

Minutes of IBM Hursley Fly Fishing Club AGM 2015

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 2015, at 7pm. Thanks to all this who attended and made it a meeting full of discussion and debate.

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

MEMBERS ATTENDING

John Wiseman (Chairman)

Tony Hogg (Treasurer)

Josh Sampays (Secretary)

Paul Blythin (Committee)

Ken Jones (Committee)

Andy Parker (Committee)

Dave Day

Clive Kennedy

Rod Patterson

Ian Wyatt

Jim Robertson

Jon Levell

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Pete Dean

Neil Postlethwaite

Melita Saville

Paul Eslinger

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 circulated with the agenda of this meeting. They were accepted (proposed: Tony Hogg seconded: John Wiseman

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST AGM

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was summarised at the meeting and circulated to all members with the agenda for this meeting. It was accepted (proposed: John Wiseman , seconded: Rod Patter-son). A copy of this report is in Appendix A of these minutes.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's report was summarised at the meeting and circulated to all members with the agenda for this meeting. A copy of this report is in Appendix A of these minutes.

ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

- Chairman: John Wiseman stated he is happy to stay in role. There were no objections or other volunteers !
- Secretary: Currently Josh Sampays . Josh is stepping down. To comply with IBM Club rules, the Club must have a Secretary.

Tony Hogg volunteered to be secretary. Thanks Tony.

- Treasurer: Currently Tony Hogg. Tony is stepping down so a new treasurer is required .To comply with IBM Club rules, the Club must have a Treasurer.

No volunteers came forward at the meeting . Tony Hogg will send out a note requesting volunteers.

- Committee:
 - o Ken Jones
 - o Andy Parker
 - o Paul Blythin

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2016

The cost of being a retired member of the IBM Hursley club is now £12. Some may find this off putting if they only attend 1 or 2 trips. As this will not prove to a benefit or cost effective. As far as going the Fly fishing club. An email will be sent to members asking who will be paying the £12.

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

ORGANISATION OF CLUB OUTINGS IN 2016

- Feedback on Church Paddock 2015 was low water in the later part of the year. So this venue is now earlier in the year for 2016.
- Chiphall was not recommended for future club visits. As many had negative feedback on this venue.
- Tony Hogg proposed Amport in Andover for 2016. This replaced the Chiphall venue

<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Organiser</i>
March	Wherwell	Pete Dean
April	Church Paddock	Rod Patterson
May	John O'Gaunt	John Wiseman
June	Rutland Holbury Lakes	Ken Jones (Holbury)
July	Wherwell	Tony Hogg
August	Amport	Andy Parker
September	John O'Gaunt	Paul Blythin
October	Rockbourne	Clive Kennedy

Trip dates will be confirmed by the trip organisers and are primarily Saturday only.

The committee may change any venue in the event of changing circumstances or unavailability. 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. Any suggestions or invitations can be distributed through the Committee.

PRESENTATION OF THE TROPHIES FOR THE 2015 SEASON

1. Spring Cup was held at John O'Gaunt this year in May. Pete Dean was the winner and a fine 6lb rainbow definitely helped him win a very closely fought competition. John Wiseman collected the trophy on Pete's behalf but also as last years winner !
2. Club Championship was held at Rockbourne this year in October . Ian Wyatt a new member of the club took the cup with a bag of 16lb. Very well done Ian. Ian attended many of the venues and caught many fish. So all agreed well deserved.
3. Best rainbow was won by John Wiseman at Rockbourne in October with a 9lb fish.
4. Best brown was won by Ken Jones. The only brown caught this year.
5. Andy Parker collected the Rutland trophy on behalf of the Hursley Cormorants.

Website

The Club website is maintained by Tony Hogg.

ACTIONS

1. Tony – email to be sent to all to request volunteers for a new Treasurers
2. John – email to see who will be paying the £12 IBM club membership fee for retired members.

AOB

None raised

APPENDIX A.

This appendix contains the reports from the Treasurer, Secretary, and Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The club finances for 2014-2015 are presented for approval by the AGM, plus the previous year's figures for comparison, and a summary of this year to date.

There is only one addition to last year's report regarding 2014-2015, and that is that the trip to Wherwell, that was approved by last year's AGM, went ahead as planned at the end of March. Financially, the club remains healthy, and we completed the year comfortably within budget, with more or less neutral income v's expense.

