

# Wyvern Region (Angling Trust)

Minutes of the Whats App call committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Present** :- A Parker, J Parker, M Spiller, J Stanford, P Cottell, N Phillips, W Thomas and J Roe.

**Apologies** :- Tiny.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Whats App call meeting.

## **Chairman's Report**

Thank you for attending tonight's meeting.

During the next couple of months we should be putting on our Junior Open and Small boat Salcombe competition, it looks like that the former regrettably will not take place. Our small boat will be at Salcombe as usual but once again we will need help over the weekend, we also need to call a small committee meeting regarding the event as it is only now 8 weeks away.

We had to call an emergency committee meeting last month regarding an incident that has arisen due to an anomaly in our handbook, details of which we need to discuss later in this meeting.

Once again, 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 people informed and continuity in the Wyvern Region.

The Regional Voluntary Group meetings (RVG) which are held 2 monthly on Teams, has made a bit of headway in my opinion. The recent meeting was called off as it clashed with an FMP meeting, the next meeting will be set to include members of the Angling Trust hierarchy to attend, once again details of which will be covered later in the meeting.

As I report every quarter we are as a committee getting smaller, none of us are getting any younger, but it is encouraging that we have a few new committee members who have joined us, but we do need more, to get back to our quota.

## **Secretary's Report**

Thanks for attending the call this evening. The junior open event does not seem to be moving at all, it might mean that we sadly don't bother this year. However, the small boat seems to be coming together nicely with some great prizes.

The AGM will be with us in November and please remember that any proposals need to be in by our October meeting. The AGM will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> Nov at the RBL at 8pm.

The RVG meetings with the A T seem to have stalled for a minute mainly due to the A T being involved with other current affairs happenings like Bass and FMP meetings.

## **Treasurers Report**

A good few clubs have paid for the Castle Trophy this year. John asked Mike to chase Beer and District as they were the only club left still to pay and normally enter the competition.

## **Matters Arising**

1/ Salcombe small boat would be on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023.

2/ A letter had come in from a club reference a boat Scad entry and why it had been rejected. Mike will answer the question directly with the club.

3/ A proposal and wording would be needed for our Oct meeting concerning the emergency meeting that was held during July about weighing at sea and how we had been running this for around 4 plus years already. This will be voted on at our AGM in November.

4/ Hopes Nose and Berry Head PSPO still continues on in the background. More meetings had been held with the A T. The Trust is now taking the lead with these meetings.

5/ Still need to look at a date for the junior open with West Bay SAC. It was also noted that we should try and get the junior cups back before it's too late.

6/ A proposed seaweed farm at Lyme Regis is currently under discussion. Watch this space as a meeting is planned soon.

7/ Clubs are reminded that funding and grants are available for sea angling and their clubs. More details on the AT website.

### **Fish Recorder**

Paul reported that not there is not much to report. All results make their way to Tiny and go up on the website for all to see. If your club would like to join our competition, please sent your payment of £10 to Paul or Mike.

Paul mentioned that all entries each month should be with him by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month following capture. Clubs are reminded also about sending their club scales certificate in when renewed.

### **Website updates**

Mike had spoken with Tiny and all was well. Tiny reported everything was up to date. Many thanks to Tiny for doing a great job.

### **RVG updates**

The RVG group meetings have taken a bit of a back seat recently due to the amount of work being undertaken on more important issues being looked at within the AT like the FMP and Bass etc.

Hopes Nose and Berry Head continues.

HMPA areas are building slowly with more on the cards like Alum Bay in the North.

MPA are different again which does allow recreational fishing. There will be more MPA on the way.

There are several funding opportunities for clubs etc to help in getting fishing up and running etc.

The fisheries manage plans (FMP) had been running locally.

Club third party insurance through the AT as to what is covered within clubs etc.

### **Any other business**

1/ It was hoped that the Tuna fishery would again be in operation on the chart programme.

2/ Clubs are urged to contact Government Ministers on what is being proposed on possibly the new Spurdog regulations. It seems not a lot of thought had been given to the poor old Spurdog!

3/ There was also the general feeling at tonight's meeting about loss of parking at regular fishing hot spots especially up in North Devon. The AT had asked for a list of areas that it affects. Hopefully it will be added to the ACG group list.

4/ The AGM will be held at the RBL in Alphington, Exeter on November 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 starting at 8pm. All proposals as normal should be in to us for our October meeting.

Meeting call finished at 21.15