

LYME REGIS SEA ANGLING CLUB.

Minutes from the 16th Annual General Meeting LRSAC.

Meeting was held at the Peek Hall, Rousdon and commenced at 8pm, on the 09.01.2018

Members present: Phil Hodder (P.H), Mike Hansell (M.H), Darren Herbert (D.H), Lewis Hodder (L.H), Roy Shipway (R.S), Michael Shipway (M.S), Peter Yates (P.Y), Gavin Tyte (G.T), Andy Sheader (A.S), Andy Wray (A.W), Tony Bessford (T.B), Ben Male (B.M).

1. Chairman's welcome and report: P.H Welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the committee and members for their support over the previous season.
2. Apologies for absence: Andrew Vernon, Bryn Thomas, Barry Moore, Ray Evans, and Rob Emery.
3. Correspondence and agm minutes: There was no correspondence outstanding. The minutes were accepted unanimously.
4. Hon. Secretary's Report: M.H standing in for the AGM. The committee would like it noted that the club would like to thank Steve Sweet for all the work he has done for the club. He has been a member since the club re-formed 16 years ago. In that time, Steve has been Club Secretary, Treasurer, and Boat Secretary.

The committee would also like to thank Andy Wray for all the work he did as Treasurer, and to Mike Hansell for taking on this role.

M.H has followed up the possibility of the club becoming a corporate member of Lyme Regis Sailing Club. The club would benefit from being able to use the club house for all meetings, the presentation night, and the members and their guests would be able to use the bar and eatery when it is open. The cost of this to the club would be approximately £200. M.H proposed LRSAC become a corporate member of the sailing club. R.S Seconded and the vote was unanimous to go ahead.

It was noted that a thank you letter to the Masonic Lodge for their £300 contribution has not been done. This task will now fall to the new Hon. Club Secretary, and should be done asap.

5. Hon. Treasurer's report: The clubs current balance as at 08.01.18 is £6,902.27.

The treasurer reported that there were 94 paid up members last year. For 2018 there are 28 members paid up so far.

The club received £300 from the Masonic Lodge to go into the junior section.

Donations left at the Tackle Box shop for the juniors came to £105.

There is still £100 prize money held from the C.O.T.C open shore comp which will be held over to this years open competition.

Prize money from the clubs boat and shore league, to be handed out at presentation night came to a total of £500.

The club members won a total of 30 medals from the angling trust in 2017 which the club will purchase at a cost of £150.

Club trophies engraving is estimated at £300.

6. Election of officers. Note: all officers listed were voted onto the committee unanimously by those present with no objections.

a. Chairman: Phil Hodder.

b. Hon. Secretary: Darren Herbert.

c. Hon. Treasurer (this role will now include Membership secretary): Mike Hansell.

d. Fish Recorder and Statistic Secretary: Mike Hansell.

e. Boat Competition Secretary: Lewis Hodder.

f. Shore Competition Secretary: Nobody came forward for this role. Tony Bessford, Ben Male, and Darren Herbert agreed to organise the dates and comps until someone is willing to take the roll on.

g. Junior Shore Secretary: Ben Male.

h. Kayak competition Secretary: Rob Emery.

i. Website Development Secretary and publicity officer: Gavin Tyte.

j. Trophy Secretary: To be decided at next committee meeting.

k. Boat Competition Steward: Roy Shipway. (Any Committee member can step in if Roy can't be present)

l. Shore Competition Stewards: Ben Male, Darren Herbert.

m. Junior Shore Steward: Nobody came forward, but Aaron Rawlins was suggested by B.M as someone who might do it. This will be followed up in time for the next meeting by D.H.

n. Committee Members: Andy Wray, Andrew Vernon, Andy Sheader, Peter Yates.

o. Auditors: It was decided that the club should have this done externally. A.W to look into finding someone qualified to proceed with the audit.

7. Amendments to existing rules: Shore, Boat, and Kayak Secretary's will now have "competition" added to the title.

M.H drew attention to rule 20: the measure of Sharks. Although this works well for Huss and the larger members of the shark family, species such as Smoothound's and Spurdog can have a variation up to 12% from their actual weight. L.H proposed that the larger species (Tope, Blue, Porbeagle, etc) are still measured to work out their weight, and the smaller species including Rays are to be weighed using scales. D.H added that members should be able to use their own scales if fishing out of club comps from the shore or private boats, but if the scales are not officially calibrated, then the scales must be brought to the shop to have them tested against the club calibrated scales. P.Y added that these fish should be weighed only in a sling. The committee voted unanimously that these would be the new rules for weighing members of the shark and Ray family.

