

# Wyvern Region (Angling Trust)

Minutes of the committee meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at British Legion, Alphington Exeter.

**Present** :- As per the register

**Apologies** :- Richard Tiny Daw

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The first proper meeting for some time!

The minutes of the meeting held on Watts App during January 2022 were agreed correct and were duly signed off.

## **Matters Arising**

1/ Matt Mander will be present at our presentation on the 30<sup>th</sup> April to give a short talk.

2/ Castle Trophy - Any cheques **MUST** be made payable to **WYVERN DIVISION**

3/ The question that came from Eric by E Mail concerning sharks and their specimen weight etc. It was decided to let Eric know that we are happy to drop the shark weights until a new way of recording them have been sorted out within the AT. Hopefully it would not be that far away in the future.

4/ It has been decided to present the new David Rowe cup to the winner, this will be done as soon as we can.

5/ Something from a while ago was discussed which was the Spreadsheet template for our FOM form. Gary Andrews and Tiny had been looking at being able to populate forms online to send in clubs FOM forms. Gary thinks he has now done it and he will make it available to others if they would like it?

6/ No further news from anyone at the A T on the problems last year with sea swimmers and anglers not mixing that well. The last we heard was that a possible code of contact was being looked at.

## **Discussion on the A T Specimen weights**

All Wyvern clubs had been circulated with some suggestions direct from Eric at the A T office. Clubs had been asked to discuss further with their local regions before any decisions are made during late May.

Clubs such as Honiton, Teignmouth, Lyme, Brixham, Cormorants, Roving Rods and Exmouth had shown an interest in what was going on. One thing was clear was that all these clubs seem to think what had been suggested was mostly not correct and things that should be taken into account is that an awful lot more anglers actually fish around our region, this must be taken into account within the statistics shown. Many new weights it was felt would be not achievable whilst angling. However some weights were agreed with.

It was decided to hold another watts app call meeting as this was more than we could handle this evening.

## **Chairmans Report**

I trust that you and your families are keeping safe and well

Tonight, is the first of our 3 monthly meetings for some time due to the restrictions due to Covid, we have had numerous meetings on "What's App" which turned out to be successful to keep things moving along. Mike and I along with the remainder of our small committee have kept in constant contact throughout this period to try to keep things ticking along. Many thanks to Richard Daw (Tiny) for keeping the website running, doing an excellent job, which has proved to be a vital tool in keeping continuity.

As you are aware the Wyvern Fish of the month, still is running with "Catch & Release" and "Catch and Eat" until September 2022, from then on it will be all one competition.

Tonight, we had to adjust the agenda to allow the discussion on the specimen award scheme. The Marine Regional Voluntary Group "R.V.G." which is national meet every 2 months on Teams, any updates we will keep you informed. Still outstanding item is still the awards from Glasgow Angling which has still not been resolved and dates back to 2019.

As stated previously and I report every quarter we are as a committee getting smaller, none of us are getting any younger, all of the older stalwarts have sadly passed on, many of us doing several jobs, **WE NEED HELP, IT IS NOW GETTING TO A DESPERATE STAGE**, we have lost several members over recent years, if you can come along and join us please do so. Not sure how long we can continue under the present situation, previous events have highlighted the shortage.

### **Secretary's Report**

Mike gave a verbal report but it went along the same lines as the Chairmans report by Alex.

### **Treasurer**

John handed around the balance sheet.  
If anyone would like to see a copy of the accounts, please ask.

### **Festival Report and Dates**

The junior open is planned for 6<sup>th</sup> August 2022 again at the Mountbatten Breakwater. The two-day small boat at Salcombe would be on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The Senior open shore at Slapton will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Help would be needed for all of these events.

### **Fish Recorder**

Paul reported on the FOM results which have been passed on and are being put up on the website. Paul also commented that any record claims that come through should have a good picture sent with it for certain fish. The £10 entry for this year's event became due on the 1-10-19 for the Castle Trophy/FOM events. The entry fee should be paid before any fish are entered.

### **Website updates**

Tiny reported by e mail that everything is running along ok. One question raised from the floor was could we increase the photo upload size at all on the photo competition. Mike will raise with Tiny.

### **Conservation**

All meetings being attended regularly on behalf of the Region. It is important that anglers keep an eye out on any fishy matters and if needed act on them appropriately. Over the coming years there will be lots to be looked at!

### **Any other business**

1/ Please remember that our Wyvern Presentation Night would be on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at the RBL, Alphington, Exeter. Everyone is welcome and it is hoped all winners will come along and collect their awards on the night.

2/ Paul Cottell asked if we can add back in Kiddies Tackle on our posters

3/ Another discussion that had taken place was the junior age, should they be made the same as the A T ? It was decided to leave and discuss further and if needed take it to our AGM in November.

The meeting closed at 21.35