

# **IBM Hursley Fly Fishing Club**

## ***MINUTES OF THE 2009 AGM***

These are the minutes of the IBM Hursley Fly Fishing Club Annual General Meeting, held in the Osman Room of the IBM Hursley Club house on November 18th 2009 at 7:00pm

### **AGENDA**

- Apologies for absence
- Minutes of the last AGM
- Matters arising from the last AGM
- Treasurer's report and approval of accounts
- Secretary's report
- Chairman's report
- Election of the committee
  - a. Chairman
  - b. Treasurer
  - c. Secretary
  - d. Committee members
- Subscriptions
- Organisation of Club outings
- Presentation of trophies
- AOB

### **MEMBERS ATTENDING**

1. Tony Hogg (Treasurer)
2. Bob Hanley (Chairman)
3. Rod Patterson
4. Sue Patterson
5. Andy Parker (Secretary)
6. John Wiseman
7. Matt Groves
8. Ken Jones (Committee)
9. Pete Dean
10. Melita Saville

11. Clive Kennedy
12. Josh Sampays
13. Daniel Sampays

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1. Paul Blythin
2. Mark Lyman
3. Bruce Marshall
4. Neil Postlethwaite
5. Shane Babey

## **MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM**

The minutes of the last AGM had been circulated to all members after last year's AGM and online. They were accepted unanimously. (Prop: Tony Hogg, Sec: Sue Patterson)

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST AGM**

None

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's report was circulated to all members at the meeting and accepted unanimously.

There is very little to add to last year's report regarding 2008-2009, just that the trip to Wherwell that was approved by last year's AGM went ahead as planned.

This year so far has been relatively quiet from a financial point of view with only fishing trips and prizes to budget for. The prize budget has been exceeded this year, but I hope to recover the cost of engraving national tournament trophies, and if successful we will be only a few pounds over budget, due mainly to hosting the match v's North Harbour. I'm pleased to say that last year's decline in attendance and membership has been reversed, but despite having more members and better attendances than anticipated we were still able to stay within budget without capping. We also experimented with online payments for trips and this has proved popular with some members and I see no reason not to continue it (but see below). My thanks as ever go to organisers for collecting cheques, paying, and arranging receipts.  
(Prop: Andy Parker, Sec: Pete Dean)

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The secretary's report was circulated to all members at the meeting, a copy of which is in appendix 'A' of these minutes.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Bob Hanley thanked all those that had organized trips this season and thanked the committee for their on going support. The chairman highlighted the excellent new website updated by Matt Groves, and the club competition wins at 'The IBM National Fly Fishing Competition' at Rutland water, and the inter club match win again the North Harbour team. Bob went on to praise the growing membership and good club event attendance. He also commented on the welcome sight of younger member.

## **ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE**

All the 2009 committee agreed to be reelected. Though he was going to retire this year as Chairman, Bob Hanley agreed to another term.

Chairman: Bob Hanley

Secretary: Andy Parker

Treasurer: Tony Hogg

Members: Matt Groves, Ken Jones

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2010**

The current subscription will again remain unchanged at £5 per member in 2010. No objection was received in 2009 from the IBM Hursley Club financial review.

## **ORGANISATION OF CLUB OUTINGS IN 2010**

As always deciding the trips brought about much discussion.

- March - Wherwell
- April – Meon Springs - Spring Cup
- May – John O’ Gaunt
- June - Wherwell
- July – Manningford Lakes
- August – Holbury Lakes
- September – Match with North Harbour club venue TBD.
- October – John O’ Gaunt - Club Championship
- The committee has the mandate to change any venue in case of changing circumstances.

## **PRESENTATION OF THE TROPHIES FOR THE 2009 SEASON**

Club Champion 2009 – Josh Sampays

Runner up – Dave Day

Spring Cup – Josh Sampays

Biggest Rainbow (John Turner Cup) – Andy Parker

Biggest Brown – Mark Lyman

### **AOB –**

Josh Sampays thanked Tony Hogg for the free coaching received in 2009 and also thanked Andy Parker for the starter pack of flies he tied him to get him started this season.

