

# Central Association of London and Provincial Angling Clubs

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## CALPAC Delegates Meeting Minutes Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017

### Meeting opened at 8.10 pm by Bob Smith

### Apologies for absence

Augustine Duffy and Dean Hawkins

### Minutes from previous meeting

Proposed by Denise Wheeler and seconded by Alphonsus Duffy

### Matters Arising - None

### Attendees

Alphonsus Duffy, Bob Smith, Carmel Jones, Denise Wheeler, John Bygrave and Malcolm Corner

### Correspondence

1. 21/2/17 Email from Marc (previous Pulborough secretary)
2. 9/3/17 Email from Dave Smith regarding his original email October 2016 and current fishing at Padworth
3. 15/3/17 Email from Yalding Clerk inviting us to Yalding Parish Council AGM 16/5/2017 and requesting a report (less than 500 words) by 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017
4. 17/3/17 & 21/3/17 Email from Rob Wilton with update on how his day ticket fish at Sulhamstead went on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017
5. 21/3/17 & 22/3/17 Emails from Geraldine Brown regarding UK Power Networks access and padlocks at Yalding
6. 1/4/17 Email from Roy Whitwell regarding new membership query - sorted out
7. 2/4/17 Email from Dean apologising for not attending tonight (we were already aware as he did give apologies at AGM. He has not sent a report as he will be having meeting with Padworth on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April which he will feed back to committee afterwards

### Secretary Report - April 2017 by Carmel Jones

Good evening everyone. Following our recent AGM the minutes have been circulated by email and post (only today).

I received invoice from Aquamaintain Ltd in February for the recent stock of Tench at Snargate, which I forwarded to John Bygrave for payment, once he received cheque book back from accountant. Upon John's request a letter was sent to Epsom regarding Stew Pond on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017. I have just recently posted some membership forms to Mr & Mrs Blaise at Teapot Island, Yalding. That's all so far apart from correspondence that will be discussed in any other business.

### **Interim Treasurers Report - April 2017 by John Bygrave**

You will be pleased to hear I have not got a lot to report.

At this moment six clubs have rejoined. I have at last got this year's books from the printers and have sent out what I could but I need the BCAA books to finish off what I have to do. Denise has collected some books so she could get on with what she had to do.

I am going to get Carmel to send a letter of complaint to the printers about the state of the books as it took me hours to sort them out in numerical order plus the time it took to produce them.

I have received a letter from Epsom Council regarding the offer the committee got Carmel to send regarding the Stew Pond rental. As I said at the time it was turned down and they asked for the original rental they proposed. We will have to discuss this further in any other business.

All our bills are paid and I have got quite a lot of cheques to pay into the bank which I will get round to ASAP.

### **Fisheries Report - April 2017 by Dean Hawkins**

My report this month focuses on my meeting with Martin Salter (AT), Adam Hilliard (EA) and Del Shackelford (RDAA) at our Padworth Fishery.

The meeting began with us walking the length of the fishery, to have a look at the 'Backwater' which was created three years ago, and the rest of the river, which gave me a chance to get to know Martin and Del. We then crossed the weir at the top of the fishery, to discuss the impact of the Hydropower Turbine and the Trout Farm. We then moved across the weir to walk along the back stream, to take a look at the work which may be needed along this section.

There was a lot of discussion about the possible solutions to the lack of spawning gravel, with it being left that Adam, Del and possibly myself will return in October to move the gravel around to see if it just needs cleaning or whether new gravel needs to be introduced. This was seen as the best way forward for now, because below is an extract from an email Martin has since sent to Adam, and as you will be able to see, this project involves a lot of stakeholders, and not all of them have Angling as their priority. I do not foresee an early solution in returning the river back to its former glory, but it's good to know we have the support of the AT and the EA.

It was decided also that this project was too big to fall on one association, especially as the backwater is not part of the CALPAC fishery. The project will be organised primarily by the above named people and myself, with further input from David Seaman and the Bissett Trust a possibility.

