**SHARK ANGLING CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON 26th June 2019 AT 8pm**

**AT THE HANNAFOR POINT HOTEL, PLAIDY SUITE**

Present**:** B Woodman - Chairman, C Kelly - Secretary, K Tapper, M Collings, S Ward, P Davis, A Mckay, S Thomas and D Stone

Absent: P Curtis

The Chairman announced the sad passing of Committee member Mr M Casson. The Committee requested that condolences be sent to Mrs Hilary Casson.

Minutes of last meeting: Approval proposed by S Ward and seconded by M Collings

**Matters Arising**

1. Tagging Programme – S Thomas gave a briefing regarding the tags (funded by the EMFF) that Matt Whit (University of Exeter), along with Cefas and the Shark Trust want to put on sharks to study survivability. They also want to take blood samples to test for levels of stress. This was hoping to start this year.

A discussion took place. Approximately 5 boats had been requested with two of the study group on board each boat. It was felt that this was an opportunity for the SACGB to steer the study in the direction of specific boats. It was felt that Committee members should be on board to see what process is taking place and if it is being done within an acceptable time scale. S Thomas stated that the data had been offered to be shared with the club before it was published. It was agreed that P Davis would allow the study group onboard.

K Tapper and S Thomas to work together to write a reply to M Whit stating that the club requested a trial of what would take place, including the blood testing and to request what their experimental design and hypothesis were and what exactly they are looking for.

1. SCBI – K Tapper to meet with D West (SCBI) in August as he felt a face to face talk was required to find some common ground and, rather than change any of the club’s policies, to hopefully achieve a joint statement.
2. Festival Sponsorship - Mr McKay provided the Committee with details of the sponsors for the Festival Programme, totalling £800, which was going to print on Friday 28th June.
3. Festival – 53 anglers and 14 boats currently booked. C Gill had lost his boat but was now insured for another boat that he was borrowing. Two anglers had had to cancel this week. A discussion took place during which it was agreed that P Davis, P Woodman and O Malia would take only three anglers. Monies, unfortunately, could not be refunded to the anglers due to the short time scale and no current waiting list.
4. Festival 2020 – the secretary confirmed the dates for next year’s festival with the Committee. The Committee requested a Costings Summary to be drawn up and skippers costs be confirmed, before a charge was agreed.

**Correspondence**

* M Shipp, Badge of Honour – Mr Shipp had suggested that a ‘Badge of Honour’ could be attained by the anglers for length of membership with the club. After a discussion it was agreed that badges or ties could be purchased for 10, 20, 30 years etc membership, with different colours for each year. The secretary to collate some prices and information.
* C Kelly - Harbour Office concerns – The secretary made the Commissioners aware that in her full-time job at the Harbour Office, she had been questioned about whether she was working for the SACGB in Harbour works time. This she DID NOT do but wanted to make the Committee aware that this issue had been raised and that any work she did for the SACGB was in her own time.

**Any Other Business**

* The secretary provided a brief summary of the propositions received for the upcoming AGM, also a summary of the arrangements which had been made for Festival Week regarding the meetings etc.
* S Thomas offered a sling for any of the skippers that do not have one for the festival. The secretary to contact any skippers that do not have doors on board to ensure that they have a sling.
* The secretary advised that it was also the Lugger Regatta during the weekend of 6th July and some Shark Festival boats may have to be moved around in the Harbour to accommodate that.
* K Tapper requested to make an announcement at the Festival draw that the club (and the sport) is under close scrutiny and to think about whether a shark should be brought on board and if it is, do they need to photograph it and put it on social media. If there is a photograph can the shark be fully supported. This was agreed. The secretary advised that she would also be closely monitoring the SACGB Facebook page.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

**Date of Next Meeting –** 4th July 2019 at 7.45pm, at Looe Social Club, AGM.

29th July 2019 at 7pm, at Looe Social Club, Monthly Committee Meeting