

**MINUTES OF THE 2019  
BRYNMILL & DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Held on the 24/04/19 at LC2 Swansea 7.30pm until 9.30pm**

**CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

The meeting commenced at 7.35pm with 30 members present. Apologies from Damian Davies. John Harris called for a minute's silence to remember the four members who had passed on since our last AGM – Aaron Sluman, Ernie Mitchell, Dave Gough and Kelvin Carpenter.

The chairman said that the atmosphere at the meeting was far less hostile than the previous three AGMs. He said that the 12 new carp had encouraged membership – up to 80 new members already. John noted that the previous tension at the club had eased and that he was pleased the club had successfully bid for a new 10-year license for the Fendrod and Half Round ponds. He thanked CT and SH for their work in making the bid (applause at this point). He also thanked the bailiff force and committee, with special mention to Richard Johansen for his carp feeding scheme and daily bailiff rounds.

**MINUTES OF 2018 AGM**

Minutes read and accepted as an accurate record.

**MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**SECRETARY'S/TREASURER'S REPORT**

Prior to October 2018 the Half Round ponds were stocked with a quantity of carp and small rudd. The NRW completed the platforms on the west bank. Membership fell slightly, but the carp fishing improved markedly. It was a good summer for weather and for the angler.

Then in October 2018 we met with the city council and were told that our license for the Fendrod and Half Round would not be automatically renewed. The license would have to be put to commercial tender and the club would not receive any special treatment. We were also informed that the council would have to openly offer the license to all Welsh fishing clubs.

Due to this uncertainty we postponed the construction of the platform on peg 42 and abandoned all attempts to source bream or stock fish for the Fendrod and Half Round ponds. We were committed to taking the Simmonds carp in December 2018 at a cost of £8100.

The council refused to have any further dialogue with the club until the license was advertised and bid for in February 2019. John, Steve and myself completed a 28-page commercial bid for the license – the contents of the bid were confidential and now form the basis of our relationship with the council. Our bid was accepted and we will shortly sign a ten-year license.

The new license gives the club permission to sell permits and day tickets for only the Fendrod and Half Round ponds. The previous scheme included the Pluck, Singleton Boating lake and Clyne pond. These are now free fisheries. The council will take no part in selling fishing permits or regulating any of the fisheries. However, they still have total control over the fishing rules and prices. All council logos have been removed from the permit books that we will use and photos and addresses will be stored by the club.

The club must stock both waters with a range of coarse fish and offer day tickets and associate member permits on demand. Permits can be withdrawn if anglers ignore the rules.

Unfortunately, the council did not inform us of our successful bid until the end of March 2019. As a result, the permit books will not be ready until the end of April at the earliest.

The club spent heavily in 2018 on stock fish – as total of over £11,000. There was also the cost of the NRW platforms – over £7500. This, with the slight decline in membership, resulted in an overspend of £9000. However, the cash situation remains healthy.

In 2019 the club must bear the expense of processing every permit. Each permit costs about £5.00 to collect, print and send out to members. This also takes into account the third-party liability insurance. The terms of our bid for the license restrict us from an increase of more than £5 plus about 5% for the £50.00 license. Possibly we might manage an increase to £60.00 if given permission by the council. Licenses for those sixteen and under are free.

In three weeks, we have had 80 new members, mostly from outside the area. 2018 members will be able to rejoin as soon as the permit books have been printed and distributed to H.R.H. Jones and Mainwaring's Angling Centre. Printing costs, plus the laptop needed for storage, will probably exceed £1500 in 2019, but should decrease the following year.

The 2019 balance sheet will also be simplified as the club will no longer send membership fees to the council, only to have them returned several months later. The council have examined the 2018 accounts and have declared no further interest in the club's funds.

### **MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT**

John Clement reported that the Brynmill Open match had clashed with the World Cup football final, resulting in a lower turnout than expected. This was the only time the Fendrod was closed for match fishing. There had also been a particularly successful match in early autumn when catches excelled. He hoped to be able to fit some small matches in this season, if the lake did not appear too crowded.

