

AOAA Annual General Meeting was held at Farmoor village hall on 21/02/2024.

### Attendees

#### Committee

Michael Baston (President) Kim Sawyer (acting Chairman), Colin Lurcook, Antony Dumper, Mark Tinsey, Matt Britton, Geoff Waddle, Paul Callow, Jamie Johnson, Phil Robbins, Steve Marshall, Simon Hill, Liam Greenough, Mike Brown, Ian Dumper, John French.

#### Members

The meeting was well attended by AOAA members, and the committee thank all members that took time to attend the meeting.

### Awards

President awarded the following trophies (large cups at engravers).

- Carp 33lb Colin Morris
- Chub 6lb Dean Rawlings
- Junior tench 7lb 2oz Dougie Cuzen
- Bream 10lb 14oz Nigel Currell
- Pike 14lb Russell Cleaver,
- Presidents 65lb Mike Brown

## Reports

Secretary's report:

Thanks to all officers committee and bailiffs.

- Marlborough
  - Lots of work completed against the 5 year plan and AE fisheries report
  - 4 carp matches were held and well attended thanks to Mike Brown for running the June and July events, memorial match raised enough money for a special fish, and we also had agreed on buying 5 new c5 fish these have been postponed till late 2024 due to fence issues and high-water levels causing netting problems.
  - More investment spent this last year widen paths and weed/reed boat.
  - Blenheim have some funding for new gates and gravel material timing tba.
  - A40 road improvements still not sure how this will affect our otter fence.
  - Swim maps need further development since reed removal and something the committee will work on over the coming months.
  - Meeting held at Red Lion Cassington with 7 members 12 April 2023 to understand members issues from the letter brought up at last year AGM.
  
- Dorchester Lake
  - Stock pond complete planning approval achieved but outstanding BEP had been rejected, Matt Britton took this project on and was helped to put latest one together with an expert from Oxford University. Home grown small carp in the new pond doing well.
  - Work parties well attended, and the socials have been a great success.
  
- Standlake Trout fishery
  - Access lane identified as a problem to our membership both parish council and county council, and fix my street approached but not interested. They did supply some info on bridleway surfaces and hopefully we can improve lane without machines and no need to close the lane.
  - Storage unit to be purchased when water levels reduce.
  - Boundary issues with our 8 neighbours still a concern
  - All banks cleared to allow walking access all-round the lake and possibility of predator fence.
  - Big projects still to be programmed in, split lake and crucian pond in existing stock pond, Angling trust have offered some funding.
  - Trout membership increased by £5 only to try and encourage more members.
  - Plan to transfer some roach and rudd from Marlborough to help with the Cormorant problem.
  
- General lakes
  - EA funding of £3200 achieved for access paths and swims to be shared across all lakes and there is some for the river team.
  - Angling trust grant of £850 achieved for get more people fishing. Thanks to Antony and all who helped putting this information together.

- Rivers
  - Eynsham new licence negotiated with the university parking still an issue but the river team have approached Swinford farm and toll bridge, but no help lock keeper at Eynsham also has been spoken to and this could be an option if we clear an area
  - Franklins transient boats, winter has only seen about 3 but summertime can be up to 20
  - Pinkhill farm had not responded regarding rent letter.
  - Due to all the winter rain the rivers have been unfishable and too wet for any work to be completed.
  - Farmoor reservoir parking members should contact rangers before driving round.
  - Winter ticket sales went very well and 19 were sold.
  - New life member Matt Bailey proposed, Liam Greenough seconded, agreed by unanimous decision.
- Finally, all our members should understand that all officers committee and bailiffs are volunteers with lives outside of fishing so sometimes health family work and personal issues have to take priority. Being a volunteer should not create stress or have an effect on mental health. This last year I have had to consider my position as secretary and hope I get your vote of confidence tonight in our elections.

#### Treasurer report:

- The ledgers are with the accountant currently and will be signed off, at a later date pdf file will be sent out to all when audit comes back.
- £62000 in account much is made up of savings
- Trout account £20745.00
- Other accounts hold £11000
- Rents increased by 15% and now stands at £14000
- Marlborough match fund £631.88
- We had been hacked by a scammer action fraud alerted and bank returned money.

#### Membership Secretary:

- Kim Sawyer reported on another great year for the club.
- We sold the following:
  - Adult 594
  - OAP 174
  - Junior 53
  - Trout 33
  - Nights 210
- All were up on the year. He also gave the numbers for 2019 that were really low in comparison, and great to see how the club has grown.
- Price has increased on adult and OAP by £5 and £20 for night ticket
- Junior no change and trout supplement stays the same.
- The secretary gave a vote of thanks to Mrs Sawyer for helping out with writing permits and envelopes.

