

# Central Association of London and Provincial Angling Clubs

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## **CALPAC AGM Meeting Minutes Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**Meeting opened at 8.02pm by Carmel Jones**

**Apologies for absence - None**

**Review minutes from previous AGM and any matters arising - None**

Proposed by John Bygrave and seconded by Malcolm Corner

### **Attendees**

Alphonsus Duffy, Carmel Jones, David Adby, David Blake, Dean Hawkins, Denise Wheeler, John Bygrave, Malcolm Corner, Mervyn Pollard, Peter Alexander and Roy Pollard

### **Presidents Address by John Bygrave**

Good evening ladies and gentlemen. First, I would like to welcome and thank everybody for turning up for this AGM.

I would like to say thank you to all the people who have done any work of any kind to help our Association along, be they committee members, bailiffs, webmaster, work parties or any other thing that I can't bring to mind, thank you very much.

Once again, I must say I do worry about our Associations future. A few years back I was worried about the finances of the Association as we really were struggling to pay our bills, we do seem to have got over that hurdle at least for the time being, my worry at the moment is lack of recruitment both in our committee and bailiff areas.

This year we are losing our long-time chairman due to our delegate meetings clashing with personal dates, maybe if circumstances change we can coerce him back, but a far better solution would be for someone to hold their hand up and take his place. Anyway, our thanks to Bob for the job he has done in the past.

Back to my concern, in my opinion if we do not recruit more members onto the committee and preferably take some of the more senior positions we have not got much of a future, if any future at all. We must somehow think of ideas to increase our efficiency and numbers of people who are prepared to put some work in. Thank you lets get on with the AGM.

### **Election of Tellers - Not Necessary**

### **Secretary Report by Carmel Jones**

Evening everyone. Thank you for making the effort to attend this year's AGM, it is hard to believe a year has gone by so quickly.

I would like to thank you all for your patience and support during the year as without you all, my role would be much more difficult. I have been behind at times due to juggling a number of things.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members, web master, Malcolm, our bailiffs, and everyone involved with Calpac as without you all we cannot keep going.

Hopefully you will all have a healthy and enjoyable season ahead and appeal to more people to help promote CALPAC and of course encourage more people to come forward and become a bailiff or part of the committee, so that those who want a break can do so knowing that people are in place to continue the hard and good work their predecessors have put in to help CALPAC be the great fishing association it is. Good night.

### **Fisheries Report by Dean Hawkins**

When I look back over the previous year, I feel that in general, the majority of CALPAC's fisheries have been in relatively good condition. This can be attributed to many factors, but for two of them, both Manor and Stew Pond, this has been primarily due to the hard work of Alf and Phil. For this, I would like to convey my thanks to them all.

I can confirm now that I have finally received the Environmental Permit from the EA regarding the proposed works on the Southern Channel at Padworth. I have now provisionally booked the contractor to begin the works at the end of August, which is in line with the EA recommendations regarding nesting birds and Brown Trout spawning dates. There are still Bat, Otter and Water Vole surveys to be carried out prior to the commencement of works, but they will not impact on anything, because they should be completed by early summer. The main benefit to CALPAC from the outcome of this project will be the continual re-stocking of the fishery, until it becomes self-sustainable through the habitat improvements.

The work party season has already begun, with the first one taking place at our Yalding Two fishery on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. This focused on opening up a few swims on the River Beult which had become rather overgrown, making it difficult to cast. Fortunately for Liz and I, someone had visited the fishery prior to us, and had cleared a lot of the tree limbs we were going to remove. We would both like to convey our most gracious thanks for giving us such a wonderful surprise on the day. Did I mention earlier that Liz was with me, oh yes, another work party where we were the only ones there. Liz isn't even a member, another poor showing from CALPAC members.

I would like to say this about our Yalding Two fishery. When I joined CALPAC in 2007, it was one of the first fisheries I visited. It was very overgrown at this time, with only about two swims accessible along the Beult. Since then, with the help of Lewisham AC, Southwark and Camberwell AC, Bill the Bailiff and the various work parties I have carried out there, it is now a fantastic fishery, with plenty of good swims along the Medway and Beult. I am sure the match fishing fraternity could hold one of their matches at the fishery now. Ken and Geraldine would certainly open the barrier for the members, so they could drive right up to the swims they would like to fish.

