

Central Association of London and Provincial Angling Clubs

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CALPAC Delegate and Standing Order Meeting Minutes Monday 5th February 2018

Meeting opened at 8.10pm by Jim Hamilton

Apologies for absence

Augustine Duffy, Bob Smith, Carmel Jones, Dean Hawkins, Denise Wheeler and Malcolm Corner

Minutes from previous meeting

Proposed by Jim Hamilton and seconded by John Bygrave

Matters Arising - None

Attendees

David Blake, Jim Hamilton, John Bygrave and Peter Alexander

Correspondence - None

Secretary Reports - January and February 2018 - None

Treasurers Report - January and February 2018 by John Bygrave

January Report

Firstly, I would like to thank everybody that sent me a Christmas card and to wish all our members a happy and healthy 2018. Not a lot to report, I have got the books ready for the auditors with whom I have had a word and now must get them over to them. As I predicted we have shown a profit on the season.

I actually sent out a book with my Xmas cards to a man who has just moved into the Padworth area, he paid the full price, so I added a note to tell him to get in touch with me if he intends to join next year and I will offer him a discount to make up for the extra he paid this year.

I got a letter from Burhill (which I will read out) saying that we did pay the correct amount and they were sorry for the mix up their accounts made.

I have heard nothing from Yalding or Epsom and unfortunately Alf has been unwell so I have had no information from him either. I still have been unable to get in touch with our landlord at Pulborough.

I have had words with the printer about the Associations books and am in the process of amending them for the new season. I need match and rota bookings dates and venues. We also need to get joining forms out to the clubs for the new season.

Ray Wilinson rang today and asked if we had any news about Yalding 1 payment or Yalding 2 signs.

February Report

The accounts are at the auditors for checking. Because of the problems we have had with our landlords this year the water rents shown are ridiculously low but I have at last managed to contact our landlord at Pulborough and have paid the rental, unfortunately that will not show on these accounts as it happened after the closing of the year date. As regards getting in touch with Epsom & Yalding 1, I still have no news.

Denise has sold some late books and I have the cheques to pay in but as all our books are at the auditors I cannot do anything at this moment.

I have sent copy of our books to the printers for next season and have received and passed the proofs they sent me with just a couple of minor alterations. Because of the shortage of bailiffs and committee members I have changed one of the pages in the book to ask if there is anyone interested to get in touch with Carmel.

I have just had some books returned by one of our member clubs, I spoke to the person concerned and told him they were far too late for a rebate he said he would try and get it right for next year. It is marked clearly on the subscription form that any books not sold MUST be back with me by our October meeting by the very latest.

Fisheries Reports - January 2018 and February 2018 by Dean Hawkins

January Report

Let me first of all apologise for not being with you tonight, and then I would like to wish you a very 'Happy New Year' and Tight Lines for 2018.

I begin my report by informing you of a meeting I attended on Wednesday 3rd January at Padworth with Martin Salter (Angling Trust) and Adam Hilliard (Environment Agency). This was a follow up meeting to discuss the report I submitted previously, which Carmel has I believe sent a copy of to all of you. Also, to discuss where we were with the actions needed to start work on the project.

Martin Salter has identified further funding we can apply for, which needs to be done as three separate applications by RDAA, Thatcham AA and CALPAC. The applications need to be for the same project on the Southern Channel, which if successful could provide us with another £15,000 in total, which the EA may be able to match fund as well.

We discussed the tree thinning work needed along the channel, and how the EA will use some of the longer lengths we cut, to narrow the channel in certain areas to create more flow. I will be contacting Dave Peal to arrange for us to carry out the tree work sometime in February, which is the optimum time within the framework to complete. There are ongoing discussions between the owner of the Hydro Power Turbine and the EA about flow rates, but this is a very sensitive issue with details remaining confidential for the time being. There are to be negotiations between the EA and the Trout Farm as well regarding the southern channel weir, and how the flow is regulated.

