

Wyvern Region (Angling Trust)

Minutes of the AGM held on November 10th 2021 at the RBL, Alphington, Exeter..

Present:- Clubs and officers as per the register.

The meeting opened at 20.00

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all to the meeting. Alex reiterated how important it was to get new young blood into Wyvern to secure its future going forward this year. It was reported that Pete Hutchins would be standing down.

Alex thanked the officers and committee for all their hard work throughout the year.

Apologies :- G Bowden (ESAA), Tiny (WBSAC) and P Hutchins.

Minutes of the 2019 AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM in 2019 had been circulated. It was proposed by P Cottell and seconded by G Andrews that they be accepted as a true record and signed off. (Please note that no AGM was held in 2020)

Matters Arising

1/ The committee shortages etc seems to trundle on. We are starting to struggle at times now.

2/ The new Wyvern weights that have been set for the Spur dogs in our areas seem to be working okay. These will remain until the A T put in a new selection of weights at some point in the specimen award weights.

Reports

Chairman

The committee albeit small has worked extremely hard since the last AGM in 2019 and I would like to thank them for all of their help and support under what has been difficult circumstances. As expected, Covid played a large part in the regions activities due to the restrictions placed upon us.

Since the last AGM we have managed to put on our 2020 open shore, Presentation evening and the 2021 Salcombe small boat festival. With the remainder of the events having to be cancelled.

It is with regret that I have to inform you that Pete Hutchins will no longer be able to attend committee meetings but is more than willing to help on any of our events. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Pete for all of his work throughout the years, he has been a stalwart of Wyvern for many years and has been involved for virtually as long as it was first formed.

We have managed to keep going via meetings on social media, with the committee now so small, we hold the meetings on What's App. Our website along with a photo competition kindly sponsored by Lyme Regis Tackle Box, has turned out to be a great success, also a big thank you must go to Richard "Tiny" Daw, who has come on board and done an excellent job of running the website for us. We had a very successful presentation evening, a big thank you to all who helped on the evening, also many thanks to Matt Mander from D & S IFCA for an excellent talk on the works of the D & S IFCA. Once again, an excellent attendance, although it was disappointing that some clubs/members do not bother to collect their awards. Unfortunately, it is the same clubs every year, why enter fish if you cannot be bothered to come along on the night to collect them.

A big thank you to all who have helped throughout the almost 2 years, without this we would not be able to exist. Finally as I say every year the committee shrinks, we need bums on seats, or I am sorry to say there will not be a Wyvern Region in existence in the near future.

Secretary

A warm welcome to our AGM at the RBL. It's been a long time since we all have been able to meet up in person. Things have still been happening as normal during the Covid period. Just recently we have been using the What's App call feature to keep us ticking along.

Like so many other things, lots of things have been cancelled because of Covid, many of our Opens have fallen foul of this. Somehow at very short notice we managed to pull off our small boat open at Slapton. It was well supported with a nice entry of 80 taking part.

As Alex has already said at times we are vey short of helpers within Wyvern. If anyone knows of anyone who would like to join us, please step forward. Its only five meetings a year. Lastly, I would like to thank Tiny for his hidden hard work done on our website over the last few months. Hopefully tonight we can elect him to manage the website.

Treasurer

The Treasurer handed out a draft copy of the balance sheets for two years, this is due to Covid and no meetings. John was thanked for his work and getting the books ready for tonight. John ran through the figures with everyone present at the AGM. A short discussion was had on the Wyvern medals we normally order plus also the future of the 200 club.

The balance of accounts for the AGM stands at £****. It was proposed by R Albones and seconded by P Cottell that we accept the accounts for the year. If any club would like a copy of the accounts, please ask.

Fish Recorder and Press Office

Paul gave some updates on the FOM recently. All of these results were now going up on the website. Letters/E mails had gone out to paying clubs who joined the Castle Trophy this year to claim the various awards up for grabs. Paul reminded everyone to make sure their club fish recorders fill in all our forms as accurately as possible, the questions and boxes are there to help us make the awards and make sure all fish are caught inside our boundaries, if unsure please ask!

Social Committee

Many thanks for all your support throughout the year.

Since our last AGM which was way back in 2019, everything has been effected by the Covid restrictions. We held our open shore in early January 2020. Many thanks to all who helped on the day.

Our presentation evening in early January 2020 was well attended and thanks to all that came along and helped out. During the rest of 2020 unfortunately most of our events had to be cancelled through Covid. The Small boat did just manage to go ahead and I would like to thank Steve and Cassie Butler for helping out and running the draw.

Fingers crossed that we can soon start to get back to some normality.

