

DROITWICH SPA ANGLING CLUB

AGM MINUTES

January 28th 2024.

AGM Minutes for 2024 – Prepared by Club Secretary John Walker

- Committee members: John Walker, Jerry Bartlett, John Swain, Mick Watson, Kevin Downton, Ken Smith
- Minutes from last meeting. There were no matters arising – Accepted
- Apologies from members: 8 - Accepted
- Members at meeting: 31 - record of attendees filed with the AGM minutes

Membership Payments and Club cards provided where membership number was provided. Those without this will be distributed post AGM by the committee team

Pay-out of 2023

Winners were called out; those in attendance came up and received their prizes, applauded by the membership

Those not present, will receive theirs via the committee team

Election of 2024 Committee

- Ken Smith is standing down as the club's President and our River Officer. The latter is after many years of diligent, valuable service on behalf of our club.
 - Jerry Bartlett proposed that the members show Ken their appreciation of this and he was duly applauded.
- Ken Smith then took the interim chair role for the final time as President for the election of officers.
 - Paul Wilson's proposal, seconded by Alan Henson that the existing committee members be re-elected was passed unanimously
 - Jerry Bartlett's proposal, seconded by John Swain that Mark Adams be elected as club President was accepted unanimously
 - Jerry Bartlett's proposal, seconded by John Swain that Mick Price be elected to the committee was passed unanimously
 - 2024 committee has been agreed
- Member Proposals Submitted
 - Reg Bartlett proposed that WhatsApp postings should not be sent out after 23.00 hours – this was passed

Chairman's Report

- Jerry Bartlett outlined the work and value that each of our committee members has put in during 2023 on behalf of our club. He asked the members to give each member their thanks
- Jerry reiterated the committee's concern that we are not attracting new members. We need members who can help the committee in the years to come
- Jerry lauded the exceptional achievement in the Worcestershire Carnival Cup Teams event by an unsponsored team from our club in finishing 5th overall. Mick Watson led our team which was competing against some semi-professional sponsored teams

Secretary's Report

- John Walker circulated copies of his Report to the membership for circulation. In summary:
- Membership numbers,
 - Remain high
 - Cautionary; our aging membership profile
- Our Membership fees,
 - These will remain at their 2023 level
 - Pricing for 2025 will be reviewed in Quarter 3 of this year to provide good notice of change
- Summary of current fishery issues
 - The EA have not yet begun addressing Pennywort issue at Twyning
 - Financial constraints are believed to be having an effect. TBA
 - Our dialogue with CRT regarding issues at Porters Mill has been difficult as Carl Nicholls has been uncontactable since September 2023.
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 - The electrofishing I arranged for the removal of Zander and relocation of Pike in early April was productive in terms of the numbers removed from our stretch
 - This will remain an issue for our club as the Zander will now be endemic.
- Report accepted ALL
- John is leading on development the club Risk Assessment with Jerry Bartlett
 - Our intention is to have risk prevention/containment actions listed ready for volunteer workers before this season's work parties begin.
 - Adherence to Risk Management measures will be conducted under the supervision of Kevin Downton at Porters and John Swain at Twyning supported by the committee
 - Compliance will ensure that members avoid/reduce injury risks and are covered by the clubs' insurance in the unfortunate event that a member is injured

Treasurer's Report

- John Swain presented our 2023 year-end financial position

- **Our finances remain in good shape, but will need to be monitored in terms of the effects of membership numbers and cost rises**
- **Report accepted ALL**

Match Secretary's Report

- **Mick Watson said that our 2024 fixtures calendar after final confirmation will be confirmed and circulated using the club's WhatsApp and Website channels**
- **Report accepted ALL**

Club waters Report

- **Kevin Downton reported**
 - **Ongoing general peg repair work will recommence once weather improves at Porters**
 - **John Swain will lead repair work at Twyning after access improves**
 - **Report accepted ALL**
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- **Our 2025 AGM will be held in the Fernhill Heath Memorial Club at 10.00AM for 10.30AM on SUNDAY 26th JANUARY 2025**
 - **Close of AGM**