### **HEAD BAILIFF'S REPORT**

Paul Hardinges reported an excellent 2018 year for carp, even in the past few weeks of April over 30 twenty-pound fish had been recorded and large bream

to 16lb. He thought that the mild winter and the new feeding scheme had aided the growth rate.

The doubles match run by Shaun Williams had been a success and the bailiff team would look to run one this season. A charity carp match had been arranged for the weekend of 26/04/19.

Paul said the membership had been well-behaved and that Richard J and Damian D had been visiting the lake daily. Work parties would be arranged soon. The snags at the Fendrod needed attention. He noticed that all the locks at the Half Round container site had been removed with an angle grinder – nothing had been taken.

### **BAILLIF'S REPORT OF THE HALF ROUND PONDS**

David Thomas reported that some crucian carp from an earlier stocking had been caught in the lower pond. The ponds were clean and looked attractive. There were some large carp in the upper pond. He hoped to obtain fish stock for the lower pond that the junior anglers might catch. David hoped to organize work parties later this spring.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Proposal:** That the officers of the club be re-elected en bloc.

Proposed: Craig Williams, Seconded: Victor Hopkin

**Carried unanimously**

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **a) Rule changes**

1. That the references to Swansea City Council and logo be removed from the coarse fishing rules.
2. That the references to Swansea City Council and logo be removed from the club constitution.

Proposed and seconded by the committee **Carried unanimously**

(1. and 2. need to be ratified formally as the city council is no longer responsible for the administration of the fishing permits.)

3. The Bailiffing team, seconded by John Harris would like to propose that the following club rules are amended/overhauled as follows; -

Rule 10. Senior anglers may use a maximum of 2 rods at all waters with the exception of the Fendrod where 3 may be used. You must not cast into another angler's swim. As per NRW byelaws, do not leave your rods unattended with either a hook or bait in the water. It must be possible to exert immediate physical control over any rod with bait or hook in the water. Anglers fishing on pegs 29, 32, 36 and 38 must not leave the pegs whilst their rods are in the water. Bailiffs will interpret that you must be no more than 20 yards or 2 pegs from your rods irrespective of whether you carry a receiver. Fishing only permitted from designated pegs.

Rule 15.

a) If Carp fishing,

- your landing net must be a minimum width of 36ins.
- When targeting carp, the angler must have with them and use a suitably-sized carp unhooking mat with sides or a carp cradle.
- you must use a mainline of at least 15 lb B.S.
- All rigs must have leads that will come off in the event of a breakage to avoid fish trailing leads or becoming tethered, rig checks will be undertaken by bailiffs.

b) Fish must be weighed in appropriate weigh-sling and not in a carp landing net.

c) Carp sacks are prohibited. The retaining of carp for more than 15mins in a net or weigh sling is also prohibited.

d) Floating baits can be used on one rod only by senior anglers, using utmost vigilance.

e) Anglers must carry and use a fish antiseptic to treat hook holds and any other injury.

f) Night Permit holders (or upgraded equivalent) may fish sessions of up to 72 hrs on one peg on the Fendrod Lake. If bivvied on a grass peg, anglers are asked after 48hrs to relocate their bivvies to a new location to protect the grass banks. After 72 hrs anglers must relocate more than 10 pegs away. Return to the same peg is prohibited for a further 48hrs.

g) Night Permit Holders (or upgraded equivalent) may only have 1 non-fishing guest with them if they fish overnight.

h) A bivvy is defined as a 1 or 2 man green or camouflaged angling shelter. A standard camping tent is not a bivvy

i) A bivvy must be sited on carp platforms where provided, and not on the grass bank above them and they must be placed as close as possible to the angler's rods, and not zipped up whilst fishing to allow a speedy exit in the event of a run. Bailiffs have the right to ask anglers to relocate their bivvy nearer to the water's edge and the angler's rods if they have been sited incorrectly.

j) Night Permit Holders (or upgraded equivalent) may fish overnight sessions on the Half Round Ponds of no more than 24hrs, then they must leave the ponds for 24 hours. Return to the same peg is prohibited for a further 48hrs.

k) On the Half Round Ponds night fishing is only allowed from identified pegs, no fishing is allowed off the steep bank. A clear thoroughfare must be maintained at all times.

