



**SHARK ANGLING CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN
COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 27th April 2026 AT 7.00pm
At Looe Social Club and via Zoom**

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

Via Zoom: S Ward, K Tapper, D Stone

Apologies: C Aldridge

Absent: A McKay

D Gorrington stood in as Vice Chair as K Tapper had to attend the meeting via zoom.

Minutes of Last Meeting –

23rd January 2026 - Proposed as an accurate record by P Davis, seconded by J Martin

Accounts – Monthly Breakdown

Mar-26

Opening Balance **£10,849.80**

Payments in

Subs 110

extra 2.73

Festival 10575.5

Clothing 18.5

Trophy Night

Merchandise 0

£10,706.73

Payments Out

Website 48

Stationery 86.57

Insurance 15.3

Secretary 50

Telephone 7.98

Postage 8.29

Subscriptions 0

Merchandise 0

Bank Fees 8.5

Festival costs 0

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£224.64

Closing Balance **£21,331.89**



The Committee had no questions regarding the accounts.

Matters Arising

- Dan Margetts accepted Commodore for the Festival and feels ‘honoured’.
- Gold Pins – great interest, sold to a member.
- S Wright – Thanked the Committee for their response.

Trophy Claims

- M Brass – Great White (South Africa) est 660lb CC Bett trophy
- C Bett – Great White (South Africa) est 990lb T N Foster trophy

A discussion took place regarding the awarding of trophies for the catch of Great White Sharks and the rules and regulations relating to this in South Africa. The Committee to conduct some further research and decide at a later date regarding the claims.

Lucky Run Club

- The Winner of the April draw was I Harbage winning £90.00

New Business

- D Gorring – Yellowfin Facebook post. Kurt Lander, skipper of the Yellowfin, had posted a picture of a Blue Shark across his lap, whilst wearing a SACGB T Shirt on Facebook. The Committee agreed that further to recent events, this would not be acceptable content for the club to be related to. The secretary to email to the skipper.
- LHC – rental invoice for store £948.19. The Committee agreed that this would be paid.
- D Gummow – New Boat. The secretary had received an email from Dan Gummow stating that he had a new boat and would be interested and available for the Festival. The secretary had told him that, at the moment, they were fully booked but that he would be kept in mind for the future.
- S Ward – Email re Great White Shark Catch. The following email was received from Committee member S Ward:

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to raise a matter that I feel merits the Committee’s attention, particularly in light of how the Club is regarded within the wider angling community.

As you will see on the agenda, we have recently received two Trophy Claims relating to the capture of great white sharks in South Africa. As you will know, great whites have been a fully protected species there since 1991, and it is illegal to intentionally catch, kill, or attempt to catch one under the Marine Living Resources Act. The legislation also prohibits the possession of any part of a great white shark, and no recreational or commercial permits are issued for targeting the species.

It is entirely possible that the angler involved did not intentionally target a great white, and that the captures occurred inadvertently. However, even in such circumstances, the acceptance or publication of Trophy Claims for a protected species could be open to



misinterpretation. As a long-established Club with a respected reputation, it is important that we are seen to uphold the highest standards of responsible and conservation-minded angling.

For this reason, I believe it would be prudent for the Committee to review these Trophy Claims carefully and consider whether further guidance should be issued to members regarding the legal status of great white sharks in South Africa and other jurisdictions. Clear communication would help ensure that our processes remain robust and that the Club continues to demonstrate leadership in ethical angling practice.

I raise this in the spirit of safeguarding both the Club's reputation and the integrity of the sport we all value.

This matter was discussed when the trophy claims were announced.

Any Other Business

1. P Davis – stated that he was concerned that the confirmations for the skippers hadn't gone out and that fuel prices were rising. The secretary to send out the emails this week. D Stone also commented that he had concerns about rising prices regarding the festival.
2. J Martin stated that 2028 was the clubs 75th Anniversary and it would be nice to celebrate it with the members. Suggestions to be asked for at the AGM.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm.

Date of Next Meeting – 18th May 2026 – at 7.00pm Lower Bar, Social Club, West Looe and via Zoom.