

Wyvern Region (Angling Trust)

Minutes of the AGM held on November 9th 2022 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. The Chairman asked everyone if we could have a one minutes silence for Ted Tuckerman who had sadly passed away recently.

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

Apologies :- Tiny (WBSAC)

Minutes of the 2021 AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM in 2021 had been circulated. It was proposed by R Albones and seconded by P Cottell that they be accepted as a true record and signed off.

Matters Arising

1/ The specimen award weights that had been discussed for so long would now be coming into effect as of 1st Dec 2022. It was noted that in the main our suggested weights had gone through, but not all of them. It was noted that the Small Eyed in area A still looked back to front! The only off set weights we would be using from the 1st Dec would be for Chub Mackerel and Couches Bream as these do not have their own weights.

2/ Don't forget that from 1st Dec we would only be having one FOM event each month. This would be for both catch and release and catch and keep. We would also return to a single record list. This was voted in at the 2021 AGM to start from the start of the new Wyvern year.

Reports

Chairman

Thank you for attending tonight's meeting.

Sadly, we lost one of our ex-committee members this year Ted Tuckerman. Ted was a former committee member, Chairman of the old NFSA and of course a well-known TV celebrity and popularly known as "Tight Lines Ted".

A big thank you to all of the hard-working committee members, we had a couple new join us last year which have proved to be extremely beneficial to the running of the region, but we still have plenty of vacancies for others.

Once again Covid restrictions affected the end of 2021 and the early part of 2022, causing our presentation evening to be postponed until later in the year. We did manage to put on our three open competitions, details of which I will cover in my festivals report.

Our website along with a photo competition kindly sponsored by Lyme Regis Tackle Box and Angling Centre West Bay, has turned out to be a great success. A big thank you must go to Richard "Tiny" Daw, who continues to do an excellent job of running the website for us.

All of our quarterly meetings are now held electronically with the AGM being the only meeting held at Exeter.

Our presentation evening was held later in the year due to covid restrictions, Matt Mander from D&S IFCA gave an excellent talk on the works of the D&S IFCA. Unfortunately, it was very poorly attended, with many clubs not sending a single representative. A lot of work goes into putting on this event and I feel we were let down by the majority of Clubs and individuals.

Our fish of the month competition as from the beginning of last month resorts back to Catch and Keep and Catch and Release all under one award. Also, as from the beginning of December there have been a few changes in specimen weights.

Finally, a big thank you to all who have helped throughout the year, without this we would not be able to exist. We do need bums on seats, or I am sorry to say there will not be a Wyvern Region in existence.

Secretary

Mike welcomed everyone along to the AGM. The first meeting for a while in person as most now seems to run on Whats app. These seem to work well with a lot less travelling for everyone. This might even attract a few new faces along having the meetings online.

It was very sad to here of the sad passing of Ted Tuckerman recently. Another one of the old brigade gone unfortunately.

I would like to say a big thank you to Tiny for all his hard work that he does for us behind the scenes. It certainly takes the weight of my shoulders for several things. A big thank you also to the Tackle Box at Lyme and Westbay Tackle shop for all they do for us. They have kindly offered to carry on sponsoring the photo competition for 2023.

It's been a funny old year with less face-to-face meetings, just a shame we couldn't be a bit bigger on the Wyvern committee. A big thank you to all the Wyvern committee and officers for all they do through the year. As some of you might already know Nevin Hunter has stood down from his Marine Roles within the AT. The AT are currently looking to recruit a new person.

Treasurer

The Treasurer handed out a draft copy of the balance sheets for last year. John was thanked for his work and getting the books ready for tonight. John ran through the figures with everyone present at the AGM.

It was proposed by P Cottell and seconded by J Roe 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!

The old-style recording forms where discussed and it was hoped to re vamp both our claim forms at some point going forward. Paul reminded all clubs taking part in the fom competition and Castle Trophy that he should have copy of the clubs' scales certificate.

Lastly a couple of questions had been raised concerning what would be excepted by Wyvern from a club submitting entries. Basically, its easy, if your club hasn't got a problem with what it sends to us on how, when its caught and the weight, neither have we. Basically, we simply collect your entries, we do not police them.

A date for your diary. The Wyvern presentation Night will be on Sat 28th January 2023 at the RBL in Alphington, Exeter. It is hoped that all Wyvern clubs and winners will pop along and collect their awards on the night. **LAST YEAR WAS A VERY VERY POOR TURN OUT.**

Social Committee

Not a lot to report, covid played a part in our activities the end of last year and the early part of this year.

Many thanks to all who put on and supported the various draws throughout the year.

