



**SHARK ANGLING CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022 AT 7.00pm  
At Looe Social Club and Via Zoom**

Present: - B Woodman - Chairman, C Kelly - Secretary, M Collings, P Davis, C Aldridge, K Tapper, S Dabney, I Harbage (Vice President)

Via Zoom: S Ward, N Hodge, S Thomas (Honorary Biologist)

Apologies: D Stone

Absent: A McKay

**Minutes of Last Meeting –**

**22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022** - Proposed as an accurate record by P Davis, seconded by C Aldridge

**Matters Arising**

1. Brigadier Caunter's grave – permission for the cleaning of the gravestone. Update: C Aldridge advised that permission was needed for structural change to the grave stone but that cleaning up would be permitted and could go ahead.

**Trophy Claims**

1. Spencer Wright – Claim for Sammy Porbeagle, Hampshire Trophy - accepted
2. Richard Day – Claim for R J Day & July trophy– accepted.
3. Chris Avery – Claim for Mitchell Hedges, September cup trophies - accepted.
4. Kevin Tapper – Claim for trophy Derek Denne– accepted
5. Ian Harbage – Claim for Iris Memorial trophy (subject to any further claims by the 8<sup>th</sup> October) - accepted

**Trophy Allocation 2022**

The Committee discussed the trophy claims for the current season and, subject to any further claims being received by midnight on 30<sup>th</sup> September, the claims were approved. A list to be drawn up and confirmed at a small further meeting after 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

P Davis advised that some of the trophies were now losing their silver plate and could do with being refurbished. A list to be made up of the trophies requiring attention.

**Lucky Run Club**

- The Winner of the September draw was Pete Davis winning £75.00

**New Business**

1. The secretary advised that she had looked in the store and there were a couple of potential trophies for the Team Festival winners. The Committee agreed upon an unengraved tankard.
2. The secretary read an email from Warren at Coleshill Rotary Club thanking them for Ian Harbage's talk at their meeting. The Committee congratulated and thanked Mr Harbage.
3. The secretary read the following email from Mike Wallis:

**Bill whistance contacted us saying our rigs were too long to claim a trophy backed up by Pete Davis. They are 16ft long - 12ft rubbing leader and 5 ft bite trace.**

**Can you remind members at the committee meeting of the SACGB rules adopted from the IGFA Rules**



## Many thanks

### Mike

The Committee asked the secretary to point out the club rules to Mr Wallis, as listed on the SACGB Website, as follows: *The use of a leader or trace is not required. If one is used, it must meet the following specifications. The length of the leader is the overall length, including any lure, hook arrangement, or other device. The leader must be connected to the line with a snap, knot, splice, swivel or other device. Holding devices are prohibited. There are no regulations regarding the material strength of the leader. 18 In all classes up to and including 10kg (20lb), the leader shall be limited to 4.57 metres (15 feet). The combined length of double line and leader shall not exceed 6.1 metres (20 feet). The leader in all classes of tackle over 10kg (20lb) shall be limited to 9.14metres (30 feet). The combined length of double line and leader shall be limited to 12.19metres (40 feet).*

4. Hannafore Point Hotel – Presentation Evening Menu choices. Menu B (£30 per person) was chosen.
5. 28<sup>th</sup> November meeting – the secretary advised that she wouldn't be present, but Steve Murphy would be attending to give a talk on Bluefin Tuna.

## Any Other Business

1. Carl Aldridge advised that he had talked to Ian King, regarding the Thresher tail in the store. They felt that the tail should be displayed somewhere, but felt that it needed protecting with a frame. Enquiries to be made at the Social Club to see if they would consider displaying it in the bottom bar along with the SACGB Flag.
2. Simon Thomas stated that the JNCC decision regarding Porbeagles had been postponed for a year. Nigel Hodge said that there was a suggestion that the Shark Trust may propose an open/closed season. He felt that there were potential consequences including a similar proposal for Blue Sharks. He asked how the Committee felt about approaching the Shark Trust and offering to undertake Porbeagle fishing on Charter boats only on an open/close season basis and manage it via licencing, rather than just sitting back and doing nothing. The Chairman stated that the SACGB couldn't be responsible for private boat owners going out catching Porbeagles. N Hodge said that what was being sought was a blanket ban and he was suggesting that fishery could be controlled, much the same as Bluefin Tuna. K Tapper felt that it would be a good idea to include the skippers from the North Coast in these conversations. N Hodge stated that skippers weren't helping themselves, with images being spread across social media. K Tapper said that the SACGB had spoken to the Shark Trust just a few months prior to the application and they were asked if there was anything that they were going to do and they had lied, so to go back to them and try to be 'proactive' went against the grain. M Collings felt that the amount of small Porbeagles being seen in the last few years had changed. This year, none had been seen and there was obviously a reason behind this. N Hodge said '*exploiting pregnant females in any sport is not acceptable and there are three participants, in particular, who are not helping to keep this under the radar and now we are trying to clean up the mess*'. He also stated that when inaccurate information regarding mortality rates was being published, we had to defend ourselves and take this seriously to secure the fishery. S Thomas added that most of the information that the Shark Trust was publishing had been discredited and that even Natural England don't trust the information that they provide. Natural England had agreed to take information from the SACGB and Shark Hub in the future. S Thomas felt that because of the weight of evidence given to the JNCC they would be reluctant to do anything, but that didn't mean that nothing could be done and that the pregnancy issue could come back to haunt us.
3. C Aldridge stated that as far as the closed season was concerned, the Committee must show unity with all decisions. M Collings stated that the three North Coast skippers must be included. The Chairman stated that Simon Thomas had the most information on this subject and any decision that was made should be based upon his recommendations. K Tapper stated that the North Coast skippers also listened to Simon and respected his recommendations.



4. S Thomas showed the Committee a new app which converts length and girth into size and ages of the different species of fish. This was currently being developed.
5. Simon Ward stated that he would like the Committee to look at the costings for next year's Festival. The Chairman stated that it had been agreed to look at this in January. M Collings said that the fuel prices seemed to be stabilising, which was good. P Davis felt that consideration could be made to putting 5 people on bigger boats and 4 on the smaller boats, which could help with costs for the anglers. This to be looked at in January with the Festival costings.
6. S Dabney asked if the membership numbers could be put on the certificates in future as he had had trouble finding his number and his certificate was framed and on the wall! The secretary agreed.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

**Date of Next Meeting** – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7.00pm Lower Bar, Social Club, West Looe and via Zoom.