

LEATHERHEAD AND DISTRICT ANGLING SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**HELD AT ASHTEAD VILLAGE CLUB
ON WEDNESDAY 26th February 2020 at 7.30pm**

1. The Chairman, E Vaissiere opened the meeting at 7.30 pm with 25 members present. He explained the meeting agenda.
2. **Apologies** R Boychuk, P Miles, M West, C Read, R Turner, S Cursley.
3. **Adoption of Standing Orders**, Proposed D Crabb, Seconded S Jones passed unanimously.

4. **Minutes of AGM 2019**

Matters arising – none.

Accepted as a true record, Proposed D Simpkins, Seconded N Carter passed unanimously

5. **Secretary's report.**

G. Ballinger gave his report as per the bullet points below:-

5.1 A successful year for LDAS as the other reports will show in detail. In particular the increase in membership numbers including juniors has been achieved as a result of the communication initiatives by our membership secretary and also the work put in by bailiffs selling memberships and vouchers.

5.2 Committee meetings have been well attended with some lively debates about the future direction of the society

5.3 Effort is put into recruitment including local village days and our own open day

5.4 There is concern over the ageing population of the club and particularly of the committee. Newcomers would be welcome into the committee to provide fresh ideas and enthusiasm

5.5 On the retirement of P Turnbull from organising club matches, he thanked him for this valuable work over many years.

5.5 He thanked the fishery officer for his work in organising improvements to our fisheries achieved by work parties.

Secretary's report accepted, Proposed D Tarrant, Seconded D Crabb, passed unanimously

6. **Treasurer's report.**

P Turnbull presented and explained the 2019 accounts. He introduced his report as containing good news. As a result of the dramatic increase in membership, income was £18,026 (£16,744 in 2018). He explained the detail of the accounts which showed a surplus for the year of £2,759, and that the value of the Society was now £22,766.

A question was put from the floor regarding what coverage was provided by our insurance – this was answered in detail. A further question was put regarding purchase of fish – this was to a value of £1500 for Ashtead Wildlife pond.

Treasurer's report accepted, Proposed C Darby, Seconded D Vincent, passed unanimously

7. Membership Secretary, Communications Officer, Junior Section Co-ordinator's report

D Balaam spoke to his written report which is reproduced below.

Membership

Membership was up from 280 last year to 330 for the current season. We introduced three new categories last season, two of which have seen good growth. The breakdown of members are;

Seniors 96

Young Seniors (18-21) 3

Senior Citizens 125

Juniors 66

Disabled 12

Families 28

In total we had 121 NEW members

Much of the new memberships are due to the enormous effort put in by Doug Simpkins and his team of bailiffs, who are out every day monitoring and collecting fees for the club.

Sales from our tackle/retail shops selling memberships have risen from 60 to 71 this year, and members using BACS payments rose to 68 from 50 the previous year.

The NEW membership forms for 2020/21 will include a booking form for the new away events/matches we have planned for the new season.

Website

The club website has had a 'face-lift' which will become live on 1st March.

Juniors

With the upsurge of juniors joining the club we hope to see more of them take part in the Junior competitors held during the Summer holidays. Four matches were held last year with attendance at around 10 for each match.

The new Parent/Junior match was attended by three pairs, and I hope this will increase for the next match in 2020.

Report accepted, Proposed by D Simpkins, seconded by G McIntosh passed unanimously.

8. Competition secretary's report.

P Turnbull reported that falling turnout at matches has resulted in the need to cancel three of the planned events, also that the divisional structure of the competition series has become unworkable. D Tarrant explained the proposed new programme of events which is designed to attract the club angler and not so much the hardened match angler. It will include new away venues including the R. Eden. A comment from the floor was that the Ashtead Wildlife pond matches were very enjoyable.

Competition secretary's report accepted, Proposed C Darby, Seconded G McIntosh passed unanimously

9. Fisheries officer report.

Fishery Officer D Tarrant spoke to his written report. He outlined the successes of the working party programme during the year but was disappointed at the level of volunteer turnout. He explained the work achieved by co-operation with MVDC. He mentioned the work done on R Mole and explained that there was more planned for 3rd/4th July using volunteer manpower from his employer UK Powernetworks. D. Simpkins mentioned the urgent need for members to attend a working party in March at Long Copse to repair storm damage.

Fishery Officer's report accepted, Proposed D Balaam, Seconded S Jones passed unanimously

10.Election of officers.

PRESIDENT J Bishop-King
Proposed D Tarrant, seconded D Simpkins,
carried unanimously

VICE PRESIDENTS C. Read
R. Codd
G. Newey
D. Pearson
R. Boychuk

Proposed G Ballinger, seconded P Turnbull carried unanimously

CHAIRMAN E. Vaissiere
Proposed J Bishop-King, Seconded D Simpkins, that the Chairman be re-elected, carried
unanimously.

VICE CHAIRMAN D Tarrant
Proposed C Darby, Seconded G Mcintosh, that the Vice-Chairman be re-elected, carried
unanimously.

HON. GENERAL SECRETARY G. Ballinger
Proposed I Eastwood, Seconded D Balaam, that the Gen. Secretary be re-elected, carried
unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY D Balaam
Proposed D Crabb, Seconded N Carter, that the Membership secretary be re-elected, carried
unanimously.

HON. TREASURER P. Turnbull
Proposed G Ballinger, Seconded I Eastwood, that the Treasurer be re-elected, carried
unanimously.

COMPETITION FIXTURE SECRETARIES (joint) D Balaam, D Tarrant
Proposed P Turnbull, Seconded D Simpkins,, that the Competition Secretaries, be elected,
carried unanimously.

FISHERY OFFICER D Tarrant
Proposed D Balaam, Seconded D Simpkins, that the Fishery Officer be re-elected, carried
unanimously.

HEAD BAILIFF D Simpkins
Proposed J Bishop-King, Seconded N Carter, that the Head Bailiff be re-elected, carried
unanimously.

BAILIFFS M. West
C. Darby
P. Miles
S. Jones
N. Rudley
A. Coombes
S. Lawrence
N. Carter
R. Dawson
K. Selfe

Proposed P Turnbull, Seconded S Ashton, that the Bailiffs be re-elected, carried unanimously.

JUNIOR SECRETARY D Balaam
PUBLIC RELATIONS and ADVERTISING OFFICER D Balaam
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER /WEBMASTER D Balaam
(the above three posts en bloc)
Proposed N Carter, Seconded J Roberts, that the above three officers be re-elected, carried
unanimously.

ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS D Crabb,
Proposed D Tarrant5, Seconded I Eastwood, that D Crabb be re-elected, carried
unanimously.

AUDITORS I. Eastwood (did not wish to stand)
J Bishop-King
R Dawson

Proposed D Tarrant, Seconded P Turnbull, that the Auditors be elected, carried unanimously.

TRUSTEES Hon Gen Sec, Chairman, Hon Treasurer

11. Affiliations

Angling Trust/Fish Legal

Proposed S Cursley, Seconded S Ashton to continue this affiliation – unanimous.

CALPAC – Chairman explained that in view of the low take up of CALPAC books and the decision to discontinue with issue, it was of no value to continue this affiliation – a vote approved this

12 AOB

None

13. Suspension of Standing Orders proposed by J Bishop-King, seconded by C Darby, carried unanimously.

Meeting closed at 21.00