Melita Saville was presented with a mounted stone, in recognitions being the only club member to hook and successful land a stone using just fly, line, rod and cunning.

No other business was needed to be carried forward to the 2010 AGM.

## Appendix A

### **Secretary Report 2009**

#### **Cup Winners**

The **Spring Cup** was held on Saturday 4th April at John 'O' Gaunt. The winning bag weight was recorded as 16lb 8oz by Josh Sampays at his first ever club outing! The runner up for the second year running was John Wiseman with a 16lb bag. The average bag size was generally quite good this year, ranging from a low of 11lbs with steady increments to the 16.5lb winning bag. Some lovely 5lb fish made an appearance and generally the fish were good sport and hard fighting.

The **Club Championship** was held on Saturday 2nd October at Manningford. The winning bag weight was recorded as 16lb 1oz by Josh Sampays at his first ever club championship appearance (do you see a theme emerging here). The runner up was Dave Day with a 13lb 4oz bag. It was observed that the sizes of the fish were generally a little smaller during the October trip to Manningford, which we suspect is down to new stocking. Nevertheless, the fishing was good from very early on, and progressed to a harder fish later in the day.

The **Largest Rainbow Trout** was won by Andy Parker with a weight of 8lb 6oz captured at Avon Springs on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

The **Largest Brown Trout** was captured by Mark Lyman with a weight of just 1 lb at Manningford fishery in October 2009

#### **Rutland 2009**

The Hursley team of Bob Hanley, Neil Postlethwaite, Tony Hogg and Andy Parker took 1st prize in the team event. Tony Hogg went on to take the best bag and best overall fish. Andy Parker also added to the team's silver with 2nd best bag.

The 2010 Rutland will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **Hursley 'v' North Harbour**

A glorious sunny September Saturday greeted both the Hursley and North Harbour club members on match day with some additional club members turning out to fish for pleasure. Holbury was on fine form, with the fish fit and healthy and the waters relatively clear.

The **Hursley Team** won with a combined bag weight of 70lbs 15oz to just narrowly take the edge over the North Harbour team with 70lb exactly. Weighing-in was at 1pm with Matt Groves from the Hursley Team taking the biggest fish - a 3lb 15oz rainbow (after Tony Hogg gracefully deferred his 4lb 5oz fish to second place due to being the organiser) and Chris Searle bringing home the biggest bag weight with an impressive 14lb 1oz. Congratulations to the Hursley Team !

## **Venues**

The 2009 season saw Wherwell and John'O'Gaunt continue to be consistent venues. Manningford under performed when compared to the 2008 season. However Manningford still remains terrific value for money. The Avon Springs trip brought mixed results, with some large fish taking shelter in shaded waters failing to stalking tactics. However the main lake remained a challenge to most people. Holbury lakes returned to the venues list after a few years absence. The general feedback I received was mixed, but the consensus was it seemed a little over stocked, but the fish were fit and scrappy which made for a good day.

## **Web Site**

The club website has been greatly improved by Matt Groves. The new "Blog and News" and improved "photo's" sections proving to be really popular. The "Blog and News" section is also RSS enabled. Many thanks to Matt for his work in making the website a better experience for us all.

## **Fly Tying**

The IBM Hursley Fly Fishing club has an open invitation to attend the Wessex Branch of the Fly Dresser Guild. Further information can be obtained from Paul Eslinger.

## **Other News**

- The club enjoyed a 15% discount at Sportfish to mark the clubs 25 years.
- Four club members, Paul Blythin, Clive Kennedy, Matt Groves and Rod Patterson all attended Sportfish Paul Proctor Stillwater instruction day.
- Tony Hogg achieved his 'Level 2 ADB Licensed Coach (Game) qualifications.

Kindest Regards Andy Parker  
Club Secretary