Adam also discussed with us the idea he has of installing pipes into the bank above the weir, these will syphon off water into a slipstream which enters the channel at all times, which will be a great improvement. This will though be subject to consent from the landowner above the weir.

On my request and with the support of Martin, the EA will carry out fish surveys along our section and the Upper Benyons section below the road bridge. We all agreed that there had been a significant improvement with the fish population on our Sulhamstead section and the Lower Benyons section, but because the last survey was carried out about eight years ago, and catch rates had declined significantly since, more information was required before re-stocking can take place.

This is by far the largest project I have been involved with since I joined CALPAC. It is very difficult for me to update you on everything that is happening, because my reports would need an appendix, but I hope that you can see from my summary, things are moving in the right direction and we should all see a marked improvement with the river in the next few years.

On my way home from Padworth, I stopped off at Cobham to see if I could free the lock on the river Mole car park, before I ordered the Bolt Cutters. It's amazing sometime what a can of WD40 and a hammer can do, because after a little time and a bit of tapping, 'Hey Presto' no need to buy Bolt Cutters now.

I also met up with Phil whilst I was there and he told me about the tree which came down in November and is currently in the lake. I said I would hire a winch for the work party, so we could remove it without too much effort.

I will order the strimmer attachment and the 'No Mooring' sign in the next couple of weeks. I will also be putting the Honda Versatool in for a service very soon, in preparation for the 2018 work parties.

February Report

Please allow me to start my report by offering my apologies for not attending the meeting tonight. I suffered a severe Sciatic Nerve issue in my right leg on Friday 26th January. This entailed me being taken to hospital, and now although I have returned to work, I am on very strong pain killers which are prohibiting me from driving long distances. I am hoping this issue can be cleared up quickly, so I am fit again in time for the work parties. The first one of these is on Saturday 24th February, which is an impromptu work party at Padworth in conjunction with Thatcham AA. This is to thin the trees along the south bank of the Southern Channel, which is the first part of the project I have undertaken with the EA and AT.

I have ordered and taken delivery of the Strimmer Attachment for the Honda Versatool and the 'No Mooring' sign for Yalding Two. I have also had the Honda Versatool serviced ready for this year's work parties. The service price was a bargain at £20, this was because the service engineer said it had been well maintained, so needed very little doing to it.

I once again apologise for not attending tonight, but remain fully committed to CAPLAC and their fisheries. I would like to offer my services again for re-election at the AGM, which I shall definitely attend, come what may.

Competition Secretary - January and February 2018 - No Reports

Membership Secretary - January and February 2018 - No Reports

Items Discussed in Other Business

- John Bygrave said Phil Oakeshott had phoned him about Manor Pond to say another tree had fallen down and we now could not use 4 or 5 swims. Dave Blake said he may be able to get tools to drag them away and cut them up. It was left to Dave to do this.

Meeting closed at by Jim Hamilton at 8.54pm

Next Meeting (AGM) 26th March 2018 at 8pm

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

Please make a note of the Monthly Meeting Dates for 2018

Please make every effort to attend these meetings as we would very much appreciate your input.

Monday 9th April 2018

Monday 4th June 2018

Monday 6th August 2018

Monday 1st October 2018

Monday 3rd December 2018

Monday 14th May 2018

Monday 2nd July 2018

Monday 3rd September 2018

Monday 5th November 2018

Future Work Party Dates

Manor Pond - Saturday 17th March 2018 9am - 3pm

Yalding Two River Medway - Saturday 24th March 2018 9am - 3pm

Cobham River Mole - Saturday 7th April 2018 - 9am - 3pm

Padworth River Kennet - Saturday 12th May 2018 9am - 3pm

Cobham River Mole - Saturday 9th June 2018 - 9am - 3pm

Standing Order Business started at 8.55pm

- There was only one thing discussed which was next year's costs of books. John Bygrave said he did not think it was worth or necessary to put or prices up so it was decided to keep them at the same rate.

Standing Order Business concluded 9.00pm