



**SHARK ANGLING CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
AT THE LOOE SOCIAL CLUB**

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

Apologies: P Curtis

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

**Simon Thomas visit**

1. Simon shared his experience and expertise with the committee regarding best practice in shark handling. He is a qualified Marine Biologist with extensive shark tagging experience and also has recreational and commercial fishing experience. The secretary was requested to produce an initial draft best practice document which Simon agreed to support with material and editorial

**Matters Arising**

The discussion with Simon Thomas reduced the time available for normal business so the agenda was prioritized as follows:

1. Trophy Update
  - a. Carl Aldridge Trophy on order
  - b. Mustad Big Hook and K Tapper unmeasured trophies on schedule to be available for the presentation evening
2. Accounts
  - a. Meeting recognized that the club would need an accountant going forward
3. Festival Sponsorship
  - a. Alex presented his idea of a member lottery and a Festival Programme where local business would buy advertising space. Alex agreed to produce the necessary material early in the new year for committee approval
4. Member quayside Conversation re catch & release
  - a. Meeting confirmed their agreement with the draft signage which the secretary and Dave Clarke will use as the basis with their discussions with LHC
5. Confidentiality text at the end of emails – secretary advised this was not yet done
6. Trophy awards meeting
  - a. Secretary reminded all that this meeting would take place at 7pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> October in the Jolly Sailor
7. Steve Murphy
  - a. Secretary explained he had been approached by Steve Murphy who had requested he attend a SACGB committee meeting to present his ideas for a sporting Tuna fishery. Committee agreed to meet Steve
8. Trophy Presentation - 2020 date
  - a. Meeting confirmed that they would be agreeable to the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019 for the trophy evening provided the Portbyhan had this date available
9. Festival date 2020



- a. Secretary pointed out the risks associated with the committee not fixing a festival date early enough to ensure they got enough boats. Committee agreed

10. Festival

- a. Skipper with most sharks should have a trophy – secretary to arrange

11. Qualifying criteria

- a. Pete Davis presented a couple of examples where the formula did not work as it was producing too low a weight. After much discussion the committee agreed by majority that the club return to the fixed length qualifying criteria until a more accurate formula and/or measurements were available. Secretary requested to amend rule book etc to reflect this change.
- b. Secretary to produce an explanation for this change to be posted appropriately



**AOB**

1. GB Shark Festival

- a. Simon Ward requested that the committee consider a UK wide festival held on the same day. The challenges with this were discussed and it was agreed that the best way to approach this was to look at ports running their own local festival with the winner(s) taking part in a festival held in a different port each year.

**Date of Next Meeting** - 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7pm, at the Looe Social Club.