



**SHARK ANGLING CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN
COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 24th February 2020 AT 7pm
AT THE LOOE SOCIAL CLUB**

Present: B Woodman - Chairman, C Kelly - Secretary, P Davis, S Thomas, D Stone, S Ward, K Tapper, A McKay,

Apologies: P Martin, M Collings

Special Guest: Matt Witt, Conservation Biologist, attended and gave a talk to the Committee on the 'Post Release Survival Tagging Program' which had received grant funding from the EMFF. The Club to work with Matt to provide skippers to facilitate the work of the program. The aim being to detect and promote optimum angling and care methods for the survival of the fish caught.

The main meeting commenced at 8pm.

Minutes of last meeting: Approval proposed by S Ward and seconded by P Davis.

Matters Arising

1. Best Practice Document update – K Tapper stated that as the allocation of trophies for next season would be reviewed in the upcoming months, the Best Practice Document should be updated at this point. This was agreed.
2. Relocation of Awards - Update – The Secretary stated that the Mitchel Hedges Trophy had been additionally engraved, and the Iris Memorial Trophy had had its plaque removed and replaced with the updated information.
3. Dan Gummow – Mustad Skipper Trophy. The Committee discussed the matter, Mr Gummow to be reallocated the Mustad Skipper Trophy for the catch by Harvey O'Malley.
4. Trophy Future Allocation Wording – The Committee to discuss prior to the AGM in July.
5. Certificate of Recognition – D Stone sorting.
6. Festival Update – The Secretary advised that the Festival 2020 was now fully booked with 51 anglers and 13 boats also signed up.
7. Geoff Flores Letter – The Secretary read a draft of a 'Thank You' Letter to Mr Flores which was approved. A fishing trip, paid for by the Committee, to be offered to Mr Flores grandson, Jeff Trump.
8. Sam Norbett/Jerry Rogers Talk – S Ward to chase for a date for the talk.

Lucky Run Club

- The Winner of the February draw was P Davis winning £65.00

New Business

- John Hughes – Life Member? – The Secretary had received an email from Mr John Hughes who had become a Life Member of the Club in 1971. He was asking for access to the members area of the website, but the Secretary could not find confirmation that Mr Hughes was a life member. The Committee confirmed that Mr Hughes was and that the information could be released.
- Lucky Run Club – A Registration Renewal form for the Gambling Act 2005 - Small Society Registration Annual Fee had been received. The Committee agreed that the fee of £20 should be paid for the upcoming year.



- Store Room Cupboard and Key – The Secretary advised that a new lock had been fitted to the Club's storeroom as the Harbour Office had used an old key to gain access to the Store Room and had not been able to lock the door again. They had contacted the Secretary to lock the door the next day, leaving the contents of the room vulnerable for 24 hours. The Secretary also asked for permission to buy new shelf storage to organise the stock on, for ease of access which was granted.
- Heritage Centre Talk – The Secretary had contacted the Heritage Centre to discuss a date for a talk and been told that they were now charging for use of the Centre. The Secretary suggested using the bottom bar of the Social Club as it was free, had the equipment and a bar. This was agreed. A date to be discussed.

Any Other Business

- S Thomas stated that he had had a reply regarding the advice that had been requested from the MMO. This stated that previous advice which had been given was incorrect. It also stated that Porbeagles are also now no longer globally at risk therefore there was no basis to what the MMO had told the Club. The Club could now reconsider their position. S Thomas to write a statement for use on Facebook and the Website.
- K Tapper stated that the President had asked him to suggest that John Kiddow be asked to present the Trophies at the October Presentation Night. The Chairman to invite Mr Kiddow.
- K Tapper stated that Sarah Roberts, who was well renowned for producing You Tube videos of shark fishing would like to come and talk to the Club. Also, Hannah, who tags bigger sharks and is held in high esteem for Sea Fishing would be interested in addressing the Committee. Dates to be arranged.
- P Davis stated that further to a request from D Stone for petrol expenses to attend meetings, last month, he felt that this could 'open a can of worms'. It was agreed to try and get a Wifi signal booster to attempt the Skype connection again prior to any decisions being made regarding recompense. The last two months petrol expenses to be paid to D Stone at a cost of £62.50 per meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Date of Next Meeting – 30th March 2020 at 7pm