

Minutes of BMTF committee meeting held on 3 December 2019

Present

Terry Lawton, chairman; Andy Hunt, treasurer; Richard Nelson secretary; Mark Williams; river manager: Bill Emrich; Kevin Freezer

1 Minutes of the last committee meeting:

The official minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2019 were not available. Richard Nelson, the new secretary, was pressing the outgoing secretary for a meeting to effect a handover.

2 Chairman's report

Terry Lawton welcomed the new committee and officers. He was certain the difficulties of the last two seasons could be put behind us. He told the meeting that he would be emailing the complete membership shortly.

3 Treasurer's report

Questions arising from bank payments in the Annual Report were clarified. AH identified the payments as mileage and contractors' fees. He suggested that in future we would be getting better value for the money spent. The BMTF bank account stood at £11,950.

4 Secretary's report

A hand-over of documents and records was still to happen*. Importantly, the membership list and the waiting list were required urgently. More editorial access to the BMTF web site was needed by both RN and AH. This has now been set up by Bill Emrich.

5 Membership renewals and joining fee

It was agreed that the joining fee will remain at £100. The subscription for 2020 will be held at £295. Membership subscriptions are due by 1 March of each year. Reminders for renewal will be sent to all members early in the new year. There are currently 42 names on the waiting list.

6 Committee member's roles and responsibilities

Job description for the River Manager will be agreed at a later date. AH and RN will share the management of day ticket sales with help from BE. It was also discussed whether an online purchasing system could be set up. BE will advise.

Mark Williams will create a list of equipment and manage the repair and servicing of existing items and with TL purchase a bow saw and extendable loppers. Chestnut clefts were also put on the purchase list.

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Kevin Freezer will continue to collect and help tag the stock fish, assisted by MW and TL.

BE will manage the website, adding new members, removing members who have resigned their rods.

AH and TL will correlate the catch returns and publish results.

8 River works

RN presented an initial list of members available for work parties and their preferences for weekday or weekend work. Work parties should be an enjoyable experience with perhaps a sandwich and beer. They are a good opportunity to build some social interaction.

MW and TL to walk the river and prepare a work schedule.

9 Licences and insurance

New licences for Bintry and Yarrow farm have been agreed. AH is checking with our insurers re landowner's indemnity.

11 Website and communication

BE to add "who we are" page to identify the officers, complete with mugshots to the membership. There will be a chairman's newsletter put together by TL and distributed to the membership.. A pre-season, or early season, club event to be organised by AH possibly at Rocklands Mere.

12 Safeguarding and building the reputation

of the new committee is seen as an important endeavour. The committee will be more inclusive, open and to know and be known by all the membership. The vote for chairman carried by 28 against 20 with 12 abstaining highlights the potential division that needs to be healed.

13 AOB

MW suggested adding the Goff's beat to the day ticket offering. It was decided to leave things as they are. KF wanted to explore the possibility of having our own off-road vehicle stored at Bintry Mill. AH might be able to help in making a superannuated Corroless truck available in the near future.

14 Date of next meeting

15th January 2020 at 10am in Dereham

* The handover has now taken place.

