



**SHARK ANGLING CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018  
AT THE LOOE SOCIAL CLUB**

Present: B Woodman Chairman, J McMaster Secretary, K Tapper, M Casson, M Collings, D Stone, P Davis

Apologies: A McKay, P Curtis

Visiting Members: Richard Day, Billy Whistance

Minutes of last meeting: Proposed M Collings, seconded K Tapper

**Matters Arising**

1. Committee/Officer Roles – secretary advised he had added a communications responsibility to the secretary role description since circulating the documents but otherwise there were no changes. Meeting accepted the role descriptions
2. Trophy Work Update –
  - a. Meeting agreed the definition of the proposed Carl Aldridge Trophy and secretary confirmed he would update Carl and obtain an estimate of when the trophy would be available
  - b. Mustad Big Hook Trophies – K Tapper confirmed he would have the two new Mustad Big Hook Trophies available for this years trophy awards
  - c. Kevin Tapper Unmeasured Trophy – K Tapper confirmed he would have his unmeasured trophy available for this years trophy awards
3. Accounts
  - a. The secretary reported that Helen Davis had very kindly filed last years accounts with HMRC. The meeting requested the secretary to arrange for her to receive flowers as a thank you for her help with this
  - b. P Davis advised the meeting that whilst Helen would be willing to assist with helping to prepare material required to produce the accounts she did not wish to take on the role of Treasurer, so an accountant still needs to be obtained to enable the club accounts to be produced for the current year and going forward. To be discussed more at next meeting
4. Website Update – meeting confirmed they remained comfortable with developments.
5. Confidentiality text at the end of emails – secretary advised this was not yet done
6. Festival 2019 update:
  - a. Secretary advised the current numbers were 50 full members and 3 associate members who had confirmed they would submit their applications in October as agreed
  - b. Secretary advised on the assumption that the Looe boats who joined this years Festival joined again in the 2019 Festival, 5 boats from outside of Looe would be required. This was proving to be difficult as the amount of money being offered was insufficient to attract them. He suggested that £1500 for the three days would be needed.
  - c. The secretary also reported that during the 2018 competition several anglers had stated that having 5 on a boat reduced their chances compared to a boat with 4 and their view was that each boat should carry 4. This was discussed, and it was felt that where possible the club should aim to do this but accepted that there



could be situations when this would not be possible. It was also pointed out that this would increase the Festival cost

- d. This opened a general discussion on Looe boat charge rates. With one Looe skipper having advised that he needed £1500 to enable him to join the 2019 Festival, it was suggested that other Looe skippers could be in a similar position.
  - e. The secretary presented the income/cost position of the Festival and demonstrated that if all visiting boats were paid £1500 there was some money available to help Looe boats where required. Depending on the additional amount the Looe boats required it may be possible to run the 2019 Festival at break even or a small loss, but looking forward to the 2020 Festival his view was that the competition entry fee, assuming the same prize format, should increase
  - f. After much general discussion it was agreed that each Looe skipper should be approached to establish what rate they wished to charge for the 2019 Festival. With this information it would then be possible to determine the 2019 Festival position with respect to breakeven/loss so further action could be considered.
  - g. The meeting instructed the secretary to work to secure 5 boats from outside Looe at the £1500 fee level
  - h. It also transpired that Mystique II and Swallow II had been underpaid by £150 for the 2018 Festival. This additional money was to cover both boats taking 5 anglers. The secretary advised he had been unaware of this agreement and supported by Kevin Tapper confirmed since it had been agreed it would be paid
7. Committee member co-opting – it was agreed that the committee should operate at its full strength and the secretary was requested to contact Simon Ward to establish if he was still interested in the role
  8. Member quayside conversation re catch & release information board – secretary advised he had discussed this with LHC who were agreeable in principle subject to the relevant payments being made and text approval. The secretary advised he and Dave Clarke have a meeting arranged for 2<sup>nd</sup> October with LHC and that he would endeavour to have a draft available by then
  9. Trophy Evening – secretary requested to ask the Looe Harbour Master if she would like to present the trophies at this years prize giving. No further guests were required
  10. Holding Sharks – secretary advised that he had received feedback about sharks being held by the gills to enable a photograph to be taken. The meeting agreed we should invite a suitably qualified Marine Biologist/Scientist to give advice on this subject with a view to preparing a best practise document. Secretary requested to contact Simon Thomas at the MBA in Plymouth

### **New Business**

1. Trophy awards meeting – this will be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October but will be in the Jolly Sailor
2. AGM follow up actions – these are all now complete except for the “Who’s, Who” listing for the website. Secretary requested a suitable photograph and text from each committee member and office holder, so this can be put on the website
3. Tags – secretary advised meeting that a Looe tagged shark had been recovered by 1555 nautical miles from Looe and presented the material received from Apex Predators (NOAA) – our current tagging partners. He asked the skippers present to use up the remaining tags as quickly as possible, so more can be requested before the end of the year
4. Heritage Centre Update – Dave Clarke has a meeting quite soon with Angling Heritage and will update the committee on this. He also has a meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October with the LHC when the SACGB involvement with the Heritage Centre will be discussed



5. Secretary position – the meeting accepted that the club should take a flexible approach to the replacement of the present secretary and advertise the role with the option to be done by one person as current or to have the role divided into smaller parts. Secretary requested to advertise the role(s) in local shops, across the membership and on any suitable Facebook pages. The secretary requested the committee to consider a fall-back plan if the role or roles are not fully replaced by the end of March
6. Shark Trust Poster endorsement – the secretary presented the Shark Trust Poster to the meeting who confirmed they were comfortable with endorsing it.
7. Heritage Centre Talk – P Davis and M Collings agreed to provide a talk during the winter months at the Heritage Centre.

#### **AOB**

1. Festival & Associate members – Dave Stone pointed out that the Festival rules should be updated to confirm that associate members will be eligible for all prizes in the festival. Secretary requested to update documentation as appropriate
2. Iris Trophy – secretary pointed out that the qualifying period for this trophy ends on the 8th October which takes it beyond the end of the season. He suggested that he point this out to members when he advises them to process any claims promptly in September. Dave Stone requested that he present this trophy at this years prize giving which the meeting agreed.
3. Qualifying weight/length – P Davis reported that there was some confusion about what SACGB membership criteria is. Secretary explained that it had been agreed at the time the rule book was redrawn to move to calculated estimated weight and that the decision had been taken to continue with both the length criteria and the calculated estimated weight criteria until the end of this years season. This prompted a general discussion on the relevant merits of both systems. The conclusion was that both systems would have their supporters and objectors and that the topic would be discussed further at the next meeting
4. Richard Day submitted his letter to apply for club Vice President. Secretary advised that the letter needs to be retained and considered by the committee at the committee meeting immediately following the 2019 AGM

**Date of Next Meeting - 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7pm, at the Looe Social Club.**