improvements to our waters. The work at Decoy is being partly funded by the donation from the late Eric Crowe but the costs will be more than the donation so general funds will be used to finish the work off.

b) No need to increase membership fees.

c) Proposal to increase Directors/ Officers expenses/remuneration by 100% Counteroffer from the floor (Allan Butcher) to increase to £3000 with the allocation to be decided by the committee.

**Proposed by Allan Butcher, Seconded by Hugh Netherway
Approved by Majority vote, Show of hands**

Questions from the floor relating to the Company Accounts and Income and Expenditure sheets

d) Allan Butcher (i) Queried the lack of bank interest. Greg Brown has been actively looking to switch some/all the funds to an interest-bearing account. Levels of interest are minimal as we are a business. Also accountants advice is that it may be best to leave on a current account for now rather than draw our surplus to the attention of HMRC.

(ii) We should consider switching any funds in excess of £85K to a separate account to ensure FSA protection. GB will investigate.

(iii) Do we have insurance for members? Answer. Yes via Angling Trust. The cost is included in the Professional services figure on the Income and Expenditure sheet.

(iv) Creditors on page 3 of the filleted accounts? This is pre-paid membership which do not come into effect until 1 April 2024.

e) Tony Morris. (i) Queried the Professional Services figure. This is made up of Insurance and Accountants, with most of the figure relating to Clubmate costs. GB explained that the income and expenditure sheet is an internal document and there are already enough headings. We do not propose breaking down the figures any more than they are currently.

(ii) Stripe unallocated on Income and Expenditure Sheet. Answer, Stripe is the membership collection platform, and the figure is money held by them which has not been transferred to the club bank account

(iii) Discussion with regard to club profit made for the year to 31 March 2024. An earlier comment suggested that annual profits were in the region of 12 K but the surplus on the income and expenditure sheet was £25K. This could be a one off because of the donation from Eric Crowe and grants etc

Put to the floor to Approve the Accounts

Accepted subject to clarification of the Shareholders funds figure on Page 1 of the Filleted Accounts

**Proposed by Jeremy Scholes, Seconded by Gary Garman
Approved by Majority vote, show of hands**

As a parting shot on the financials the October 100 Club draw was won by Stuart Wilson

Break for refreshments to enable members to read reports

No questions raised relating to the Reports.

7)Open forum

- a) Tony Elkins. A member had been in touch with him asking if the club would be interested in renting the two ponds alongside the A23, Andy's fishery. Initial comments from the floor were not positive, problems with leaks, contaminated soil and that it was extremely popular. It is currently rented by at least one club, but Steve Pead agreed to make enquiries as he would be going there soon. The contact number is 01444 461237.
- b) Steve Pead provided an update on the new venue that we have been looking into. A lake in East Chilton. Enquiries are progressing and the owner has asked to see a draft contract. The owner has agreed to remove several large trees currently in the lake but the general surroundings are overgrown so it will require volunteers to remove overhanging branches, trim back shrubs, tidy up and create swims. We will keep members advised.
- c) Mike Twinn. Was there any prospect of the club taking on Cuckfield Park lake(s). There was a general discussion, and Mike was invited to make enquiries to see if it was available.
- d) Allan Butcher. Where are the deeds to the various club owned waters? It is believed these are held by Griffith Smith in Hassocks. TE will find out exactly what they are holding on behalf of the Club/ Company.

Meeting ended at 8.45 PM