

Minutes of IBM Hursley Fly Fishing Club 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 December 12th 2012, at 7pm.

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
 - Chairman
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Committee members
- Subscriptions
- Organisation of Club outings
- Presentation of trophies
- AOB

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Tony Hogg (Treasurer)
Pete Dean (Chairman)
Melita Saville (Secretary)
Rod Patterson
John Wiseman
Ken Jones (Committee)
Paul Blythin
Paul Eslinger
Neil Postlethwaite

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Sue Patterson
Andy Parker
Clive Kennedy
Mark Wilson

MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

The minutes of the last AGM have been available online to all members after last year's AGM, and a copy was available for inspection at the AGM. They were accepted unanimously. (Prop: Tony Hogg, Sec: Pete Dean)

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST AGM

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was circulated to all members at the meeting and accepted (Prop:

Rod Patterson, Sec: Melita Saville). The Treasurer's report is not circulated with these minutes because it contains financial data. Those people who were not at the AGM who wish to review the report should contact the Treasurer or Secretary.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's report was circulated to all members at the meeting. A copy of this report is in Appendix A of these minutes.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Pete Dean thanked those who had organised trips this season, with particular thanks for the Wherwell BBQ which was a memorable Club day. He thanked Tony Hogg for his continued guidance and support for members. His willingness to coach and help youngsters to enjoy fishing is much appreciated. Pete summarised 2012 as another good year for the club.

ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

Due to family commitments, Pete resigned as chairman. He is replaced by John Wiseman. The remainder of the committee will continue unchanged:

Chairman: John Wiseman

Secretary: Melita Saville

Treasurer: Tony Hogg

Committee: Ken Jones, Andy Parker

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2013

The current subscription will again remain unchanged at £5 per member for the upcoming year. Youth anglers are eligible for subsidy if they have their own membership to the Club.

ORGANISATION OF CLUB OUTINGS IN 2013

There were some reflections on the venues used in 2012:

- Wherwell and Holbury Lakes continue to be popular.
- Manningford was not good when visited in August. All lakes were thick with weed.

The IBM National competition in Rutland is planned for 2013 (24th & 25th May) but members should expect less subsidy. The meal on Thursday evening will be self-funded and there will be no "keeping" prizes.

The meeting discussed venues and dates. As well as the traditional Club venues, the following were discussed:

- Church Paddock
- Horsebridge
- Chiphall

The decision reached was:

- March – Wherwell
- April – John O'Gaunt
- May – Meon Springs early in the month, Rutland at the end.
- June – no Club trip
- July - Wherwell.
- August – Church Paddock
- September – to be decided nearer the time from Holbury Lakes, Horsebridge, or Chiphall

- October – Dever Springs

The Wherwell trips will be offered only on Saturday due to the preference for booking the venue for exclusive Club use. The other trips will be offered on both a Saturday and Wednesday. In principle – and based on venue availability – all trips will be on the first Saturday of the month.

The committee may change any venue in the event of changing circumstances or unavailability.

Rod Patterson volunteered help with bookings.

Dates will be publicised on the Club website.

Additional outings

The Club would like to encourage members to collaborate in events outside the organised trips. The Secretary will ask permission to share members contact details to encourage this. In the meantime, any suggestions or invitations can be distributed through the Committee.

PRESENTATION OF THE TROPHIES FOR THE 2010 SEASON

Club Champion 2012 (Dever Springs, October). Won by Tony Hogg with a bag of 18lbs 4oz. Runner-up was Pete Dean with 16lbs 14oz.

Spring Cup 2011 (John O'Gaunt, April). Won by Paul Eslinger with 17lbs 8oz.

Biggest Rainbow (John Turner Cup). Won by Tony Hogg at Dever Springs with a 7lbs fish.

Biggest Brown (John O'Gaunt, April). Won by John Wiseman with a 3lb fish.

AOB

Eastleigh river fishing

Tony Hogg: residents of Easleigh Borough might be interested to know that they can buy tickets for Hiltingbury Lakes and this also allows access to a bit of the Itchen in Bishopstoke.