This year so far has again been relatively quiet from a financial point of view with only fishing trips and prizes to budget for. Average attendance grew again, we now have 23 members, five more than last year, and there was a June trip again this year so we are back up to 8 events. The engraving costs are higher than normal due to success at this year's IBM National! The final figures are approximate pending the final prize bill, but likely to be very close so we have plenty funds for the traditional final trip in March if approved by the AGM, assuming we can get a booking.

My thanks go to all members who stepped up to organising trips during the year, and for paying and collecting receipts. So a big thank you to Rod, John, Ken, Pete, Paul and Clive. As stated in a note to the club, I intend to stand down as treasurer as pressure on my time means I'm not devoting as much attention to the job as I should. I'm happy to remain on the committee to ensure a smooth handover, I do hope someone is prepared to take it on.

Description	Budget	To Date	2014/15	2013/14
Membership numbers	19	23	21	18
Number of trips	8	7	7	7
Average Attendance (members only)	7	8.7	8.4	7.9
Average Attendance (inc guests)		9.1	8.7	7.9
Expenditure				
External Premises	3200.00	2659.00	2407.00	2182.50
Engraving & Prizes	58.00	*95.95	51.22	58.11
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3258.00	*2754.95	2458.22	2240.61
Income				
Subs to section	95.00	120.00	95.00	85.00
Activity Fees	2240.00	1955.00	1820.00	1557.50
Subsidy from Club	923.00	790.00	572.00	623.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	3258.00	2865.00	2487.00	2265.50
Funds				
Balance 1 st April		250.98	222.20	197.31
Plus Total Income		2865.00	2487.00	2265.50
Subtotal		3115.98	2709.20	2462.81
Less Total Expenditure		*2754.95	2458.22	2240.61
Ending Balance		*361.03	250.98	222.20
* estimates pre prizes				

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Welcome to this year's Secretary's Report: a look back over our trips and successes for 2015. It is great to have some more new members this year. A warm welcome to you all. Especially our new members, Isaac Antrobus (Derek's son), Len Buurman, Jon Levell, Jim Robertson, and Ian Wyatt. Average attendance grew again, we now have 23 members, five more than last year, and there was a June trip again this year so we are back up to 8 events.

It will be necessary to appoint a new Treasurer at this year's AGM. Tony Hogg wishes to stand down due to other pressures. He is happy to assist the new treasurer settle into the role. A Treasurer is a constitutional necessity for the Club so I do hope that one of our members is prepared to take the role and ensure that we can continue.

It will also be necessary to appoint a new Secretary at this year's AGM. Josh Sampays has and is not able to attend many of the trips due to health issues. A Secretary is a constitutional necessity for the Club so I do hope that one of our members is prepared to take the role and ensure that we can continue.

I'd like to thank our Chairman, John Wiseman, and our current Treasurer, Tony Hogg for their great support for the Club and members. Both are always on the ball and full of ideas and efforts to make the Club successful and enjoyable.

Now on to the fun stuff – the fishing!

Cup winners

1. Spring Cup was held at John O'Gaunt this year in May. Pete Dean was the winner and a fine 6lb rainbow definitely helped him win a very closely fought competition
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Changes of venue this year

Chip hall, Rockbourne

Trips with a summary provided by the organisers

A big thank you to all the organisers for arranging the trips below and providing a summary of the days

March - Wherwell (organiser Tony Hogg)

We started the season with the now-traditional trip to Wherwell.

The weather was again kind to us on the first trip of the year, to one of our favourite venues, and the lake didn't disappoint. Despite twelve rods the lake fished well with everyone catching, and in particular congratulations to Becks and Lauren who came fishing for the first time. Becks' boys James and Charlie also did well, christening their new outfits on only their second trip. A fine social day of sunshine, good fishing, good food and good company.

April – Church Paddock (organiser Rod Patterson)

A fine but cold day. There was a good head of water and the fish were in good condition. As members will know, the water level at this venue becomes a problem as the year progresses. It is a nice venue/fishery and it is close to home for many. If we go there again it is important that we visit early in the season while the water level is high.

I understand that there is a plan to deepen the lake this winter so that there is at least some water to fish. I don't know if this work has started or the schedule.

