



SHARK ANGLING CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN
MINUTES OF AGM
HELD ON 4th July 2019 at 8pm
AT LOOE SOCIAL CLUB

Present - Committee

B Woodman Chairman, C Kelly Secretary, P Davis, M Collings, K Tapper, D Stone,

Present – Members

C Jenkins, R Day, I Tomlinson, G Worrall, G James, P Martin, H Casson, C Benning, S Rowe, M Smith, S Costick, J Read, C Aldridge, J Jackson, S Hunt, D O'Malley, K Swift, B Whistance, L Hodder

Apologies

A McKay, P Curtis, S Ward

Chairmans Report –

The Chairman read the following report;

‘On a sad note I have to report on the passing of Mel Casson. Mel was a long time member of the club and a committee member. Our thoughts are with Hilary.’

The Chairman then led a minute of silence for Mel.

‘Last season’s total catch and release was slightly less than the previous year, 1887 in 2017 and 1857 last year. Whilst the total was less the number of qualifying sharks was increased to 120. The number of porbeagle sharks also showed an increase to 29. We now have 271 members this figure includes 20 life members and the level of activity on Facebook and website has increased significantly. Most of you will know of the recent adverse publicity regarding the catching of porbeagle sharks and the subsequent involvement of the Shark Trust. This could in the future lead to restrictions on what we do. In order for our club to be properly represented we have joined the Angling Trust. In the future I think that we should be more proactive in our approach to our sport, an example would be releasing some sharks at the side of the boat and being careful what pictures are posted on Facebook and our website. If sharks were boarded, they should be tagged, and the clubs best practise should be followed. Financially the club is healthy and the level of engagement across the sharking community continues to increase with more and more people getting involved. I would like to thank the committee for all the work they have done over the last year. Special thanks must go to our new secretary Claire Kelly and to Alex McKay for producing the programme for this year’s festival.’

Meeting

1. 2017 AGM Minutes

Proposed as a true and accurate record by C Jenkins and seconded by M Collings.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.



3. **Accounts** – the secretary advised that as a new accountant had only just been secured, there were no accounts to approve, currently.

4. **Propositions** –

- a. Proposition 1 – Postal/E Vote was 8 For and 0 Against. A discussion took place during which an amendment was made. The amended proposition, as follows *‘It is proposed that there is no complete ‘Release at side of boat’ policy. The boating of sharks to be at the discretion of the Skipper. E.g. 400lb pregnant Porbeagles are best boat side release’* was voted for. The majority of the members voted ‘For’. The amended proposition to be sent out to all postal/e-voters and reported back to the next Monthly Committee Meeting.
- b. Proposition 2 – Postal/E Vote was 5 For and 3 Against. The majority of the members assembled voted ‘Against’ - Proposition was not carried

5. **AOB**

- a. H Casson asked if the Committee would consider making the Club’s Facebook page a closed group for members of the club, only. A discussion took place. The matter to be discussed further at the next Monthly Committee Meeting.
- b. P Martin suggested earlier starts for the Festival next year, as boats were, generally, faster in getting to the angling areas.

6. **Elections** –

President

The President of the SACGB, Ian King, was happy to continue to serve as President. The majority of the members assembled voted for Ian – Ian was elected President of the SACGB

Committee Members

- a. P Davis – Postal/E Vote 11 For. The majority of the members assembled voted ‘For’ – P Davis was elected
- b. M Collings – Postal/E Vote 11 For. The majority of the members assembled voted ‘For’ – M Collings was elected
- c. S Ward – Postal/E Vote 10 For, 1 Against. The majority of the members assembled voted ‘For’ – S Ward was elected

The 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.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm