

Cinder Hill Troutng Syndicate

Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting held on 28th October 2015 at Fletching Village Hall

Prior to the meeting starting, all present stood for a minute's silence in memory of Peter Neave, the Syndicate Stocking Officer, who sadly passed away recently after a short illness.

The meeting opened at 7:30pm chaired by Rod Yuill, Chairman of Salmon and Trout Conservation UK, Sussex Branch, who welcomed the 28 Syndicate members present to the meeting.

1. Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from 9 members.

2. Introduction: Rod Yuill gave the back ground to the Troutng Syndicate, outlining how the Syndicate was originally set up and why the proposal to change it to an independent Committee.

3. Treasurers Report: Robert Nathan gave a report of the current state of play of the Syndicate finances. Current bank balance is £27,516.80 (at 26th Oct 2015). We have 77 full members this year, which is down from the ideal 95 to 110 number. Biggest outlay each year is; rent £11,000 for this year and stocking, which is budgeted for at £10,000. The rent is due to go up next year by £1,000. Robert explained that the Syndicate account is held completely separate from the Branch.

4. The Motion: "That the Cinder Hill Troutng Syndicate should become completely independent from the Sussex Branch of Salmon and Trout Conservation UK, in order to fully represent the present membership."

There were several questions from members; the main areas of concern were:

Would the Syndicate lose any benefits by being separate from the S&TCUK? Answer from Rod Yuill; there would be no loss.

Are the landlords happy with this proposed change? Answer from Rod Yuill; yes they are.

Does the S&TC contribute towards shows? No they do not provide anything other than literature. The Syndicate has run recent events, but promotes & supports both the S&TCUK and the Angling Trust at shows. What is the percentage of members in each organization? At present approx. 66% S&TCUK and 33% AT, although most new Syndicate members are joining the AT, so these proportions will change.

The motion was then proposed by Robert Nathan, seconded by Geoff Taylor, with the vote carried by the members present, with one against and two abstaining.

5. Draft Constitution: Subject to the meetings approval of the above motion, a draft constitution was offered for member's consideration and amendment as required.

There were several questions from members but there no changes to be made at present.

6. Vote to adopt Constitution: Proposed: Alan Purnell. Seconded: Peter Langton.

The vote was unanimous in favor of adopting the draft constitution.

7. Nominations and Election of Officers and members for the new Syndicate Committee:

Chairperson: Rod Yuill. Proposed; Clive Newington, Seconded; David Drury.

Secretary: Alastair Olver. Proposed; Sam St Pierre, Seconded; Peter Langton.

Treasurer: Robert Nathan. Proposed; Alan Bearchell, Seconded; Peter Langton.

Organiser: Clive Newington. Proposed; Rod Yuill, Seconded; Sam St Pierre.

Child Welfare and Coaching. Alan Purnell: Proposed; Geoff Taylor, Seconded; Frank Dolphin.

Eight other members volunteered for the Committee: Geoff Taylor, Peter Langton, Colin Rogers, Tony Katze, Alan Bearchell, Mike Richardson, Frank Dolphin and Amanda Ince.

The appointment of the Officers & Committee members were approved en bloc by a unanimous vote by the other members present. (The new committee will be in office until the 1st AGM in February 2016. Date TBA)

8. Questions from the floor: None.

9. AOB: None.

10. Date of first Syndicate Committee meeting: To be advised.

Meeting ended at 8.45pm