

Central Association of London and Provincial Angling Clubs

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CALPAC Delegates Meeting Minutes Monday 5th June 2017

Meeting opened at 8.05 pm by John Bygrave

Apologies for absence

Augustine Duffy, David Adby and Denise Wheeler

Minutes from previous meeting

Proposed by Alphonsus Duffy and seconded by Malcolm Corner

Matters Arising - None

Attendees

Alphonsus Duffy, Carmel Jones, Dean Hawkins, John Bygrave, Malcolm Corner and Peter Alexander

Correspondence

1. 23/4/2017 Email from Robert Chesters regarding becoming a new member and interest in becoming a bailiff at Stew Ponds
2. 8/5/2017 Email from Lloyd Robson regarding Stew Pond
3. 12/5/2017 Email from Benjamin Cuffin-Munday regarding catching crayfish in the River Kennet near Padworth
4. 24/05/2017 Email from Steve Robbins chasing his recent application as he had not received it
5. 29/5/17/3/17 Email from Dean Hawkins regarding Andrew Leech who has interim permission to set his Crayfish nets on our fishery
6. Peter Alexander hand delivered a cheque to John Wood (Epsom) however it has taken about 4 months to be cashed

Secretary Report - May/June 2017 by Carmel Jones

Good evening everyone. I sent a replacement bailiff card to Ray Wilkinson for Bill Bird. Have contacted Pulborough regarding a possible meeting, we are trying to agree a date at the moment. They have confirmed that they wish to continue with the arrangement this season. I forwarded a brief report to Yalding clerk in time for their AGM. Malcolm Milford-Scott kindly updated the website with photos that Rob Wilton sent following

his day fishing at Sulhamstead in March. John Bygrave asked me to write a letter of complaint to the printer which I sent via recorded delivery and currently I have not received a reply. John also asked me to write to Epsom with our counter offer and a letter was also sent to Mr Fletcher regarding The Mole.

Interim Treasurers Reports - May and June 2017 by John Bygrave

Before I start my treasurer's report I would like to say a few words about Reg Scott who passed away just about the time we finished our last meeting. Reg was a life member and Trustee, he had been on our committee for several years and wound up as a very good fishery and bailiff officer. Unfortunately we did not find out about his funeral until it was too late to attend, I am sure there are quite a few committee members who knew Reg who would have liked to! I know I will miss the "abusive" telephone conversations and messages that were occasionally sent between us and seventy these days is not a great age. All in all a good angler, very nice man and a good friend to CALPAC who will be missed.

Interim Treasurer's Report May 2017

We now have eight clubs rejoined and their books have been sent out.

I think new membership is slower this year than in previous years but enquiries are creeping in and being dealt with, hopefully it will pick up!

I now have a few bills that need paying which I will get round to shortly.

I have paid all the cheques I had into the bank but have now got a few more to pay in.

I wrote letters to Burhill Estates and Epsom Council which I got Carmel to send for me.

I will probably have to order some more BCAA books and keys as I am getting very low on both counts but it is not desperate yet.

Once again I have received a donation from one of our life members who wants to remain anonymous. I have also received the usual note of thanks from Mike Lee for his life member book, which he assures me he will be using.

Lewisham Piscatorial has rejoined and have informed me that they are going to do a working party on Yalding 2 on June 10th.

Interim Treasurer's Report June 2017

I have received a cheque from Pulborough A S for their part of the rental.

We are still having problems sorting out the leases regarding Stew Pond and the Mole. Carmel sent our revised offer regarding Stew Pond to Epsom Council and as far as I know has not yet received an answer, with the Mole they have answered saying they felt their proposal increase was not exorbitant and that is what they wanted. He said that Burhill had done a lot of work on the venue and felt the increase was warranted. I have been in touch with the new guy on Anglers Mail, Duncan Charman, who has taken Bill's place and he is putting a piece in the Mail about Sulhamstead, so I sent him a complimentary book.

We have run out of BCAA books for which I have put in an extra order but I have not received them yet.

All the monies I have received have been paid into the bank.

Phil Oakeshott told me people have been cutting the fence at Manor so he wanted to get some barbed wire to close it up again, I told him to go ahead!

Fisheries Report - June 2017 by Dean Hawkins

My report is just an update about the work parties that took place on the River Mole on Saturday 22nd April, and the River Kennet at Padworth on Saturday 20th May.

The day started very well for me, because there was already one volunteer in the car park when I arrived, and there soon followed a steady stream of volunteers through the gate, one of whom had even travelled on public transport, until there were seven members on site including me. We had the obligatory cup of tea, and then went for an investigative walk along both sections of the river. This was the point when all of our days took a marvelous turn for the better, as a pathway had been cut along the whole of the second section right up to the boundary, with separate pathways cut to every swim, even the peg markers had been straightened. This left us very little to do on the second section apart from pruning and general tidying, so we focused on the section between the car park and Cobham Road Bridge. This work was made really easy by the use of the new Honda Versatool, as I cleared a pathway along the whole section within an hour, leaving the other volunteers the simple task of just raking the nettle clippings as I went. This will now be the first season that the whole of the fishery will be accessible at the start of the season, so for me, another personal target achieved.

I have emailed the Burhill Estates Manager to say thank you for the wonderful work carried out by his team, and found out whilst doing this that Paul Barnes is no longer in charge, neither is his first successor as he didn't last very long, so the current Estates Manager is Mike Fletcher, who could possibly be a great asset to CALPAC.

The Padworth work party started in the normal manner, as I was greeted by a steady stream of Thatcham AA members cars driving into the car park, followed by Dave Neal's van loaded with tools and a trailer carrying a ride on mower. This year also had the added bonus of a CALPAC member turning up, Ken Swan, who also helped on the river Mole work party.

Tea and cake consumed the work started with a few volunteers walking up to the top of the fishery and working their way back, cutting access to all of the swims with strimmers, Dave started on the car park with the mower, and then worked his way along the fishery cutting a pathway along the fence line, which also linked up to all the swims which had just been cut using the strimmers.

Myself and Ken concentrated on removing some limbs from trees overhanging the river on the steps and aquarium swims, which was made easier by the river level running at a normal spring level, making wading much safer.

I was approached on the day by Andrew Leech who traps crayfish along the river, who asked if he could set his traps on our stretch again, I duly agreed, as the numbers of crayfish on our fishery has exploded again. I was also approached by the Chairman of Padworth Parish Council, who is also responsible for maintaining the footpaths in the area. He asked if we would be cutting the footpath along our

fishery, when I replied yes, he jumped for joy, and said how grateful he was that we now did this, saving him a lot of hard work. This is another feather in the CALPAC cap, because it is always very helpful to have the support of any governing bodies, which you may require, help from in the future. Ironically, both of the above people who approached me had checked our website to see if we had a work party on the river so they knew what day to come along, something a few more of the CALPAC members could do now and again maybe...

I finish my report by thanking Dave Peal the secretary of Thatcham AA, who kindly phoned me to say I did not need to drive down to Bulls Lock for the work party, because a couple of their team could complete the work needed in about 2 hours. He explained that this was because the Canals and Rivers Trust had cut back all the trees on the bank, as they have done on our Sulhamstead fishery. This work will be carried out on Saturday 10th June

Competition Secretary - June 2017 - No Report

Stewards Shield Saturday 1st July at Manor Pond - Draw 12 noon Fish 1pm to 6pm

If interested please contact Peter Alexander on pb.alexander@hotmail.co.uk or David Blake on gonefishingpt1@gmail.com

Membership Secretary - June 2017 by Denise Wheeler

Good evening everyone, sorry I can't be with you tonight, but I am on crutches due to an infection in my knee.

Memberships coming in slowly and I have had lots of people phoning me about Calpac.

I have had a lot of fishermen booking in for night fishing at Manor Pond which is good.

That ends my report. Tight lines Love Den

Items Discussed in Other Business

- John Bygrave discussed the need to impress upon our membership that unless we get new blood on the committee very soon this association will cease to exist. We need younger people coming in with new ideas to carry on the association forward into a new era and I am afraid that unless that happens very soon one of the oldest fishing associations will no longer be able to stay in existence. Has anyone any ideas on this subject??
- Carmel Jones contact Pulborough to schedule a meeting and contact Thatcham
- Alphonsus Duffy has managed to contact Lloyd Robinson and he will be collecting the book from him
- John Bygrave to contact Byfleet
- Dean thanked Burhill for work at the Mole, which was discussed as we have received a reply from Burhill regarding increase. As well as work carried out in April it is important to empathise to Burhill that it needs to be maintained again in summer ...
- Previously John Bygrave mentioned a cheque to Aquamaintain 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. This was resolved as they must have written Ltd on the cheque and it was cashed

- John Bygrave mentioned that we need venues for the Hardy Cup, Putney Cup and Central Cup as well as confirmation of the time Stewards Shield starts
- Ray Wilkinson phoned John Bygrave to say that yesterday Lewisham done a work party at Yalding 2 and Southwark & Camberwell done one on Yalding 1. He went on to say he has never seen so many swims cleared at Yalding 1 but it was not down to S & C, It was due to Bill Bird who apparently has been clearing things there all through the close season. John told Ray to say a big thank you to all concerned it is much appreciated!!!
- Malcolm Corner spoke to Dave Jackson he mentioned that the Mole work party had done a superb job
- Carmel send list of rota bookings to Malcolm Milford-Scott and ask him to publish on website
- Ray Wilkinson was contacted by Vicar's Picnic team asking if they can cut a tree (3 inches round) which is something to do with exit/entrance
- Alphonsus remind Stewart Coker that we are awaiting a reply from Epsom Council regarding Stew Pond
- Phil from Vicar's Picnic team asked if we could discuss permission for our field to be used again in 2018. They would prefer to know the earlier the better to assist them with their planning. Generally agreed by all in attendance that we should hold off until after this year's festival before making a decision
- Carmel Jones to provide a letter of permission to Andrew Leech regarding Crayfish netting

Meeting closed at 9.05pm by John Bygrave and Minutes by Carmel Jones

Next Meeting 3rd July 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 7th August 2017

Monday 4th September 2017

Monday 2nd October 2017

Monday 6th November 2017

Monday 4th December 2017