May – “Spring Cup” John O’Gaunt (organiser John Wiseman)

Weather was pleasant if cool with a bit of a breeze just to keep you on your casting guard for the Spring Cup at JOG. Reasonable turnout of seven overall considering we managed to clash with the Spring Bank Holiday weekend. Apologies to those who were unable to attend as a result.

The large lake was a bit murky and so the fish were difficult to see if they weren't close in to the edge, whereas Spring Lake was crystal clear.

The final bag results were close, but Pete came out the winner:

Pete Dean 17 3/4 which included a 6lb rainbow
John Wiseman 17.0
Dave Day 16.0
Rod Patterson 14.0

Nice to have Sue join us on a 2 fish ticket and Ken and Derek fishing on the Wednesday.

June – Holbury Lakes (organiser Ken Jones)

A fine day of fishing and great to see a younger contingent showing up the adults with great casting and fishing prowess !

Luke Porter with James and Charlie
Josh Sampays with Dan

July - Wherwell (organiser Tony Hogg)

"It was a pleasant dry day, with good fishing in a well stocked lake., with some folks taking advantage of the BBQ facilities. We welcomed back Bob Hanley and were also pleased to see John Turner's son who was able to fish with us as the chairman's guest while visiting from Australia. A breeze later in the day brought the fish to the surface, and members who stayed a little later enjoyed exciting sport as feisty rainbows bow-waved after flies stripped through the ripple."

August – Chiphall(organiser Pete Dean)

Only five attended Chiphall. This was our first visit for many years but apparently, a fishery used by North a Harbour. Owners were very friendly but had had some trouble with gypsies the week before, dumping a digger into the top of the lake. However they had removed it with no spillage and the only problem being the tyre tracks on the bank.

The lake was very weedy but not sure if this was a common problem across fisheries this year due to good weather. Fish were certainly plentiful and in my opinion, good quality. I think we all finished around lunchtime.

In summary, I would personally go back but fishing was difficult because of the weeds.

September - John O’Gaunt (organiser Paul Blythin)

It was a pleasant day at JOG when eleven of us turned up to discover that another large group was also booked in, however the custodian assured me that they had “put a load in” to accommodate the numbers.

It was good to meet long standing members I hadn't seen for a while and Tony made a non fishing visit to welcome a couple of newcomers.

Well it was soon evident that fish were all too keen to attach themselves to the multifarious offerings being put over them and some “experimental” techniques were required to stretch the ticket out to last the day.

It is always interesting to see what surface fly might fool them, in spite of such cries around one of “anything orange!” as yet another lunker is hauled to the net. There must have been something good on the TV in the afternoon, as by about 13.30 I was the last IBMer standing with only one fish to go on the 4 fish ticket. I had a look at the “clear” lake but didn't make much impact on them there. I had a surprising success on a floating daddy and had to pack up around 4pm. JOG never really disappoints, with decent sized fish ready to feed and give us plenty of action. A further three members went there on the following Wednesday, which is a very tempting option for us retirees when the Saturdays can be so heavily booked.

October – “Club Championship” Rockbourne (organiser Clive Kennedy)

The Rockbourne trip was a great success, though it would have been good to have a few more people (we had 10 on the Sat and 2 on the Wed). As it's quite an expensive fishery, and

food would have had to be pre-ordered, we (Tony and I) decided not to bother with food, but to provide extra subsidy on the ticket prices instead.

The Saturday was a lovely autumn day, with generally sunshine and an occasional slight breeze. The lakes were in good condition (not too much weed), and the new owners have done a lot to improve the fishing (clearing banks, ensuring you have room to back-cast etc). The lakes are well-stocked, and the minimum weight they stock at is about 3 and 1/4 lbs - and they fight well. There are also some very big fish in there.

Everyone caught on the Sat, highlights being:

John Wiseman caught a 9 lber

Jonathan Levell took 2 fish for over 10 lbs total

Neil Postlethwaite took his 4th fish later in the afternoon on a small dry fly.

The only slight down-side was that there were a number of distressed fish to be seen - but these were partly due to the warm weather that we'd been having, and also, from talking to the owner, despite a rule of no leaders less than 6lbs, they have a lot of people snapping off while fighting a fish.

The fishery have a lot of nice touches which help make the day more enjoyable:

- A very nice lodge.
- You can swap your catch for smoked trout.
- They offer a gutting service at £1 per fish.
- They have a fridge in which you can store your catch, instead of having to carry it around and letting it deteriorate in the warm weather.

