

Reel People
Annual General Meeting and Christmas Meal
4th December 2019 at the College of West Anglia, Kings Lynn 12 Noon Onwards

Tina expressed our thanks to the college students and staff for an excellent meal, service and hospitality. She presented them with the proceeds of our collection after the meal.

- Welcome** Tom read the minutes and paperwork throughout the meeting on behalf of Rob Bunting.
- Present** Rob & Tina Bunting, Tom & Joy Mitchell, Rick Pearman, Paul Appleby, Ricky Bramham, John Hill, Tim & Petrine Rogers, Gerry Moore, Paul Williams, Norman Reeve and Tony Brown.
- Apologies** Chrissie Jackson, Vic George, Dave Crowson, Mark Howard, Ray Stoner and Matt Skelhon
- Minutes of the 2018 AGM** The minutes were agreed as a true record, proposed, Rick Pearman seconded Tom Mitchell.
- Matters arising from the 2017 AGM** There had been no incidents of anglers throwing bait in before the start.
- Chairman's report and Merit Award** Rob produced a written report which Tom Mitchell read on his behalf. Rob said he had great pleasure in awarding Rick Pearman his Chairman's Merit Award for his 20 years' service to the club, selling raffle tickets and raising money for the club.
- Treasurer's report** Tina produced a summary sheet of the accounts. The club currently has £638.30 in the bank.
- Match report and Trophy Presentation** A report sheet detailed the winners in the various categories. Trophies were presented to Tim for: Phil Jackson Memorial Trophy, Ashes Match, Champion of Champions certificate and shield for 100lb+ weights. Tom Mitchell received a shield to mark his 100lb+ match.
Matt Skelhon, Specimen Winner, Colin Marsh 100lb+ weight and Bartlett Shield and Norman Gilbert 100lb+ weight, Ray Stoner Champion of Champions certificate and Bartlett Shield will all receive their awards in due course.
- Match dates for 2020 were published and Rob mentioned that we would be holding 4 social days as well to try and get some new members.
- Any Other Business** Rule Changes – Rob Bunting
- During the season we noticed a couple of matters arose which we noticed were slight grey areas in our present rules.

I would like to propose amending 10 as below. Anglers seem to be interpreting the rule to mean they can fish beyond the next peg(s) if no one is fishing on it/them.

Current: 10, Your swim! Halfway between pegs and halfway across the lake if an angler is pegged opposite. No casting beyond that boundary.

Change to: Your swim! Halfway to the next peg, occupied or not, and halfway across the lake if an angler is pegged opposite. No casting/fishing beyond that boundary.

I would like to propose amending 14 as below. Just to clarify that a fish will not count for whatever reason if it is not caught from the angler's peg.

Current: 14, Any fish landed outside of an angler's peg as a result of the rod/pole being pulled into the water to be returned immediately.

Change to: 14, Any fish landed outside of an angler's peg for whatever reason are to be returned to the water immediately and will not count in the match.

It was proposed by Paul Williams and seconded by Paul Appleby to adopt both of the proposed changes. Agreed unanimously.

Raffle. Rick retired from doing the raffle. Ricky Bramham will now be doing it.

Members Safety. Tina asked members to be extra vigilant in ensuring each other's safety.

Rob put forward that the club bought some extra safety equipment. Chocs for wheelchairs, life throws and possibly flotation jackets. After some discussion it was agreed that this was a matter for the committee to deal with.

Membership Fees

The current £10 membership fee has been the same ever since Reel People was formed. Over the year's members have suggested putting the fee up but I have always fought to resist this. With increasing insurance costs, printing costs etc, I feel the time has finally come for an increase. The accounts show we could defer this decision for another year but I think it would be more prudent to act now.

It was agreed unanimously to increase the membership fee to £12.00. Proposed by Tim Rogers and seconded by Paul Williams.

Match Fees.

I would like to stop the match subsidy and increase the match fees for 2020 onwards to £8 per match across the board.

With the need to alter the venues we use for safety reasons; most are significantly higher peg fees than the ones we have left out. Any surplus money from lower priced venues would go towards the celebration meal etc.

This was agreed unanimously. Proposed by Tim Rogers and seconded by Tony Brown.

Sponsorship.

We have already had a few sponsors come forward for 2020. If anyone would like to sponsor a match in 2020 or know of anyone who would. Please let us know asap so it can go in the 2020 match book. Thank you.

Tim and Petrine Rogers, Tom Mitchell, Gerry Moore, Mr Chip's, Norman Reeve and Tony Brown all offered to sponsor a match.

New Rule.

Tina Bunting asked to put forward a new rule, this had also been raised by Terry Jefferies.

Rods/Poles must not be left fishing unattended.

After discussion it was agreed unanimously, with the addition of:

Members seen doing this will be disqualified from the match.

Proposed Tina Bunting and seconded by Tim Rogers.

Christmas meal and AGM 2020. Tom asked about the 2020 a.g.m and meal. It was agreed to book the venue again for next year.

Rick Pearman did the raffle.

Rob thanked everyone for attending and wished them a Happy Christmas and New Year.

The meeting closed at 3 pm.