8. LRSAC Facebook group: M.H raised his concerns about there being members of the group, who weren't members of the club. He also felt that any posts or comments on the group should be checked by an admin before being published. A.W suggested the club wait a while and give members a chance to re-join the club for 2018 before they were removed from the facebook group,

unless they had already decided they were not re-joining. G.T asked what the committees view was about adverts for boat trips, special offers, etc. being posted onto the group page that weren't directly linked to club matches/trips. The consensus of the committee, was that this is fine if the group page isn't flooded with advertising. M.H proposed that these changes and rules would be followed and that the group should be administrated by 3 committee members (D.H, L.H, and G.T) R.S Seconded the proposal and it was unanimously voted to go ahead

G.T to put up the facebook group rules in a pinned post for all to see.

9. Shore Fixture List Congestion? D.H wanted to make everyone aware that because the 2 shore leagues both run on a 12-month calendar, it puts a massive amount of work onto the Shore Competition Secretary. This could be made easier and maybe increase turnout to the shore comps, if the club reduced the amount of shore matches. D.H, T.B, and B.M agreed they would have a meeting to work out fixtures for 2018 and make the role of Shore Competition Secretary easier.

10. A.O.B: A.W had concerns that the committee meeting dates were not always made accessible and that the minutes from previous meetings were only made available at the following meeting. D.H agreed to send minutes via email to all committee members and make the minutes from each meeting accessible to all club members via the club website. D.H will also ensure the dates for next meetings will be sent out via email, and be posted onto the facebook page and website at least the week before.

Presentation night will be 3rd Feb. M.H to confirm with the Sailing Club that we can use their venue and to also go ahead with booking food for the night.

It was decided to go back to issuing membership cards to club members as we need something to prove membership when entering the sailing club's venue, and when claiming the 10% discount at the Tackle Box. G.T agreed to produce the cards ready for the next meeting.

G.T reported on the success of the 6 junior boat trips with Lyme Bay Charters that the club ran in 2017. The Tackle Box has agreed to supply free bait for these trips again in 2018. G.T proposed that the club run the same trips again through 2018 with Lyme Bay Charters. M.H seconded it, and was unanimously voted to go ahead.

G.T also informed the committee that Lyme Bay Charters were running the trips at cost, but because the kids were using the boats hire tackle Lewis was left out of pocket due to tackle losses. M.H proposed the club pay Lewis a £200 float to replace the tackle losses. G.T seconded it, and it was a unanimous decision to go ahead with this. (cheque now passed onto Lewis)

G.T Proposed that juniors should be allowed to pay the £2 entry fee into club matches if they so desired. Although juniors cannot win cash prizes, the money could be turned into vouchers for them. D.H Seconded this and there was a unanimous vote agreeing.

G.T proposed the club could subsidise Juniors on the boat matches to make it more affordable to take juniors along. The committee discussed the costs and decided that the club could not afford to do this.

G.T questioned the Minimum size for all species being 25cm in a species match from the boat. He pointed out that this can leave anglers killing small cuckoo Wrasse, Poor Cod, and over smaller species, before they catch 3 of each over the 25cm. D.H added that if we did away with min sizes for species comps, would we also bring in mini species? L.H proposed to bring in a new score card to

include mini species. Have no minimum sizes during a species comp, but to keep it 3 of each species. P.Y seconded and it was agreed unanimously by the committee.

L.H to bring new score card to next committee meeting for discussion and approval.

D.H presented the committee with the new Kayak league fixtures points system and rules, in Rob Emery's absence. All were agreed by the committee with the following additional rules being added: "No fishing within the inner harbour or around the pontoons." "Juniors must be accompanied by a responsible guardian." D.H proposed the league goes ahead with these additions. L.H Seconded and the committee voted unanimously in favour.

D.H to get the fixture list and rules to G.T so they can be added to the website.

R.S Proposed that the club members using charter boats during boat matches should now pay £50 rather than £45 to cover increasing costs to the owner of the boat. A.S seconded and the vote was 11-1 in favour of the increase.

M.H let the committee know that the new date for the WYVERN Slapton Shore Open will be the day after LRSAC presentation night. Just in case any members were wanting to fish it.

Meeting closed at 10.17pm

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY 6th MARCH 2018. 8pm @ THE SAILING CLUB, LYME REGIS