



**SHARK ANGLING CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN
COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 31st July 2023 AT 7.00pm
At Looe Social Club, bottom bar and Via Zoom**

Present: - B Woodman - Chairman, C Kelly - Secretary, P Davis, S Dabney, C Aldridge,

Via Zoom: K Tapper, M, Collings (Vice President)

Apologies: A McKay, S Ward

Absent: D Stone, S Thomas (Honorary Biologist),

Minutes of Last Meeting –

31st July 2023 - Proposed as an accurate record by P Davis, seconded by S Dabney

Matters Arising

1. Trophy Repairs – update. S Dabney has taken the Pearl trophy for a quote which is roughly £150. The search is ongoing for repairs to the Fred and Betty and Fisherman’s Protection Trophies.
2. Tapes for Festival – 2 tapes received and are good. The remaining 8 have now been ordered.
3. Pat Smith Database – email from John McMaster stating that due to unresolvable differences of opinion, the match funding previously agreed was no longer needed. K Tapper asked if the Committee would agree to send the following letter of support to the Pat Smith Database:

The Shark Angling Club of Great Britain are one of the main contributors of both historical and ongoing shark catch data to the Pat Smith Database. Although our coast are visited regularly by Blue, Porbeagle and Thresher sharks we know very little about them, to the point they are classed by the scientific community as data deficient. Sharks are threatened all over the world and with them being apex predators the marine ecosystem is highly dependant on them being present. In order to provide them with further protection we need more information, hence the reason for our support of the Shark Mucous Swabbing project being proposed by the Pat Smith Database.

A discussion took place. It was agreed that time was needed to consider this and that it would be discussed again, next month.

4. Webcam – update. The Portbyhan webcam was now working properly and the secretary had advised the Social Club that this was not now needed.

Trophy Claims – P Chivers BMRC 50lb Line. Results – dry 44lb, wet 36lb. Positive result

- V Baldwin – Alan Caunter, Daphne Case, Sharky Martin Shield, Cornish Trophies – all approved
- D Percival – biggest blue (beaten)
- R Brown – Sharky Martin Sheild (beaten by V Baldwin)
- A Smith – Midland Trophy - approved
- D Gorrington – Daphne Case, Cornish Trophies (beaten by V Baldwin)
- S Chivers – Iris Memorial Trophy - approved

Lucky Run Club

- The Winner of the August draw was D O’Malley winning £85.00.

New Business



1. The secretary advised that some wording on the website didn't 'read' correctly. This pertained to associate members being able to claim for trophies. The Committee agreed to the changes.
2. The secretary stated that the IGFA membership has now been renewed.

Any Other Business

1. P Davis stated that the 'write up' for the Festival in Saltwater Boat Angling was not very good at all. K Tapper to speak to him and request a rewrite.
2. S Dabney asked if there could be an easier way to re-register for the Festival. The secretary to investigate.
3. C Aldridge asked for a 'cut off' date for his new Spotlight piece for the newsletter. The secretary stated that two weeks before the end of January and July would be good.

The meeting closed at 7.43pm.

Date of Next Meeting 25th September 2023 – at 7.00pm Lower Bar, Social Club, West Looe and via Zoom.