



**SHARK ANGLING CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN
COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 25th March AT 7.00pm
At Looe Social Club and via Zoom**

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

Via Zoom: K Tapper

Apologies: D Stone, S Ward, A McKay

Absent: S Thomas, M Collings (Vice President)

Minutes of Last Meeting –

26th February 2024 - Proposed as an accurate record by P Davis, seconded by C Aldridge.

Matters Arising

1. Dave Gorrington presented a trophy to the club in honour of his father, James Gorrington. The James Gorrington Memorial Cup is to be presented for the runner up to the Midland Trophy.
2. Allan Gaffney – Re Loss of Festival Place (Associate Members fishing Festival). The secretary stated that the following email had been received from Allan Gaffney following last month's meeting:

Issues with associate members fishing the festival (COMPETITION) my opinion. My concern regarding associate members fishing the festival comes from my first hand experience. last years 2023 festival on board Aquila day 1 and day 2 and on warrior day 3. So I'll try keep this as simple as possible. Unfortunately I will use Keith a good friend of mine as the example on day one and two of the festival last year Keith is a associate member which I was unaware of until the festival was over and realised he had scored 0 in the festival but had many fish don't quote me on this but on day one Keith managed 3 sharks and day two Keith also managed 3 sharks well done Keith however that being said 6 sharks over 2 days and 16 hours of fishing and a average of 360 points in my opinion that is taking away them points them fish and also time lost for the other anglers while he brought the fish to the boat 5 sets of shark gear over a 12ft rail is near impossible for a angler to bring a fish to the boat without interfering with the other anglers gear proven by having a shark on Aquila last year with 3 sets of gear in its mouth which why I was surprised to learn that Chris was still taking 5 anglers again this year in the last meetings minutes

Day 3 aboard warrior with Pete

We had one fish for that days angling which again was caught by a associate member again taking points and fish away from full members and anglers competing in a competition James who I paired up with last year was winning on points up to to day 2. however here's my issue the people who took potential fish and points away from him on every day was anglers that where not even competing and makes a massive difference to the final result.

The Committee held a discussion. It was agreed that the secretary would correspond with Mr Gaffney and explain that Associate members have always been allowed to fish the Festival, once any Full members that wanted to fish the competition had been accepted. Once they had paid the Festival fee, they were actively competing in the competition the same as the Full members and were able to win prizes including the top Festival prize. The Committee felt that this was a good time for Associate members to learn 'tips and tricks' from Full members and gain experience and confidence. It was also pointed out that all monies for the festival must be paid by the stated date so that boats can be booked for the Festival in advance.

Mr Gaffney will also be invited to raise his points as a Proposition at the AGM to be held on Tuesday 9th July, 2024, prior to the Festival draw.



3. Harbour Office – Festival Mooring charge of £29 + VAT per day. The Committee agreed that all visiting boats would be paid for two days moorings for the festival by the club.

Trophy Claims – None

Lucky Run Club

- The Winner of the March draw was Alex McKay winning £95.00.

New Business

1. None

Any Other Business

1. None

The meeting closed at 7.16pm.

Date of Next Meeting 29th April 2024 – at 7.00pm Lower Bar, Social Club, West Looe and via Zoom.