



Minutes of the AGM 2017 Held at The DART PUB, CHASTILIAN ROAD, DARTFORD
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 21st 2017 AT 7.30 P.M. Posted to all Members September 2017.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from Nigel Britten, Graham Clark, Stuart Merrylees, Bob Monk, Les Probert, and Deborah Wolton

PRESENT - A. Bates, T. Bennett, T. Carman, S. Crowley, M. Dunn, C. Gardner, D. Hammond, L. Millar, R. Shelton, A and M Williams.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM AS ENCLOSED WITH THE AGENDA, POSTED TO ALL MEMBERS, AUGUST 2017 were agreed as a true record

MATTERS ARISING - none were raised

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - Mr. Williams' report is shown within Issue 33 of Newsflow (which the Secretary issued on the night to those present, and will post to all other people on his database after this meeting) - there are some additions, and he will e-mail a copy to the Secretary to hold on file. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Chris Gardner for showing Members the work planned for Acacia Hall, which was found to be very interesting, and also to Messrs. Clark, Crowley and Shelton for their work on DRiPS behalf, and in particular to Mr. Britten for his valuable contributions made to the work of the Committee.

There are 10,000 anglers represented by the angling clubs in the valley. Their support is crucial to us as a society..

Post -Brexit and the imposition of Brussels 'catch-all' ruling on rivers, we will be able to effect practical improvements applicable to the Darent. Monitored river levels are already significantly lower at Hawley, HK and South Darenth.

It is therefore imperative that matters such as the rights and wrongs of impoundment, invasive plant species and Tanners Weir are made secondary to improving the overall flow in the river.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT - Mr. Crowley reported that at the moment the bank balance stands at £6224.94 (and as he said he would he had amalgamated the two accounts) - with total expenses £302.66 of which £50 was Chairman's expenses which Mr. Williams then donated back to the Society, leaving net expenses of £252.66, composed mainly of the venue (£125) and a labelling machine with spare labels, which should give many years' service when distributing materials.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS - the following were elected en bloc:

President: Guy Hart Dyke

Chairman: Alan Williams

Vice Chairman: Stuart Merrylees

Hon. Secretary: Steve Crowley

Hon. Treasurer: Steve Crowley

Committee Members: Graham Clark, Malcolm Dunn, Alex Bates Rod
Shelton, Trevor Carman

Hon. Auditor: Pat Coleman

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Rod Shelton said the Darent Action Plan had set limits on abstraction but could we be sure that these were adhered to? The Chairman, explained why he thought they would be. Laura Millar said that she would look into it, and provide details of the situation, and Rod will e-mail Laura to obtain information.

Rod also asked about fishing clubs to chase up to get them to Join, and Steve will supply him with what few details he has.

Malcolm Dunn said that in HK & SD the PC had tried to get reeds cut, and to improve pedestrian access and improve the view of the river they had cut nettles. He noted that the PC found obstructions to progress, and wondered what other PCs found.

Trevor Carman asked if any money had been procured re the oil leak and Alan Williams said at the moment no.

There being No Other Business the Meeting closed at 9.35pm.

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