## **Email transcript**

As far as I can see the low flows in the backwater, which are clearly impeding the effectiveness of this once productive spawning ground, are down to alterations in the head of water upstream. There are a number of potentially contributory factors including the installation of the hydropower turbine on the main weir, the fish pass and the historic right of the trout farm to abstract water from above the weir for their own use. I noticed a series of homemade 'rymer paddles' that had been placed above the back stream sluice which were impeding the flow and raising the head of water available to the trout farm intake. They were also causing several breaches on the RDAA stretch above the weir and discharging water into the fields and surrounding ditches that would normally be flowing down the back stream.

There is clearly a role here for the Angling Trust and Fish Legal to begin making representations on behalf of our affected member clubs - Thatcham AA, CALPAC and RDAA. I am also concerned that the low flows inhibit the ability to restore much needed spawning habitat in the back stream which was the original purpose of our site visit with Dean and Del.

In order to get the ball rolling I would like to make some initial enquiries of the Agency and would be grateful if you could point me to the appropriate people in your area?

I have also now completed the Yalding Two work party, which I hope will make the Lewisham AC work party a much easier day. This being the main reason for my work there this year, as I was concerned last year when they said it was becoming very difficult for them to do the work now. I did enjoy the solace of the day, which was fortunate, as not one member turned up on the day to lend a hand!

## **Competition Secretary - April 2017 - No Report**

### **Membership Secretary - April 2017 by Denise Wheeler**

Evening all. Thank you to Malcolm Corner for sorting out the books over the weekend. I have now dropped the books into Surbiton and Cheam Angling and currently all books gone out. I am concerned about the length of time the printer takes and it could even mean we miss members as once people have paid they do not like to be kept waiting. I dealt with 7 complaints in all and I told a few people to use their old books and gave their details to relevant bailiffs while they were waiting. Maybe we should use a different printer as even though it is an additional expense we have the same issue every year.

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

- John Bygrave said he had a letter regarding the rental of The Mole which has got to be answered ASAP as he has put it on the back burner because of getting things ready for the A.G.M. This was fully discussed and John Bygrave will go back to them for further negotiations as a 10% increase is not acceptable

- Carmel Jones contact Pulborough to schedule a meeting
- Malcolm Corner mentioned the work parties and thanked everyone involved for support. Going forwards it was agreed that future dates would be included on all minutes that go out, which may generate some more support
- Ray Wilkinson collected more money from Tea Pot Island and they asked him for some forms, which were posted to them
- Stew Pond agreement was discussed again as our initial proposal was rejected by Epsom. John Bygrave will get back to Helen Beaton (Interim Estate Surveyor at Epsom Council) with our counter proposal
- John Bygrave proposed David Adby as a life member, which was seconded by Alphonsus Duffy and agreed by all in attendance
- We have not heard anything from Lloyd who was going to be assisting Alphonsus Duffy at Stew Pond and Alphonsus will call on him to collect book
- Issue of mistakes and printer was discussed at length. Do we need the 4 books? Could we have a card or use one book for all. Will look into options and get some quotes before making any decisions. Also a letter of complaint to the printer regarding the issues this time round
- Carmel Jones needs to complete a report for Yalding Parish Council AGM
- John Bygrave to contact Byfleet
- There are two locks on the gate at Yalding as recently a universal lock was fitted to allow access for utilities, which Geraldine Brown notified us of
- John Bygrave paid a cheque to Aquamaintain but it was returned by their bank as it did not have 'Ltd' in the title. We will send another cheque but not until they return the original

Meeting closed at 9.30pm by Bob Smith and Minutes by Carmel Jones

### **Next Meeting AGM 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 8pm**

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

### **Please make a note of the Monthly Meeting Dates for 2017**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

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### **Future Work Party Dates**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - River Kennet (Bulls Lock)**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - River Kennett (Padworth)**

**All work parties start at 9am and finish at 3pm. You may arrive and leave whatever time you wish, whatever contribution you make will be greatly appreciated.**