Thanks

Neil Postlethwaite reiterated his thanks for the Wherwell trip:

“Just thought I'd say a big thank you to Tony & Melita for sorting Saturday's fishing trip & BBQ at Wherwell.

I'm sure all who were there would agree it was a fabulous day out with some great fun fishing, spectacular summer weather and superb BBQ food. All rounded off by homemade chocolate brownies and fresh cream ... wow !!

Was lovely to have such a relaxed day fishing, I for one really enjoyed it and now can't wait to get a line back in the water ... and some sausages into a bun!

Shame about getting our cars licked by a herd of cows at the end of the day, but even that could have been much worse :o)

Thanks again for sorting a lovely day out. Cheers, Neil”

New members

The Club would welcome new members. Suggestions included visibility of the Club at any Hursley site open days and articles in the IBM club and retiree newsletters. If any

members have other suggestions during the year, please pass them to the committee for action.

APPENDIX A. SECRETARY'S REPORT

IBM Hursley Fly Fishing Club Secretary's Report 2012

Cup winners

1. Spring Cup was held at John O'Gaunt in April. Paul Eslinger took the prize with a fine bag of 17lbs 8oz, giving him a comfortable margin over runner-up Dave Day with 14lbs 5oz.
2. Club Championship was held at Dever Springs in October. Tony and Pete swapped places this year. Tony won with 18lbs 4oz with Pete bringing home 16lbs 14oz.
3. Best rainbow - a 7-pounder - was caught by Tony Hogg at Dever Springs.
4. Best brown. Having none last year, there were two in contention this year. John Wiseman took the prize with a 3lb brown from John O'Gaunt.
5. Best non-fish. We've had "best stone". This year, John Wiseman takes it with "best swan". Read the trip report for Dever Springs below to find out more...

Trips

- The year kicked off with a trip in March to Wherwell. It was a bright day with hungry fish at this popular venue. The day was made all the more sociable by the provision of hot pies, home-made soup, and chocolate shortbread (my thanks to Andy and John).
- The first official trip of the season was to John O'Gaunt in April. This trip was also the venue for the club Spring Cup. There was a relatively low entry but Paul Eslinger won with a bag of over 17 lbs.
- There was no club outing in May but six people made the trip to Rutland Water for the IBM National Fly Fishing Championships. High winds made the water quite murky but the fish were there to be caught. The Hursley Cormorants (Andy Parker, Tony Hogg, Bob Hanley, and Neil Postlethwaite) finished second in the team event. We normally announce the dates for next year in this report, but the low turnout and continued financial challenges mean the future of this event is in doubt.
- June's trip was back to Wherwell. Unfortunately, we were too late for mayfly but still had a very enjoyable day: good fishing and a lovely BBQ in the sunshine. It was good to see some younger anglers join us: Mark Wilson's daughter, Rebecca and Melita's son, Dominic. Thanks to Tony for his encouragement and support for them. Last year, the club expressed an interest in more variation, so Tony investigated river fishing here. However, there were insufficient numbers to make this viable.
- July's trip was to Holbury Lakes. We didn't plan a committee-organised trip for August so thanks to John Wiseman for kicking off the self-funded trip to Manningford. The very low turnout gives food for thought about the future viability of an August trip, or Manningford, or both.
- September saw a return to Rockbourne - a venue that we haven't used for a year or two. Unfortunately, the fishery yet again seemed under-stocked and proved very tough fishing.
- We finished the season with a trip to Dever Springs in October, with just 4 people choosing to attend on the Saturday. Tony Hogg became Club Champion, with Pete Dean as runner-up. Tony also landed the best rainbow here. John Wiseman hooked something much larger: a swan that became entangled with his gear and towed his rod around the lake before, thankfully, returning it to dry land. John even got his fly back!

Other news

- Fly tying. Club members have an open invitation to attend the Wessex branch of the Fly Dresser Guild that meets in Southampton. For more details, contact Paul Eslinger.

- Bio security. There have been reminders of actions that anglers should take to help protect fisheries from invasive non-native species that can devastate fisheries. Please keep up-to-date with the recommendations here:
<https://secure.fera.defra.gov.uk/nonnativespecies/checkcleandry/biosecurity-for-anglers.cfm>