Once again due to restrictions our annual dinner had to be cancelled for the third year, hopefully next year we will be able to have a social get together again should there be enough interest, please remember this dinner is open to all not just committee.

Festivals and competition

151 fished our Open Shore at Slapton in January 2022, once again a very good entry indeed. The winner of the competition was Julian Shambrook of "Anyfish Anywhere" who has been our sponsor of the competition for many years.

Thanks must go to our 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.

The Open Junior Competition for 2022 was held at Mt Batten Plymouth and saw a very disappointing entry of only 14. Once again, a tremendous amount of work goes into putting on the event. A big thank you to all the helpers who turned up to help on the day which was 13. In fact, they almost outnumbered the juniors. Considering only 4 of the 14 juniors were from Plymouth it was very disappointing. At the last Wyvern meeting it was decided to move next year's competition elsewhere.

The winner of the event was Evie Gallagher of Rodbenders SAC

Our Small Boat Competition fished out of Salcombe this year was once again fished in good weather, with the outer limit enforced for both days.

It was the 43rd year that the competition was organized by Wyvern.

The entry was 87 anglers fishing in 32 boats. Another good attendance in what seemed to be a reunion amongst old friends

The winner of the event was Chris Lidstone from Salcombe

A big thank you to Chris Mills of Aquacat who was our major sponsor for the event. Also our other sponsors who were Veals, JG Technologies, Saltwater Boat Angling, The Tackle Box, West Bay Tackle Shop, Southwest Sea Baits, Anyfish Anywhere, Navionics & 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, unless more people help, we do struggle. It seems to fall on a handful only. The future of the event cannot be guaranteed.

Our Next event will be the Open Shore competition will be 15th of January 2023.

Standing/RVG group Committee

Both Mike and Alex gave a run down on meetings that have taken place on-line with the RVG group. After a year or two of making steady progress, it appears that the Marine Coordinator Nevin Hunter has stood down from his A T roll on the Marine side of things. Such a shame as some improvements were happening for the better. A replacement is currently being looked for to replace Nevin.

Website

Mike reported that he had been in Contact with Tiny recently. Tiny had hoped to come along tonight but he was currently poorly and gave his apologies. When Mike spoke to Tiny, he thanked him for all his work that he does for us.

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. Both Tom and Darren had agreed to carry on for another 12 months with our competition.

Please don't forget that our new Wyvern handbook along with lots of other things is now online up on the website. It can be read or printed off from there.

www.wyvernseaangling.org

Propositions (made by the Wyvern Region)

1/ It was asked at a previous meeting if Wyvern should bring their junior age in line to age 17. A vote was taken on both 16 and 17 and the results where: -

Age 16 - 6 votes to keep at 16.

Age 17 - 3 votes to change it to 17.

Election of officer

Chairman – A Parker (MS/RA)

Vice Chairman – J Stanford (AP/PC)

Secretary – M Spiller (RA/JS)

Treasurer – J Stanford (AP/WT)

Fish Recorder – P Cottell (MS/GA)

Minute Clerk – B Spiller (MS/JS)

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

Press officer – M Spiller (AP/NP)
Social secretary – J Parker (RA/JS)
Cup custodian – A Parker/J Parker (MS/JS)
Website – Tiny (MS/AP)

Committee

R Albones, W Thomas, J Roe and N Phillips.

All the above committee were proposed en bloc by J Stanford and seconded by A Parker

Other business/discussion points

1/ Meeting dates for 2023 on the second Wed in:- Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct, Nov (AGM) All meetings would be online except the AGM in November.

2/ Mike reported that meetings have been taking part concerning Hope Nose and Berry Head. Litter, over fishing and anti-social behaviour being talked about. More meetings due to take place later in November.

3/ Mike said the Open Shore poster was being circulated. Tiny had recently updated it for us.

4/ A suggestion had come through that we try and include Rays and Smoothounds etc in our Open in January. A sheet was looked at which has been produced by the Southern League. It had measurements and conversion charts for what fish we needed. After a short discussion it was felt we should discuss further at the next shore competition meeting and try and move it forward.

5/ A quick discussion was had on sharks etc. The AT had asked if we agree halting the specimen award scheme for them until a better / safer way could be found moving forward. Mike had spoken to Eric Geery recently and he had confirmed it was for only large Sharks like Blue, Porbeagle etc and not smoothounds and spurs etc. K Tapper had sent through a chart that the Shark Angling Group use for weighing. It seemed ok but still needed a good measuring system in place.

6/ Jason is chasing a guest speaker possibly for our presentation night on the 28th January 2023.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm