

Central Association of London and Provincial Angling Clubs

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CALPAC Delegate Meeting Minutes Monday 1st October 2018

Meeting opened at 8.10pm by John Bygrave

Apologies for absence

David Blake and Denise Wheeler

Minutes from September meeting

No minutes as meeting was cancelled

Matters Arising - None

Attendees

Alphonus Duffy, John Bygrave, Malcolm Corner and Peter Alexander

Correspondence

- John Bygrave received a letter about the road works above Manor Pond and a form from Barclays to fill in, both dealt with in AOB

Secretary Report - No report

Interim Treasurers Report - October 2018 by John Bygrave

Not a lot to report, I have done very little this month.

I still have some money to pay into the bank, which I will have to do soon, as we are coming to the end of our financial year. As I have said before I do not think we will show much profit, if any, this year as we are paying a lot of back rents plus some unforeseen expenses. I have at last received a reply from Epsom Council regarding the rent at Stew Pond, it covers two years 2017-18 and 2018-19. I will get it paid in the next week or two.

Our sales of books are down which isn't helping finances. I will have to get our unsold BCAA books back to them for a refund.

As I said in correspondence I have a form from Barclays to fill in, I don't think I have enough information to do this on my own.

I phoned the Corn Store at Pulborough to tell them Peter Alexander was coming down to leave a book and pick up any money they have got. I do not know if Peter has done that yet.

Fisheries Reports for September 2018 & October 2018 by Dean Hawkins

September 2018 - not read out at Sept meeting as meeting cancelled

August has been a very busy month for me on the fisheries, culminating in some very good news for our Padworth fishery.

I spent a day on the River Mole at Cobham, which started with me strimming the pathway from the car park to the end of the first section between the two bridges. I then moved downstream and strimmed a selection of swims from number one right up to the boundary.

I then spent the rest of the day fishing with red maggots and lobworms, and caught a number of small Chub and Roach, and a couple of Perch just over a pound.

I have also strimmed all of the swims again at Snargate, as well as a large section of the car park. There are now 8 very nice swims to fish, which are all very easily accessible. I know this fishery is very underfished, which is a shame, because it is now a very pretty fishery.

Now for the good news about Padworth. On the 24th August I received an email from Martin Kent confirming that our Grant Application had been successful, and we have been awarded the required amount to carry out the habitat improvement works on the Southern Channel.

When Martin returns from his holiday on the 10th September, we will start to liaise with our preferred contractor about a commencement date for the project. The first stage will be to obtain the environmental permits required to carry out the work, which the contractor will be doing.

For me, this whole experience has involved a lot of hard work over the last 18 months, but I now feel I can sit back and observe somebody else doing all the hard work.

October 2018 - not read out at October meeting as John Bygrave did not receive fax from Carmel Jones

Good evening everyone. Please let me start by apologising for my absence, hopefully I will be here for the November meeting.

I will start my report with an update on the Southern Channel project of the River Kennet at Padworth. I have now booked a provisional starting date of Monday 7th January 2019 with our approved contractor Aquamaintain. This date will be subject to weather and river conditions, so will be open to adjustments. I have notified both land owners of the date, as our contractor will need to liaise with the Bissett Trust about access for materials and machinery.

I will be drafting a contract in the next couple of weeks, for all stakeholders to sign. Once this has been completed, Calpac will need to make a deposit payment to Aquamaintain, to cover materials etc. Once I have this amount from Aquamaintain, I will then contact the Kennet Valley Fisheries Association, to request that this amount is to be payed to Calpac, in advance of us making the payment to Aquamaintain.

I will be contacting Adam Hilliard from the EA this week, to further discuss the Barbel and Chub he ordered for us last February. I am hoping these fish will be stocked into the Southern Channel this winter, to coincide with the start of the project. We are already starting to benefit from the stocking program the EA have with RDAA on the Osier stream at Sulhamstead. These fish are definitely migrating upstream, because small Roach and Chub are being caught at Padworth by the same member, on multiple visits.

I will also be contacting Thomsons of Snargate this week to ask if they can cut the grass on our fishery. This fishery is looking really nice at the moment, and I have caught plenty of Rudd there this season, on very short evening sessions. I think the Pike fishing should be very good there again soon, as their food supply is definitely growing in numbers. I would like to know if the committee would like me to speak to the owner of the Post Office/Stores in Appledore, about the possibility of them selling day tickets for us. If we had a poster in their window advertising the fishery, for which there would be a small charge, I am sure we would get a few people buying the tickets, because the Post Office/Stores is constantly busy seven days a week. The two sons from there, also helped us plant the trees at the fishery, so they know about it already.

AOB

Please could I suggest we set up a Whatsapp group for the regular meeting attendees. If we do this, it would mean we can all register ourselves for every meeting, as attending or not attending. This would alleviate the chances of a repeat of last month's meeting, where it was only attended by three people, one of which was me. Whatever the length of our journey, I am sure we can all spend our money in better ways, than driving unnecessarily to a meeting that can't take place. I am sure Carmel will register on John's behalf, as I know he doesn't have a mobile phone!

Something else that may be worth considering in the future, is how we sell day tickets. I am aware that what I am about to suggest involves online banking, but we could save Calpac a considerable amount of money over the course of time with my suggestion. It involves the use of text messages, between the person purchasing the day ticket, and the association. Once a request for a day ticket has been made and the bank transfer acknowledged, a return text can be sent, which is all the angler needs to show to a bailiff.

This method means that someone buying a ticket can fish once the transaction is complete, as they do not have to wait for the envelope containing the ticket arrives through the post. Whatever mobile plan you buy now, whether it's sim only or phone and sim, unlimited texts are always fully inclusive, so no extra costs involved. This is so much cheaper than the cost of an envelope, stamp and the trip to the post box. Something for you all to ponder in my absence!!

Competition Secretary - October 2018

Have received no news of Central Cup competition as yet. Match was to have taken place on Sunday 2nd September at the River Mole at Cobham.

Our next match is the Invicta Shield at Yalding 1 on the first Sunday in December. Draw at 8 am.

Membership Secretary - October 2018 by Denise Wheeler - Read out by Malcolm Corner

Not done very much, things are quiet. I have issued a couple of night permits.

Items Discussed in Other Business

- David Blake sent a note in saying - I refer to last month's minutes with regards to licenses. I had a conversation with a colleague, a member of another club and was told that to confront problems of poaching the club insists that all club members must put their licence number in their club book and have it checked by the bailiffs when out on the bank. All members fishing without doing this gets a written warning, if caught a second time they receive a ban until the end of the season and cannot renew their membership without producing a full licence for the new season.
- A copy of maps regarding the road works round Manor Pond was looked at and discussed, also David Blakes note was discussed, plus Barclays questionnaire. Malcolm Corner offered to help John with Barclays form if he got stuck, the other two subjects it was decided to leave them to sort themselves out.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm by John Bygrave and minutes taken by John Bygrave

Next Meeting 5th November 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 3rd December 2018