This year's club championship was won by Ian Wyatt with a 16lb bag. Runner up was Neil Postlethwaite with a bag 14lb 40z. Plus best rainbow as bagged by Jon Wiseman. A great day !

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.
- The Hursley Cormorants (Andy Parker, Neil Postlethwaite, Bob Hanley and Tony Hogg) won the team trophy at the IBM National at Rutland Water. A close contest, less than a pound (ie a fish!) covered the first three teams!
- A stand and 'try casting' at the Clubhouse Open Day in July, manned by Paul Blythin, John Wiseman and Tony Hogg proved successful in attracting interest, raised several additions to the distribution list and ultimately resulted in two new members (Jon and Jim).
- Congratulations to Andy Parker in passing his Game Angling Instructors Certificate in October adding another qualified instructor to the club.
- A fond farewell to club founder member Duncan Weston, who has left the club following his return to Scotland.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Overall we had a good year with increased attendance and membership.

Thank you to all those who attended pushing average attendance up compared to last year, with 8 trips and now 23 members.

However we do need to keep a focus on attracting particularly employee members. The IBM Hursley Club promotional event enabled us to sign up new members again this year despite the rather tardy notice from the club about this event.

The venues seem to have been successful this year with better stocking sizes than last year. My only reservation would be the dilapidated appearance and abundance of weed at Chiphall which was disappointing.

Our finances ended the year on target with some latitude to subsidise a March event but we need to be careful next year given the new fees for the IBM Hursley Club.

Congratulations:

- To the team, Andy, Neil, Bob and Tony at the IBM National Championships.
- To Andy, for his Game Angling Instructors Certificate, now we have two instructors so I am sure we will all catch better fish.
- Farewell to Duncan, but I am sure he is having just as much or more fun up in Scotland, aside from the midges of course.

Membership and future of the IBM Hursley Club

Ref: memo "Introduction of associate membership fees for IBM Hursley Club (not IBM Hursley Retirees Club)"

*Until now, IBM retirees who chose the IBM Hursley Retiree Club as their nominated club were given free associate membership of the IBM Hursley Club (as most know, these two clubs are totally separate entities). From Jan 2016 Associate membership will still be available to retirees who wish to use the IBM Hursley Club facilities, but there will be a **charge**. For more details click [this link](#)*

This does NOT affect your membership to the IBM Hursley Retirees Club.

Regards

Merv Quick

IBM Hursley Retiree Club committee

Why has this occurred:

- 1. IBM subsidy to the IBM Hursley Club has been reduced by £15K from £36K in 2012 to £21K this year. I would anticipate further reductions and consequently further pressure to increase membership fees in future years.*
- 2. Membership subscriptions down by £5K from £38K to £33K which represents a fall in members of 192 from 1461 to 1269.*

What this means for us:

- 1. We would encourage our sub-section retiree members to have paid the £12 subscription fee*
- 2. Our Budget: We receive a subsidy from the IBM Hursley Club but this will only be applicable to members who have paid their subscription, we will not receive it for Guest members, i.e. those that opt out of the £12 fee.*
- 3. Guest members will not be able to receive the venue subsidy thus having to pay the full fee as our current guests would do.*

AOB for 2016/17

– Membership levels – Continue to actively engage new members especially those in employment to join. Ideas on how to achieve this welcome.

– Web site :

How to contact members to join club / List of members, email address via club?

– Provide contact points on the Web page for interested parties. For women interested link to > <http://www.fishingforeveryone.com/>

– Feedback to fisheries after the events as part of the booking process, e.g stocking, facilities etc.

– Club trophy events participation rules. **Thanks**

Thanks to everyone in the club for their ongoing participation and attendance not just at the fishing venues but also recruitment and in sharing the workload of organising the venues each month which seems to have been successful and hopefully we can continue this in future years. Also enhancing the activities with external events. Thanks to Josh for stepping up and acting as Club Secretary, sorry to see you step down.

A very special thanks to Tony on behalf of the members and myself. Tony has put in the time to keep our finances straight and importantly being there throughout the years to provide his expertise, support for recruitment and mentoring to new members.

Potential Venues for 2016:

Wherewell, JOG, Holbury, Church Paddock, Manningford, Meon Springs, Dever Springs, Avington, Woodington, Frensham, Lower Itchen, National Championships.....other