l) There is no fishing on peg 83 of the Fendrod Lake.

m) No bait boats on club waters.

n) Day fishing only is permitted on pegs 32 and 36 of the Fendrod Lake (Dawn till Dusk), and anglers must fish with their rods locked up at all times on these pegs.

o) Anglers must adhere to the clubs "Spawning Policy" when fish are spawning, and must not fish the swims designated in the Spawning Policy when the fish are spawning. The Clubs Spawning Policy is available for viewing on the Clubs website under the heading "Policies and Forms", and details will also be published on the Clubs Facebook page "Brynmill District Angling Fendrod Lake and Half Round Ponds" .

p) All carp to be photographed in the swim captured and not lifted more than

18" above the mat/cradle.

q) Anglers in breach of any of these rules can be excluded immediately at the discretion of the bailiff pending a final disciplinary hearing/decision by the committee.

r) Any angler receiving two written warnings in one season will be excluded for 6 months.

s) Bailiffs have the right to ask you to move or leave the lake if they see that you are not complying with rules or you are putting yourself, a member of the public or the welfare of the fish at risk.

4. We propose that all member fishing for carp have med kits on them at all times when fishing and produce when asked by club bailiffs

Proposed by David Thomas, Seconded Paul Rastatter

5. I would like to propose that the 2-rod limit on the Half Round ponds to be changed to 3 rods if there is only 1 or 2 people fishing! Anything over 2 members to revert 2 rods only!

Proposed by Damian Davies, seconded by Richard Johansen

6. I would like to proposes that the time allowed for fishing at the Half round ponds be extended from 24 hours to 48 hours at one time.

Proposed: Damian Davies, seconded by Richard Johansen

**All the rule changes were carried by a large majority, it was agreed that proposal 5 and 6 would be trialled for one year and if successful would made permanent in April 2020.**

## **b) Restocking**

1. We would like to request a stocking on the Fendrod of 40 carp

20 special 4 summer carp /c4 from Heather fisheries 11 to 12lb at £13/lb  
Rough cost £2600 plus delivery and vat.

And

20 c4 special from front-fish C4 specials 11 to 13lb in weight at a cost of £14/lb  
Rough cost 2900 plus delivery and vat

We request these to be the fish to fill the gap in our stock and be our future 20s. We have a large head of 20s with majority of our fish over 20lb we have a few 30s and a few that will be 30 very soon. These fish will fill the gap and one day be the future of our lake. This is seen as a stock replenishment for fish lost over the last few years and preparing for the future.

Proposed Richard Johansen and Seconded Damian Davies **Carried by a large majority** (some minor details may change when we order these)

2. We Would like to stock the bottom lake of the half round with 1000+ Roach and Rudd and 500 2lb carp for 2019 to help get more junior anglers involved in the club

Proposed David Thomas, Seconded Paul Rastatter **Carried by a large majority** (again there may be changes in the detail when we order these)

3. We would like to put the stocking back to the committee as the club has lost a lot of free fish stocking since its moved to the AGM

Proposed David Thomas, Seconded Paul Rastatter **Carried by a large majority** (some discretion to be exercised by the committee)

### **c) Permit prices**

I would like to propose that from April 2020 there be an increase in permit prices; -

from £50 to £70 on members and non-affiliated night fishing permits

All concessions, Council, student and passport to leisure a £5 increase to night/day permits

Leaving under 17 the same.

Dawn till dusk season permits a £5 increase on all tickets.

Day tickets sold on bank £2.50 increase on all tickets taking it from 5 to £7.50

Proposed by Richard Johansen and Seconded Damian Davies

All were in agreement with a general increase to cover costs of permits. Steve Herman noted that the club were unable to increase prices without permission of the city council, but was confident that there would be some leeway to increase price – but probably not by the amounts suggested.

### **Any other business**

Victor Hopkin asked if the club had any influence over the dog off-lead problem at the Fendrod. It was agreed that it was an offence not to control a dog, but the club had no power to enforce it.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Carl Tonner

Secretary and Treasurer

Brynmill DAC