



**SHARK ANGLING CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN
MINUTES OF AGM
HELD ON 12th July 2018
AT LOOE SOCIAL CLUB**

Present - Committee

B Woodman Chairman, J McMaster Secretary, P Davis, M Collings, M Casson, H Casson, D Clarke, P Curtis, K Tapper

Present – Members

Rob Platais, Gordon Worrall, Brian Copeland, Gary James, Andrew Cottrell, Simon Ward, Ian Beaufoy, Peter Welford, Stephen Compton, John Crotty, Dave Stone, Paul Martin, Jon Read, John Cottrell, Kelvin May, Jamie Cottrell, Richard Day, Lewis Hodder, Chris Jenkins, Paul Whistance, Allan Mason, Nick Chapman, Kevin Swift, Richard Young, Nigel Birch, Chris Weaver, Jim Martin, Billy Whistance, Dave Gorrington, Pete Overton,

Apologies

Alex McKay, Gregory Johnson

Chairmans Report –

Last season was the best we have had for many years

- We had 1887 sharks being caught and released out of Looe which was an increase of 10% from the previous year. This pattern was repeated all around the coast, with skippers all reporting increased numbers.
- We launched the British Measured & Released Records and soon after confirmed a new Blue Shark record with John Dines 256.5lb shark. We also confirmed five new line class records.
- We welcomed two new skippers. Dan Margetts from Looe and Liam Faisey from Penzance. This year we have another new skipper joining us, Paul Woodman of the Bee Cool from Looe
- Our annual trophy presentation was very well attended and after 62 years we were able to present the Mitchell Hedges Special Award to John Dines and Chippy. I was also honoured to formally present IGFA awards to Andy Griffith and Chris Bett.

We now have 230 fully paid up members which has almost tripled since the AGM last year and the level of activity on our Facebook and from website feedback has grown significantly.

From an administrative perspective I would like to thank everyone for the support given to the secretary to complete the GDPR exercise. This has enabled us to complete a member data audit which has not been done for many years and we have now issued new style membership cards.

The committee have also worked hard on a new rule book which we will discuss further today.

Financially the club is healthy and the level of engagement across the sharking community continues to increase with more and more people are getting involved.

Finally, I would like you to join me in a vote of thanks to the committee and the secretary who continue to work hard on our behalf.



Meeting

1. 2017 AGM Minutes

Proposed as a true account by Murray Collings, seconded Kelvin May

2. Matters Arising

Rule Book – the secretary advised that the committee had considered several items of feedback from members and amended the draft accordingly. All members who have email had received the final draft. It was explained that propositions 1 and 7 may amend the rule book so the members were asked to place their votes on the rule book pending the decisions on these propositions. Those present voted unanimously to accept the rule book draft

3. **Accounts** – the secretary advised that all members who have email had received a copy of the accounts. Those present voted unanimously to accept the accounts.

4. **Secretary resignation** – the secretary explained that several members had asked him to explain his reasons for his resignation. He asked the meeting if they would like to hear these and all agreed. The secretary went on to explain his vision of the club and pointed out that these views were not widely shared across the membership. He also explained he was unhappy with many of the decisions being taken by the committee. He concluded by saying that he would excuse himself from the “Discuss Secretary resignation” item under AOB so all could talk freely

5. Propositions –

- a. Proposition 1 – Postal/E Vote was 9 For and 0 Against. The majority of the members assembled voted For – Proposition was carried
- b. Proposition 2 – Postal/E Vote was 9 For and 0 Against. The majority of the members assembled voted For - Proposition was carried
- c. Proposition 3 – Postal/E Vote was 8 For, 1 Against. The majority of the members assembled voted For – Proposition was carried
- d. Proposition 4 – Postal/E Vote was 9 For, 0 Against. The majority of the members assembled voted For – Proposition was carried
- e. Proposition 5 – Postal Vote was 8 For, 1 Abstain. This item generated some discussion which led to the meeting to agree to vote on proposition 5 and two amendments
 - i. Proposition 5a – Same as proposition 5 – The majority of the members assembled voted Against
 - ii. Proposition 5b amendment 1 – no minutes should be published as the committee are voted in and should be allowed to manage the club without the need to publish minutes – The majority of the members assembled voted Against
 - iii. Proposition 5c amendment 2 – minutes should be published but all sensitive topics should be “blacked out” and therefore unavailable to members other than the committee – The majority of the members assembled voted For – Proposition 5C was carried
- f. Proposition 6 – Postal/E Vote was 9 For, 0 Against. The majority of the members assembled voted For – Proposition was carried
- g. Proposition 7 Postal/E Vote was 7 For, 2 Against. The majority of the members assembled voted For – Proposition carried



6. AOB

- a. Discuss Secretary Resignation
- b. Remote member committee meeting involvement – this topic was discussed, and several suggestions made. Kevin Tapper explained that finding a resolution to members being able to contribute “live” in a committee meeting from a remote location was a project given to him by the committee and confirmed he would consider all the points made by the members present.
- c. Vice President – Richard Day advised the meeting that he would like to be considered for the position of Vice President. Secretary explained that this would not be possible until the next AGM and advised he would provide Richard with the process he would need to follow
- d. Festival start time communication – Chris Jenkins advised the meeting of his disappointment at arriving too late for the boat in day two which he put down to poor communication on behalf of the club. After some discussion it was agreed that the committee would revisit festival communication to see what improvements could be made.
- e. Membership admission – there was a general discussion around this subject which covered a Bronze/Silver/Gold system, membership confirmed on the catch and release of any shark but only those who caught and released one of qualifying size could take part in the festival, full member available on catching any shark with an upgrade to Gold Membership on catching and releasing a qualifier and some other suggestions. It was decided that membership admission would be reviewed by the committee.
- f. Satellite Festivals – the concept of festivals out of Looe being arranged by the club or included if arranged by others, into the SACGB in some form was raised and after some general discussion it was decided that this would be reviewed by committee.
- g. Festival dates – the merits of the committee versus the AGM setting Festival dates was discussed. The meeting agreed that’s with the constraints largely being around boat availability that the committee were best placed to set the Festival dates

7. Elections –

President – the committee nominee for the role of President of the SACGB was Ian King. The Postal/E Vote was 13 For, 0 Against. The majority of the members assembled voted for Ian – Ian was elected President of the SACGB

Committee Members

- a. Alex McKay – Postal/E Vote 17 For, 1 Abstain. The majority of the members assembled voted For – Alex McKay was elected
- b. Dave Stone – Postal/E Vote 16 For, 2 Against. The majority of the members assembled voted For – Dave Stone was elected
- c. Bob Woodman – Postal/E Vote 13 For, 4 Against, 1 Abstain. The majority of the members assembled voted For – Bob Woodman was elected
- d. Hilary Casson – Postal/E Vote 8 For, 10 Against. The members assembled (excluding those who had chosen to use a postal/e vote) voted 15 For, 18 Against – Combined vote was 23 For, 28 Against – Hilary Casson was not elected
- e. Kevin Tapper – Postal/E Vote 17 For, 1 Abstain. The majority of the members assembled voted For – Kevin Tapper was elected

This result when combined with committee members starting their second term means



the number of committee members is now 7. The maximum number of committee members is 9 but since the committee is quorate at 4 the decision to have two more committee members or not will be taken by the committee at a later date.