Festivals and competition

163 fished our Open Shore at Slapton in January 2020, a very good turnout indeed. The winner on the day was won by Russell Preston from Bristol. Mike Hingston from DOESAC was runner up. Third was Dave Chidzoy from West Bay. A great prize table allowed us to present prizes to 12th place. The team prize was won by team "Bristol Travellers". Thanks must go to our new weigh-in venue which was Stokeley Farm Shop who made us very welcome on the day with plenty to eat and drink for all competitors. Thanks also to Pete Hutchins, long serving Wyvern Committee member who presented the prizes. Lastly a big thank you to all our sponsors especially Any Fish Anywhere who supplied the prize table for us.

Regrettably our 2021 Open Shore had to be cancelled due to covid restrictions. Covid also affected the Open Junior Competition for 2020 which had to be cancelled also. The planned 2021 junior open event had to be cancelled due to bad weather. Our Wyvern Small Boat Competition for 2020 regrettably had to be cancelled due to covid restrictions.

Our Small Boat Competition fished out of Salcombe this year was fished in good weather, with a limit of Bolt Head – Prawle Point on the Saturday and the outer limit of 1 mile off for the Sunday. It was the 42nd year that the competition was organized by Wyvern. The entry was 86, another good attendance in what seemed to be a reunion amongst old friends. The winner of the event was James Trevett of Honiton SAC with Leonard Crossman, coming second, with Steve Blackmore coming third. The winning team was Anthony Keith and Ryan Beeson from Plymouth. A big thank you to Chris Mills of Aquacat who was the major sponsor for the event. There was also Veals, JG Technologies, Saltwater Boat Angling, Southwest Sea Baits, Anyfish Anywhere, Navionics and Seaton Tackle Shop. Sorry to have to keep repeating myself but, I have a favorite statement "Bums on Seats" this was evident at this event. It seems to fall on a few only and the future of the event cannot be guaranteed. Our next event will be the Open Shore competition on the 2nd of January 2022.

Standing Committee

The last normal meeting for the Regions was back in 2019 at Ringwood. The meetings since have been arranged on Teams, these seem to have gone well. It is hoped next year that the specimen award scheme weights will be looked at in full again. It does seem that the A T regions are getting fewer and fewer each year.

Website

Mike reported that he had been in Contact with Tiny at West Bay SAC. Tiny had been in contact to say he could possibly help out on the website. Mike will discuss further with Tiny going forward.

The photo comps are also proving to be good for the Region, many thanks to West Bay Watersports and the Tackle Box at Lyme for their continued support through the year. The face book page seems to run well and is linked to the website also.

Propositions made by the Wyvern Region

1/ That the two Wyvern fish of the month events be merged into one event (catch and keep and catch and kill) Plus the record fish list for Wyvern would merge back to a single list. The new C and R record list would be kept but archived. A vote was taken, and it was **unanimously** agreed to except it.

2/ The specimen weight boat and shore for the Small Eyed Ray for Area A was felt was wrong and has been wrong for some time within the specimen award scheme. It was proposed to make area A sizes the same as area C. A vote was taken and it was **unanimously** agreed to except it. This proposal would only be kept until the AT update the weights for area A.

Election of officer

Chairman – A Parker (MS/WT)

Vice Chairman – J Stanford (AP/GA)

Secretary – M Spiller (RA/GA)

Treasurer – J Stanford (AP/RA)

Fish Recorder – P Cottell (MS/GA)

Minute Clerk – B Spiller (MS/JS)

Standing committee – M Spiller/A Parker (JS/RA)

Press officer – M Spiller (PC/RA)

Social secretary – J Parker (MS/JS)

Cup custodian – A Parker/J Parker (RA/PC)

Website – Tiny (MS/AP)

Committee

G Hillon, R Albones, W Thomas and N Phillips.

All the above committee were proposed en bloc by P Cottell and seconded by R Albones.

Other business/discussion points

1/ Meeting dates for 2022 on the second Wed in :- Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct, Nov (AGM) It was discussed briefly saying would it be better to hold some meetings online, would it encourage more people to take part in committees? Perhaps we should have half in person and half online.

2/ Mike will chat to Tiny to look at getting our Open shore poster ready for January.

3/ A discussion took part on the new parking arrangements at Slapton after the 10pm deadline they have set. It was noted now you need to apply for a permit to park between the hours of 10pm till 6am to the South Hams Council.

4/ The Devils point fishing spot was also discussed. Apparently, it was now deemed dangerous as the platform was being undermined and was crumbling away. Currently there is fencing all the way around to stop access.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

