**SHARK ANGLING CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON 29th July 2019 AT 7pm**

**AT THE LOOE SOCIAL CLUB**

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

Members in attendance: D O’Malley, H O’Malley and P Martin

Minutes of last meeting: Approval proposed by K Tapper and seconded by P Davis

**Matters Arising**

1. Angling Trust Meeting – The secretary confirmed that the meeting with David Mitchell (Angling Trust) was confirmed for Monday 19th August, 2019. K Tapper added that the matter to be discussed is that the Angling Trust are meeting with DEFRA, who want to make a proposal regarding Porbeagles. They would like SACGB to take the lead. The recommended proposals were;

A. that there is a closed season

B. that there is a closed area

1. Vice President Postal/e-votes – I Harbage had received a total of 22 votes. R Day had received a total of 18 votes. Mr I Harbage was duly elected Vice Chairman.
2. Committee - Mr S Thomas had agreed to join the Committee
3. Proposition 1 – Amendment Postal/e-votes – There was a further 16 votes in favour of the amended proposition. The proposition was carried.
4. Facebook suggestion – members only – a discussion took place during which it was agreed that all posts to the closed Facebook group would have to be approved by the Admin team of the group prior to posting. Secretary to action. It was also suggested that a standard letter was drawn up for the club to send to individuals/groups that do not comply with the SACGB’s best practise document to show the clubs positive intentions. P Martin advised that he was happy to become an administrator of the Facebook page. He was then also co-opted on to the Committee.

The Committee is now: B Woodman (Chairman), M Collings (Vice Chairman), P Davis, A McKay, K Tapper, D Stone, S Ward, S Thomas and P Martin.

1. Festival 2019 – Washup – The secretary advised that the festival had raised £87. A donation had been made to the Heritage Centre for the two good talks that had been held there. The programmes had been a ‘learning curve’ this year and would be improved next year. Earlier starts for next years Festival were discussed, this to be looked at further as the date gets closer. The secretary read a letter from Mr D Gorring regarding the boat and skipper of the Saltwind. It was agreed that Saltwind would not be booked for 2020.
2. Festival 2020 – after a discussion, it was agreed that the cost for 2020 Festival would be £450 per person to cover rising costs.
3. Badge/Ties of Honour – The secretary advised that ties had proved expensive, she had then gained quotes for embroidered patches and metal pin badges. It was agreed that 10 year, 25 year and 50 year badges and patches would be purchased.

**Correspondence**

* Insurance Renewal– it was agreed that the insurance should be renewed.
* Lucky Run Club Tapestry prize – The secretary advised that two complaints had been received regarding the giving of the last Leaping Mako Tapestry as a prize for the Lucky Run Club. P Davis that he had advised the people that the tapestry was in a fairly poor condition and couldn’t be given as a ‘Trophy’ prize.

**Any Other Business**

* Tag Returns were handed in by M Collings and P Davis.
* M Collings felt that the Porbeagle Trophy should be ‘held back’ temporarily while the current situation was assessed. It was agreed that this would be done.
* P Davis advised that this time last year there had been 582 sharks caught including 71 qualifiers, this year there had been only 466 sharks caught and released which included 41 qualifiers. But that Dan Gummow had caught and released 5 qualifiers that weekend and H O’Malley had an 173lb estimated weight catch.
* S Thomas offered to put the data from P Davis into a scientific format.
* K Tapper advised that there were some additions to the Best Practise document that he would like to discuss.
* R Platais had sent in a letter regarding his loss of monies for the festival due to cancellation. It was agreed that anglers should be encouraged to take out their own holiday insurance.
* C Aldridge suggested a ‘Hall of Fame’ for anglers who had won the festival more than once and a ‘Hat Trick Trophy’ for anyone who may win it three times. It was agreed that a Hall of Fame would be added to the website along with special recognition for the achievement of Harvey O’Malley this weekend with his record catch of qualifying sharks.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

**Date of Next Meeting –** 19th August 2019 at 7pm – Special Meeting with David Mitchell (Angling Trust)