The second work party which will take place at the Stew Pond on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April was requested by the Bailiff Alf Duffy. This will focus on the renovation of a few swims that have started to collapse into the lake. New Oak boards, Chestnut Cleft Posts and Timberdrive screws have already been purchased to carry out this work. Alf has very

kindly volunteered to finish off any work not completed on the day, as and when he can. Once again, I offer my gracious thanks to him for this offer.

I will hopefully have ordered some new Lily Pads for Manor Pond prior to the first work party on the River Mole in April. If I manage to organise this, I will plant them on during my visit to the Mole. I know I have spent a little of CALPAC's funds recently on improving their fisheries, but I am hoping people will enjoy the benefits these improvements are making. All this leaves me to say now is, I wish all of CALPAC,s members and associates Tight Lines for the season ahead.

### **Interim Treasurers Report by John Bygrave**

You will be pleased to hear I have not got much to report, after my earlier diatribe. If you look at the balance sheet you will see, we have made a small profit as I predicted at our delegates meeting despite our expenses being more than double last years.

This is due to the fact last years expenditure was fictionally low due to a lot of bills not being presented to us and since the last AGM, they have, and they have been paid.

This fact I did warn the committee about beforehand. If anyone has any questions about the accounts I will try and answer them!

### **Competition Secretary by David Blake**

No report as such but I do feel we need a strategy of some sort to increase members, whatever their ages. Although there are not as many match fixtures, they have been up and down as some matches have a good turn out and others not so good. Obviously, the weather does come into it. Overall Calpac did well. Tight lines for all on the coming season.

### **Membership Secretary by Denise Wheeler**

Good evening everyone, it's nice to see you all again.

Thankfully my husband Tony is recovering from his stroke, however there have been a lot of changes in our household and my hours at work have increased, however I have still been able to keep up my duties as membership secretary and hope that you all feel I am able to carry on.

Unfortunately, we are down on memberships this year but seemed to be up on night permits, mostly at Manor Pond. I would like to thank Phil at Monor Pond for helping me with night bookings etc, it was a great help.

Over the last few days I have had a lot of phone calls about joining CALPAC so fingers crossed we will have a better year.

Let's hope for a great season ahead, tight lines everyone. Denise

### **Election of Officers**

President

Vice President

Vice Chairman

General Secretary

Fisheries Officer

Members Secretary

Competitions Secretary

**All above were re-elected.**

### **Proposed**

John Bygrave

Jim Hamilton

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Carmel Jones

Dean Hawkins

Denise Wheeler

David Blake

Chairman  
Treasurer

Alphonsus Duffy  
John Bygrave (Interim)

**Alphonsus Duffy was proposed by Dean Hawkins and seconded by Peter Alexander**

### **Election of General Committee Members**

Currently, Alfie Harris, Augustine Duffy, Bramley Greenfield, Malcolm Corner, Peter Alexander and Phil Oakeshott. No more elected

### **Committee Proposals - None**

### **Members Proposals - None**

### **Re-Affiliations**

Angling Trust (as at 9/4/19 AND Basingstoke Canal Angling Association (BCAA) - awaiting to hear from them

### **Notices**

Phil Oakeshott wants to thank Byfleet Angling's Chair and Secretary who were doing a litter pick at Manor Pond. He really appreciates their efforts as they went above and beyond in collecting unsightly historical rubbish from the far side of the fence on the road embankment and in the valley off the pathway on the way to the pond. A very good Job, Many thanks from Phil and everyone at Calpac.

### **Items Discussed in Other Business**

- Peter Alexander asked if we were intending to increase fees next year, John Bygrave replied that it is not the intention as we are not getting new members as it is.
- It appears that David Blake contact number on website is in correct, his number is 07508375772
- Ten clubs have affiliated this past year
- Currently reports coming in that Manor Pond is 'fishing it's socks off'
- On accounts the large figure under Fishery Maintenance was including the Aqua Maintain invoice for work at Padworth
- Alphonsus had issue at Stew Pond as his bailiff card had expired, Carmel will be forwarding these to all parties as soon as possible

Meeting Closed by Carmel Jones at 8.46pm and Minutes by Carmel Jones

### **Next Meeting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 8pm**

**Venue: The Thomas Wall Centre, 52 Benhill Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. SM1 4DP**