



**SHARK ANGLING CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN
COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 26th April 2021 AT 7pm
At Chairman's House (outside) and Via Zoom (DUE TO CORONAVIRUS)**

Present: B Woodman - Chairman, C Kelly - Secretary, P Davis, M Collings, A McKay

Via Zoom: S Ward, S Thomas, D Stone

Apologies:, K Tapper, P Martin

Absent: C Aldridge

Minutes of Last Meeting – September 2020. Proposed as an accurate record by Pete Davis, seconded by Murray Collings.

Matters Arising

1. Festival Update – The secretary advised that a response had still not been received from the Harbour Office regarding a 'Plan B' and using the Quayside Centre, but the Social Club had been in touch and the SACGB were able to use the Social Club from 17th May, which indicated that SACGB should be able to use their facilities for the Festival.
2. Angling Heritage – Touch Screen. The Secretary advised that no response had yet been received from the Harbour Office as to whether they would allow it to be installed.
3. Glaibasel Trophy – an email had been sent to John Faulkner. No response had been received.

Lucky Run Club

- The Winner of the April draw was Bob Woodman winning £75.00

New Business

- **Ian King, Trophy Claim** – A claim for a 400lb Porbeagle had been received from Ian King. This was agreed by the Committee and will be entered into the Trophy Claim spreadsheet on the SACGB website for the current season.
- **Draft Proposal – Coalition for Sea Angling Science (CASS).** - The draft proposal from the CASS had been received, as follows:

Name Ideas Coalition for Sea Angling Science (CASS) Fishing for Shark Science? (FiSS) More to come!

Background

Recreational shark anglers have a wealth of practical knowledge and data arising from the range of geographical coverage and level of activity which exists within the sport.

The science community possess the knowledge and skills to utilise the relevant investigative and analytical tools to extract knowledge from the data.

Aim

To better understand UK populations of sharks to improve their management through building relationships and collaborative endeavours between the angling and scientific communities.

Vision

Anglers and scientists, together as equals, for sharks.

Objectives

For recreational anglers to:



- Facilitate recreational anglers and scientists to come together and recognise that by combining their knowledge and skills, they can better promote their shared objective of improved understanding and protection of our UK shark species
- Work toward reducing the overexploitation of sharks by way of an ongoing process of education, awareness and provision of scientific advice to relevant management bodies
- Better understand the distribution, abundance, ecology and movement patterns of UK shark species
- Contribute to national and international shark management fora
- Advocate the relevance and importance of the knowledge, including catch and other data, from the recreational angling community
- Develop a national point of capture reporting mechanism that anglers are happy and able to contribute to

And to optimise the sustainability, diversity and resilience of this sector by:

- Providing anglers with the best resources and information on shark biology, ecology and conservation
- Supporting the recreational shark angling community with its development and ongoing review of shark angling and handling best practice
- Engaging with and making the sport more accessible to, a diverse range of people to improve participation, including those from vulnerable communities and disadvantaged socio-economic group

The Committee agreed to all points of the draft document.

- **Porbeagle presentation of data** – Simon Thomas requested that he could present the SACGB's reconstructed Porbeagle data from Looe to ICCAT in September. The Committee agreed.
- **Shark Survivorship Research Project** – Simon Thomas forwarded an email from Tom Horton requesting that the SACGB play a role in the Shark Survivorship Project. The Committee agreed that they would and P Davis and M Collings offered their boats for the Project.
- **Addition to Notable Fish List** – Keith Armishaw (Angling Heritage) had found a Porbeagle caught by K J Stepney in 1953, which had not been included in the Notable Fish list, on the Clubs website. The Committee agreed that this should now be included.
- **Data share with ICCAT** – J McMaster request (as per Simon Thomas' Porbeagle data request – all agreed)

Any Other Business

- Simon Thomas stated that the Shark Program had been approved for Bluefin Tuna, and he was trying to obtain a gift for Steve Murphy. He was trying to obtain a picture of the first tuna that Steve had caught put onto canvas for him and wondered if the club would like to be associated. The Committee agreed unanimously.

There were no further matters to discuss.

The meeting closed at 7.33pm.

Date of Next Meeting – 24th May 2021 at 7pm Lower Bar, Social Club, West Looe.