

Wyvern Region (Angling Trust)

Minutes of the Watts App call committee meeting held on 25th October 2023.

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

Apologies :- R Albones, J Roe and Tiny.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the WhatsApp call meeting.

Chairman's Report

Thank you for attending tonight's meeting.

Sadly, as you know Mike Millman passed away recently, Mike did so much for Sea Angling in the area. Our thoughts go out to Val and her family.

Last month we put on the 44th Small boat competition out of Salcombe when competitors took part in 32 boats. Fortunately for the third year running we were blessed with good weather and the boats on Saturday and Sunday were allowed to fish the outer limits. Best combination of two different species went to Scott Lowry of Modbury with a winning combination of 210%. A big thank you for those that helped on the day, without whom the event would not have gone ahead.

Sadly, we were unable to put on our annual junior event which was due to be fished at West Bay following the poor response of the 2022 event which was held at Plymouth.

We need to make headway shortly on our Open Shore at Slapton on the 7th January in particular the necessary paperwork now required by South Hams Council.

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.

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

Sadly, Mike Millman had passed away recently. Alex had kindly sent a card to his wife Val from all at the Region.

Back in early September we had the small boats at Salcombe, an excellent event with an entry of over 80 anglers. Another great event in great weather.

No propositions had been received from clubs for our AGM in November. The only one we have to take to the AGM will be the one from Wyvern allowing us to tidy up the rule book in connection with weighing at sea for our fish of the months etc.

The next meeting will be our AGM on November 8th at the RBL in Alphington, Exeter. Let's hope for a great turn out!

Matters Arising

1/ The Open Shore at Slapton will be on the 7th January 2024.

2/ We should try and get a teams meeting set up for our Meeting in January. Perhaps Richard or Grant could help?

3/ With Eric finishing this year on the SAS it was asked if anyone new what was happening? Mike to ask Eric.

4/ It was asked if any more news was available from Eric on sharks and weighing them in for specimens? Mike will ask Eric.

5/ RVG updates from the Angling Trust :-

a/ Spurdog were still being discussed with the MMO. It did seem that the MMO didn't really know the correct information on Spurdog and the way they live and breed!

b/ Looks like the AT will be pushing to reform the Cornish Federation/Region.

c/ Lyme Bay Sole consultation is ongoing.

d/ The importance of getting involved with the HPMAS schemes. Allum Bay had got through with little protest until they noticed what had been voted on!

Treasurer

This year 19 clubs had paid (£190) up for the Castle Trophy. It was suggested that we hand over £200 to the winner of the Castle Trophy when awarded. The entry fee is needed again from the 1st October 2023 for the coming year. So far five clubs had paid up towards this. We would encourage on-line payments to our bank account. If you require this information, please ask.

Fish Recorder

Paul asked that everyone fills in the FOM forms as accurately as possible and to please submit any record claims only on the correct yellow forms.

The results go out every month onto the Wyvern website for all to see. Any club needing the FOM form receipts back should enclose a SAE for Paul to use. Paul also asked that club do send him up- todate scales certificates as and when they become due.

Website updates

Mike had spoken with Tiny and all was well. Tiny reported everything was up to date and he would soon be working on a new poster for the Open shore event on the 7th January 2024.

Any other business

1/ Paul reported that the Torbay Festival had gone well this year with a good entry.

2/ Dates for next year's Torbay Festival are hoped to be 30th Aug till the 9th Sept.

3/The press release had been done for the small boat results. Unfortunately, we had received a rather bad e mail back from the assistant harbour master at Salcombe about berthing on that weekend. We think it is just Phil being Phil. The slipway guys are not aware of any issues!

4/ The Angling Trust AGM will be online during November (25th) Members should try and attend online.

5/ Nick Phillips gave his apologies for our AGM in November.

6/ A proposal for the AGM in November from the Wyvern Region to tidy up the handbook in reference to weighing at Sea for our Wyvern Competitions. Rule 15.2 will read :- **Note: "Fish weighed at sea" are valid for the AT weighed at sea certificates and are accepted by the Wyvern Region for all awards as long as weighed on certified scales.**

Meeting call finished at 21.15.