



**SHARK ANGLING CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN
EGM**

**HELD ON 26th August 2025 AT 7.00pm
At Looe Social Club and via Zoom**

Present: - C Aldridge – Vice Chair, C Kelly - Secretary, P Davis, J Martin, D Gorrington

Via Zoom: K Tapper – Chair, S Dabney

Apologies: S Ward

Absent: D Stone

C Aldridge chaired the meeting as K Tapper was only present on Zoom.

Matters Arising

1) Emergency Matter – The following Emails from Harvey Sandford were read out:

Harvey's First Email:

Hi Claire,

For this year's Festival we paid an additional £100 to secure boats with only 4 anglers. During the festival I was drawn with two boats that had five anglers.

What refunds are being considered ?

I guess at a £100 premium for 3 days this equates to £33.33 per day so for me a refund of £66.66.

Can I offset this against next year's Festival balance?

Many thanks

Harvey Sandford

Reply: Dear Harvey,

Firstly, we apologise for this happening. The Committee didn't know until the week before the Festival that Energy 3 might not be available, and not for sure until the day of the draw.

Although this meant that we didn't have to pay Richard Porter, we did have to refund two anglers who had recently cancelled.

This did mean that we had to find spaces for two anglers on existing boats, but the alternative was to have a random draw to remove two anglers from the competition, which the Committee did not feel was fair..

The Committee then decided to reimburse the Skippers that had to take extra anglers a specified amount per day.

This left a balance of £300. This equates to, being split over 3 days for potentially 30 anglers, £10 per angler per day.

You would, therefore, be due a refund of £20, which you can deduct from your balance for 2026 if you would like to.

Again, we are sorry that this happened, but unfortunately it was beyond our control. We have put new cancellation policies in place for 2026 to cover us if anything like this should happen again.

Harvey's second email:

Thank you for your reply Claire.

Historic entry forms have clearly stated that no refunds would be made to Anglers who cancelled unless replacements were found. Advice also given to take out cancellation insurance.



Why therefore have two anglers been refunded their fees for cancelling from the "premium £100" entry money received from all Anglers ?

I can only assume there were "exceptional" circumstances but surely any refund under these circumstances should have come from the substantial reserve cash balances held by the SACGB Based on 44 anglers paying a premium of £100 = £4,400 less the refund to the two Anglers totalling £1,200 = £3,200. You say that only £300 was left after the Skippers taking 5 Anglers out were paid an extra amount which suggests that £2,900 was paid out to 6 boats being £483 per boat. This seems an excessive amount for the provision of a few extra Tea bags and spoonfuls of Coffee...!!!

A refund of something like £25 per day and not £10 per day, to come off the balance of next years entry fee, would sit far more comfortably with those affected. (so for myself and my angling partner Tim Royds £50 each)

A Discussion took place during which P Davis stated that a meeting had taken place on the draw evening, to decide what refunds could be offered to the affected Anglers. It had been decided that the two skippers who had volunteered to take 5 anglers each, would be thanked with a £50 bonus for each of the days that they had the extra anglers.

With the two refunds issued to anglers who had given up their spaces this left a balance of £300 to be split between 30 anglers over the three days. This made £10 per day per angler. The Committee had agreed on the night, that this was better than drawing two names out of a hat and telling them that they could not fish the Festival.

It was also unanimously confirmed that the Festival had to support itself, financially.

The Committee agreed that a clear policy would be made moving forward, and if anything like this happened again the anglers would be asked to vote for what they wanted to happen at the AGM.

The anglers would need to claim off their own insurance for any recompense in relation to this agreement.

The Committee members took a vote for the original £10 refund that had been offered. All were in favour (6 votes in favour). The secretary to write to Mr Sandford.

Finally, the Committee stated that as volunteers, they all did the best that they could for the club and felt that their decision was fair. This was also their final decision.

The meeting closed at 7.33pm

Date of Next Meeting – 1st October 2025 – at 7.00pm Lower Bar, Social Club, West Looe and via Zoom.