**2021 VIRTUAL AGM VOTES RESULT AND SUPPLEMENTARIES**

**TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES CAST:……50……..**

**M1: Membership price rise to be held over until 2022 and reassessed then.**

CARRIED: For 47, Abstain 0, Against 1

**M2: Disabled membership should be withdrawn, as it is being abused.**

CARRIED: For 34, Abstain 0, Against 14

**M3: Procedural: New rules, changes or enhancements, be incorporated into existing rules where applicable or possible, similarly constitution changes.**

CARRIED: For 45, Abstain 0, Against 3

**M4: New Rule: No recreational drugs or illegal substances on site.**

CARRIED: For 47, Abstain 0, Against 1

**M5: New Rule: No alcohol on site.**

CARRIED: For 27, Abstain 1, Against 20

**M6: New Rule: No sleeping in vehicles on site.**

CARRIED: For 29, Abstain 0, Against 19

**M7: New Rule: Only one bivvy per swim, no multiple set ups.**

CARRIED: For 30, Abstain 0, Against 18

**M8: New Rule: No occupying a swim for more than 72 Hrs, i.e. 3 days / nights.**

CARRIED: For 34, Abstain 0, Against 14

**M9: New Rule: No sleeping whilst pike fishing. Bites / takes must be struck early to avoid deep hooking.**

CARRIED: For 44, Abstain 1, Against 3

**M10: Rule 18 enhancement: Breach of rules could mean angler losing membership, being barred from club, no monetary reimbursement or refund given.**

CARRIED: For 46, Abstain 0, Against 2

**M11: Closed Waters: Routinely closing a lake for a whole month should be withdrawn.**

CARRIED: For 34, Abstain 0, Against 14

**M12: Fishing Closed Waters: Permitting work party attendees to fish closed waters should be disallowed.**

CARRIED: For 33, Abstain 1, Against 14

**M13: Work / Maintenance Party Attendance: Introduce a Maintenance Fee (say £10) to run in conjunction with Membership Subs. Give (£10) reimbursement to regular maintenance party attendees.**

CARRIED: For 27, Abstain 1, Against 20

**M14: Pegging Fees: As waters are closed for matches and therefore unavailable to all club members during the match, introduce a nominal pegging fee for matches.**

FELL: For 19, Abstain 1, Against 28

**M15: AGM Date: To aid club booklet production, hold future AGMs at end of March.**

CARRIED: For 46, Abstain 0, Against 2

**M16: Hold AGMs on a Saturday instead of Thursday.**

CARRIED: For 36, Abstain 2, Against 10

**M17: Water oxygenation: Should club invest in water aerating system to keep the lakes oxygenated?**

CARRIED: [emergency use high volume pump] For 38, Abstain 2, Against 8

**M18: Consider: Investing in a wind turbine to generate electricity at the fishery – to power water aeration system(s) to help keep lakes oxygenated.**

CARRIED: For 25, Abstain 4, Against 19

**COMPLAINTS:**

Numerous comments ‘for’ or ‘against’ each motion were submitted, many also citing perceived problems relating to problems.

We received seven formal complaints about excessive drinking of alcohol, smoking drugs, long stay anglers, and driving un-roadworthy or uninsured vehicles on site.

Those complaints compounded emails and telephone calls received by the chairman and secretary during the last year or two, each of which were addressed at the time. **Additional corrective action was implemented 11 Apr 2021.**

**SUPPLEMENTARY MOTIONS / COMMENTS SUBMITTED**

We also received additional motions submitted correctly with individual’s votes. Secretary has appended personal viewpoint / comment to help. Paraphrased, they were as follows:

**1.** Provide email or physical address to send votes to. ***Secretary’s address in membership booklet and both secretary and chairman’s address on website.***

**2.** Allow postal votes for those who cannot attend the AGM. ***Unusual year, hence postal votes sought. Proxy (postal) votes permitted – see membership booklet para 8.***

**3.** The post of Fishery Manager should be abolished. ***Controversial, but George needs / deserves a rest. NB: George resigned 11 Apr 21.***

**4.** Delete Head Bailiff post just have Bailiffs who as always are responsible to the committee. ***Head Bailiff used to organise bailiffs, but been out of action for some time, committee could take over. NB: Brian stood down 11 Apr 21.***

**5.** Not reintroduce day tickets as it may limit swims for members. ***Implications looked at once pandemic cleared.***

**6.** Day tickets be raised to £8 or completely done away with and just have season ticket holders. ***As 5 above.***

**7.** Extend pike season to end of May. ***Contravenes club’s general policy on fish welfare.***

**8.** Be allowed to fish beaches outside current boundaries “Norfolk and Suffolk” to include South Lincolnshire. ***Would require new trophy so as not to undermine club’s historical records.***

**9.** Fish any of UK coast-line, to encourage new sea anglers who could report their catches for specimen fish awards. Also benefit boat anglers who fish whilst on holiday. Does not include fishing abroad.  ***As 8 above.***

**10.** Erect “Priority Disabled Swim” signs to say they are “Priority Pegs”, to save angler embarrassment using them who is not disabled. Ordinary anglers allowed use of them if no “Priority Angler” needs them. ***Already a matter in hand / being manufactured.***

**11.** Update social media / website activity to inform membership of changes & notices. ***Refer to membership booklet para 15: Notices on fishery noticeboard, website only secondary when possible. Website setup and run voluntarily, we are looking for a new webmaster, can / would you freely dedicate the time and skills required?***

**12.** Update website promptly with closures and especially these rule changes. Important with many members not being able to visit / see site notice board during last 12 months. ***As 11 above.***

**13.** Update website to help members, other people and encourage new people to fish, experience and enjoy the fishery/fisheries for not just the angling but the wildlife and surroundings too, especially with what’s happened in the past year with covid and more people needing to connect with nature etc when they can. ***As 11 above. Note fishery closed to general public and currently no day tickets. Insurance and health implications.***

**14.** Introduce a club newsletter linked to the club’s website, possibly quarterly. ***Yet another job someone thinks the few have time for.***

**15.** Set up a Facebook page to allow members to communicate. Need every entry to go through a mediator who can weed out the rubbish, advise members of working parties and water closures. ***Possibly a better medium to keep members fully up to date, but fraught with dangers and would need a moderator who was willing to conform to club’s policies and committee control. Someone who would have the time for what could be a daily task. Would need to be read only.***

**16.** Give existing membership priority to buy following year ticket (initial 2 week period). ***Only possible if club booklets available in timeframe. Simple method is for existing members to be early in the queue when booklets go on sale. Not been a problem to-date.***

**17.** Create a night ticket (additional ££) and reduce number of standard tickets sold.  ***Absolutely not, would prejudice none night-time anglers. We are supposed to be a club, not an ‘Us’ and ‘Them’ association.***

**18.** Closing lakes for 2-4 weeks when fish spawn. ***We already ask anglers not to fish areas where fish are spawning. Which species would we close down for, as they do not all spawn in same 2-4 week period? Would necessitate different dates each year depending on environmental conditions, fish activities etcetera.***

**19.** Should implement a maximum stay on the complex, not just for time in a swim. ***A possible consideration.***

**20.** After 72 hrs, anglers must leave complex. ***As for 19 abaove.***

**21.** There should be no living at the fishery. ***Already being considered.***

**22.** No one to live onsite. ***As for 21 above.***

**23.** No private property to be stored on site. ***Believe already being considered.***

**24.** No uninsured vehicles on complex. ***Already being addressed.***

**25.** All vehicles on site should be insured. ***As for 24 above.***

**26.** Oxygen monitoring equipment to assess when oxygen pumps may be required. ***Club already uses one.***

**27.** Snag removal from river. ***Identify snag, don’t leave it to committee to guess.***

**28.** Will the answers to votes be visible for all members at AGM. ***Two issues: First there is no physical 2021 AGM, second; results on fishery notice board and you are reading this.***

Thanks to all who voted, and for additional motions / comments submitted. Has caused much controversy and highlighted numerous issued that need to be addressed. Numbers on committee have subsided we are seeking new members who are interested in the club and its long term wellbeing.