

# Wyvern Region (Angling Trust)

Minutes of the committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at the RBL Alphington.

**Present :-** As per book.

**Apologies :-** G Hillon, M Hansell and K Tapper

The Chairman welcomed Nevin Hunter to the meeting. Nevin is the new AT marine coordinator.

The minutes of the meeting held in April 2019 were agreed correct and were duly signed off. Proposed by J Stanford and seconded by P Hutchins.

## **Matters Arising**

1/ Handbooks seem to be stuck going forward at the moment. It was suggested that AP/MS/MH look at the best way forward and what we need to do to get them up on the website.

2/ The fact sheet had now been sent through from the AT on the JELF insurance etc. It is thought that this one has now been resolved but Nevin Hunter will check to see if life jackets etc applies to rock and boat angling or just boat angling.

3/ The friendly get together at the George and Dragon had gone well, thanks to everyone for coming, especially the guests.

4/ Hopes Nose was discussed at the April meeting but with no further developments it was decided that we have covered it enough for now.

5/ The ghost net was raised again but it was felt this should now be parked as nothing seemed to be happening down at wilcove/covehead. If we hear any more from the PPLC group we will look at it again.

6/ A short discussion was had on the various surveys etc that are going on in our local area by the D and S IFCAS. Currently they are collecting information on crab tiling and bait collecting. Hopefully all clubs and anglers have taken part. It was suggested that we perhaps try and get someone along from the D and S IFCAS to the October meeting at Plymouth to give an update.

## **Correspondence**

- 1/ Latest marine news from the AT
- 2/ DCF E news.
- 3/ FL threaten Cornish IFCAS
- 4/ Mail from Nevin to say he will be starting soon
- 5/ News from D and S IFCAS
- 6/ Latest news from FL and the AT
- 7/ IFCAS ask everyone to have their say on bait digging
- 8/ Minutes from the Lyme Bay Reserve
- 9/ The At sea angling newsletter
- 10/ Mail from DM about contact details of member clubs
- 11/ PR from the AT about the new fisheries minister
- 12/ Mail from JG Technologies about possible sponsorship at Salcombe
- 13/ Mail from S Sweet about possible wrasse potting starting up
- 14/ Mail from Blue Marine and Lyme Bay Reserve about wrassing
- 15/ Mail from Nevin about possible questions for a new survey
- 16/ Small boat and junior posters in draft
- 17/ Mail from Southern IFCAS on wrasse potting
- 18/ Mails from Eric over award scheme plus area changes
- 19/ AT press release on new British records
- 20/ Reminder about the SW forum meeting at Chippenham

- 21/ PR from AT on the new marine coordinator's role
- 22/ Mail from DM showing an extract from a PR on life jackets etc
- 23/ MMO mapping email research
- 24/ Mail from Eric giving details on spurdog catches over last few years
- 25/ AT latest news
- 26/ Copy of letter from Alex to Plymouth council about the junior comp
- 27/ Mail from Eric on possible area changes for area D
- 28/ Mail from the AT about the litter survey
- 29/ The Exe has a new harbour master

Anyone needing more details on any information or correspondence above should contact Mike Spiller.

### **Treasurer**

John handed around the balance sheet for the last quarter. After receiving 12 months bank statements a small correction had now been made. Everyone agreed with this.

Current funds stand at £7416.53

If anyone would like to see a copy of the accounts, please ask.

### **Festival Report and Dates**

Over the next three months we will be putting on two of our open events. Our Junior competition is due to be held this year will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of August start time, 10 am – 2 pm at Mt Batten Breakwater, which we put on in conjunction with the P.F.S.A.C . The necessary paperwork has been submitted to Plymouth City Council, also we have received promises of good sponsorship, with our main sponsor being Osborne & Cragg, many thanks to them for their continued support for this event.

The Salcombe small boat competition this year will be fished on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of September as previously stated this year, a lot of work has already been done regarding sponsorship and letting the relevant parties concerned know about our events. We had a meeting in early June to sort out a list of who does what, there are still a few items that need sorting, but all of the sponsorship is in place, once again a big thank you to Chris Mills who is our main sponsor again this year.

### **Fish Recorder**

Paul read out the recent FOM for June. **Paul did ask all club fish recorders to please check that any forms that are sent to him carry the correct postage. Some he is having to return to the sender as they do not have enough stamps to cover the postage.**

### **Standing Committee**

Apologies from Kevin tonight. The next Marine Meeting will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> October at Ringwood.

### **Website updates**

Apologies from Mike Hansell tonight due to holidays. The website is on-going all the time. Currently up to date with the FOM results etc. A few records still need to be discussed and then uploaded.

The Wyvern website can be found at [www.wyvernseaangling.org](http://www.wyvernseaangling.org)

### **Conservation**

Mike reported that there was a new Harbour Master appointed for the River Exe. The new patrol boat would also be doing patrols this year throughout the river. The bait collecting/hand gathering survey is also on-going with the D and D IFCAS in all the local rivers.

Many tackle shops and seaside places are now taking part in the line recycling bins, please help by taking all line to these bins.

The Lyme Bay Reserve continues to monitor and run the Reserve. Only recently we had questions about someone possibly starting up a live wrasse fishery. After lots of phone calls and emails it appears that a long process is needed to start up a new fishery.

Please remember to report anything that looks a bit dodgy to the D and S IFCAS 24 hr hotline (number at the end of these minutes)

### **200 club.**

Winner of the £50 tonight was R Shipway of Lyme Regis SAC. £10 goes to B Spiller of Honiton SAC. The £5 went to T and B ASA.

**Anyone wanting to take part in the 200 club draw, please contact A Parker/MSpiller. It's only £4 a year (£1 a draw). Please circulate within your club to help gain it some members. .**

### **Angling Trust update**

Nevin Hunter gave a quick update on AT work currently being done. His main role moving forward would be to help all the Regions where he can and look at setting up new regions around the country. Nevin pointed out that currently he is only doing this role for one day a week. There would also be a survey released soon asking AT members and AT clubs and their members to help by taking part in this important survey about the AT and their marine regions.

Everyone wished Nevin good luck and every success being the Marine Coordinator.

### **Any other business**

1/ The Chairman asked what clubs thought about Wyvern buying a nice cup/award to remember David Rowe, who we sadly lost last year. Any thoughts also on what it could be awarded for???

2/ It is hoped to have the next Wyvern meeting at Tavy Scout Lodge in Plymouth on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct at 8pm.

3/ A question had come through from Eric Geary on the weights and areas of Regions. After a discussion it was decided to let Eric know that we had no issues with him looking at splitting area D into two sections, if it helped correct some fish weights. On the question of changing the three weights within area D that were changed last year, we decided to tell him that we could not adopt these as it was discussed and minuted at the last Marine meeting that all these changes should go through the marine meetings for ratification. Wyvern had recently asked Eric for a few years data on the Boat Spurdog in all our local areas. The trend we feel now is that these fish are getting more widespread and getting bigger and bigger and it is time to put in recommendations to Eric for some changes. This can be discussed at the next marine meeting.

The meeting closed at 22.15.

**Dates for 2019/2020 have been announced early to try and prevent any clashes with club fixtures etc.**

### **Wyvern meetings dates for 2019.**

22nd October (possible Plymouth TBC)  
13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 AGM RBL Exeter

Salcombe Small Boat provisional date is Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 2019. 10am till 2pm.  
Slapton Open Shore 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020

Wyvern Presentation Evening at the RBL 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Devon and Severn IFCAS duty manager 24 hr call out number is 07740175479**