#### Fishery officer:

- Antony Dumper reported that Dorchester socials sold out quickly with the following funds raised Tench £514.00 carp £519.00, a meeting between Antony and Paul Calow will be held to decide areas of investment.
- AT predation expert met on the bank with plenty of ideas.
- Standlake fish permits now all updated with cefas and EA so coarse fish can now be transferred.
- Dorchester stock pond surplus of small carp to be thinned out health check and suppliers permit to be investigated.
- Trout stock due 25<sup>th</sup> March £2681.00
- Marlborough feed programme plenty of pellet left.
- Angling trust grant £850 Ea funding grant access £3200 Alliance to send invoice split over the 3 lakes and the rivers.
- Another funding grant is due in July to apply for.
- Jamie booked in for tree work 2 days £1600.
- Both coarse lakes seeing good fish growth

#### Water bookings:

- Colin Lurcook reported on water bookings and the current Guest booking situation, with parking at Eynsham has caused a cancellation and another club has moved onto Bablockhythe.

#### Malbrough pool report:

- Paths all widened
- Reed boat not as successful as hoped. Reeds are on a silt bund so when water goes down machine can move to rear of car park.
- Fence intact but needs work
- Planting of Irises - 1000 to be bought and start to pretty up the lake, existing irises to be lift, split and replanted, stone to be purchased to dress paths.

#### Dorchester report:

- Water higher than can be remembered may have to close some swims, carp match in March could be postponed.
- Work parties organised back car park priority.
- Pike match great success maybe a series of 3 next winter
- Locks may need upgrade, fence checks ongoing and 25 posts required

#### Standlake report:

- Fall in membership tried to encourage a few by running tuition days.
- Several work parties held and big thanks to all who attended routine maintenance makes things much easier.
- Solar aeration equipment EA funded ordered to be installed
- Lake paths and access lane being worked on
- Barley bales to be installed again Cormorant predation, license to shoot very hard to get, fish refuges have been installed.
- Secure storage is imminent.
- Lake closes 25th February
- New season opens 31st March and tickets available
- Fish catch report 592 fish 451 angler visits average catch 1.3 per session, biggest reported 4lb

#### Rivers report:

- Most are flooded, meeting to be held to plan work Duxford path and Triangle more swims. Talking to national trails to see what help we can get.
- Litter picking equipment from angling trust applied for once received litter picks will be organised for all members.
- Parking at Eynsham still progressing.

## New Business

- Correspondence
  - Paul Timmis e mailed regarding clarification of dogs on leads not being in the permit, It was confirm that it is on website and a requirement in the Marlborough lease. It is also now included in the 2024/5 permit, and something we must enforce.
  - Paul also suggested we should advertise in local magazine. Maybe the trout section could benefit from this. It was agreed to look into this.
  - Adam Worth had asked for 3 rods all year it was decided we would stay as we are as 6 months of the winter we do allow 3 rods.
- Lake Trustees confirmation
  - Dorchester Geoff waddle and Antony Dumper
  - Standlake Matt Britton
  - Need to be confirmed at land registry and requires a solicitor to organise, committee to follow up.

## Elections

- New Chairman, Mike Brown proposed Rob Varney and gave a good case for his selection, level-headed and has project management experience, seconded Paul Timmis vote unanimous
- The following officers were re-elected unopposed:
  - President Michael Baston
  - Secretary Geoff Waddle
  - Treasurer Matt Britton
  - Membership Kim Sawyer
  - Water booking officer Colin Lurcook
  - Fishery officer Antony Dumper
  - Website Mark Tinsey
- The committee is as follows:
  - River: Mike Brown. John French (to be coopted) and tbc
  - Trout: Phil Robbins, Steve Marshall and tbc.
  - Lakes: Liam Greenough, Ian Dumper and Jamie Johnson.
- New Bailiffs proposed by Secretary and fishery officer
  - Matt Mcque Marlborough pool,
  - Matt Tuppeney Dorchester lake and Marlborough pool
  - Chris Still for the rivers
  - Website to be updated in due course
  - Thanks to Rob watts for all his hard work over the years, who has decided to step down from his Bailiff duties
- Auditors Wenn Townsend

Chairman *R Varney*

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25/02/2024