

Southwold and District Freshwater Angling Preservation Society



Spring Newsletter and AGM Invite

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday 3rd April 2012
7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m. start**

**Sole Bay Bowls Club
Reydon**

The Fortieth Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on the above date, and you are cordially invited to attend.

Parents of Junior Members will be welcome to attend, but will not be eligible to vote unless they are members in their own right.

Under the rotation system all officers retire, but may offer themselves for re-election. Any nominations for new committee members or officers must be in writing and forwarded to the Secretary.

The consent of the nominee should be obtained and the proposal seconded by a member.

Chairman's report 2011/12

Determination to tackle problems

My first 12 months as Chairman has been one of both highs and lows.

It started off with the committee outlining its determination to tackle the otter problem at the Reydon complex and seeking the support of the membership to raise additional funds and to provide the manpower to carry out the necessary work.

Raising funds has been a balancing act

With the economy as it is, raising the funds was always going to be a delicate balancing act and so it proved to be. A combination of a number of fish being lost to predation and the need to pay an otter fencing levy resulted in a higher number of members not renewing than has traditionally been the case.

However, the hardcore members did what they always do and rose to the challenge magnificently. In addition to the otter fence levy, the level of voluntary donations, totalling over £2,300, boosted the funds available and gave the committee the encouragement it needed to tackle the problems.

Members rallied to the cause

The number of members volunteering to participate in work parties was the largest for some years and Head Water Bailiff, Jed Gerrell, mobilised them to great effect with the fences around Paisleys Pond (Reydon 3) and Denny Lake (Reydon 4) being substantially reinforced and, where necessary, replaced.

Work included overlining the existing mesh with a finer one as well as upgrading the detailing at the top and bottom of fences by providing an overhang at the top and either turning out and pegging the bottom or extending the fence two foot below ground. Where this wasn't possible, a new 6 foot fence with another 2 feet buried had to be installed. The man hours and effort involved were tremendous and we must thank those members who contributed to this.

Good financial management helped achieve results

Despite these great efforts it was never going to be possible to carry out all of the works ourselves within the necessary timescales needed to secure the Society's future. Thanks to the good financial management of the Society and the support of members we have been in a good position to take on the challenge. Consequently, and in order to push the project forward and try to protect as much of the stock as possible, the committee agreed to employ a contractor to deal with Kingfisher Lake (Reydon 2). This work has now also been completed.

Three out of four lakes completed

The situation at present is that we now have three lakes with completed otter fencing but in addition to the hundreds of man hours at a cost of just under £20,000. In addition to all of the above, the general maintenance had to be done and amazingly, it was.

New initiatives introduced and restocking underway

Having protected three of the waters, the decision had to be made about the phasing of completing the remaining work and replacing predated stock. The committee took the view that in order to maintain the level of interest in the Society it was important to improve the fishing as quickly as possible. This saw the introduction of the 'sponsor a fish' initiative and brought forward additional fish stocking donations and interest free loans from members.

This resulted in the introduction of tench and crucians into Paisleys Pond (3) and initial re-stockings of carp into the protected Kingfisher (2) and Denny Lakes (4) during the Autumn of last year. This work will be built on next Winter and close monitoring will be in place to check the effectiveness of the work undertaken.

Difficult decisions made at Henham

As I mentioned at the start of my report, not everything went quite so well. The member vote for the retention of Henham came down to a difference of only two votes more being in favour of its retention.

It clearly put the committee in a difficult position but initial indications were that the water levels were likely to be reasonable. With this in mind it was decided to retain the venue. However, following a further inspection at the end of May, the water levels had already plummeted.

Areas where carp traditionally spawned were at least four feet from the waters edge. It was obvious that it would become unfishable. With no available solution in sight it was with a heavy heart that the committee felt it had no option but to give up the water, at least until a solution was found. A sad but necessary decision.

Henham Estate were not happy with this decision and it became clear that it would not be possible to agree a way forward. As it was known that some members only join to fish Henham, offers of refunds were sent out and around a dozen people took up that option.

Chairman's report continued

Members vote to keep Kessingland

Members were also asked about Kessingland and this resulted in a much clearer mandate with the voting being two to one in favour of its retention. Initial discussions have been held with the owner to highlight the predation problem at the water. One option might be to pay some of the rent in stocking but we are still in the early stages of the negotiations.

Looking forward to more success

So, here we are with a new season before us. The challenge for this year will be to continue and build on the sterling work already carried out. Sherwood Water (1) will require time, effort and money to fence in and there is still the need to continue to stock the waters.

Work parties are running on Saturday mornings during March so please try to give them your support, remember what was achieved last year.

More fundraising needed to finish the job

Materials and fish still have to be purchased and for that we need funds. Members at the Open Meeting felt that a smaller levy should continue for one more year whilst trying to keep any increases to subscriptions down to a minimum.

With your support, we should be able to complete the urgent works this year and get back on an even keel. I am very much looking forward to getting back to concentrating on fishing rather than otters and based on what has been achieved this year I am sure that time is very close.

Barry Reid
Chairman

New Society website

Take a look at the Society's new website at:
<http://southwoldanddistrictfaps.onesuffolk.net/>

Many thanks to member Keith Wink for managing the website and for the recent re-design!

New Society email account

Email the Secretary
sadfaps@hotmail.co.uk

Treasurer's report

Report to the Members for year ended February 2012

When you see the Accounts for 2012 you will notice that while Subscriptions rose for the year, Expenditure likewise increased considerably.

Otter fencing to Lakes 2, 3 and 4 has now been completed at a cost of £19,909 and this has allowed the Society to re-stock those lakes with a variety of fish primarily carp, tench and crucian carp.

Considerable thanks is due to those members who attended regular working parties to undertake the work on the fencing and to our fencing contractor Keith Hall.

Likewise a big thank you also goes to those members who donated or loaned the Club money to finance the purchase of new fish stocks which in total has cost £5594 this year. With the fish settling in over Winter the new season promises to be a good one.

Our reserves of cash have now been depleted but hopefully you will agree that this is what those cash reserves were for, to preserve and replenish our fishing lakes.

We should now be set fair for the future and be in a position to attract new members to the Club.

Archie MacLean
Treasurer

Work parties

Saturday mornings during March 2012.
Start time 9a.m.

Secretary contact details

Steve Lerpiniere
6 Thornycroft Gardens
Carlton Colville
Suffolk NR33 8GE

Agenda for AGM 2012

1. Chairman's welcome
2. Apologies.
3. To confirm and sign as a true record, if approved, the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 5th April 2011
4. To receive and adopt the Chairman's report.
5. To receive and adopt the Treasurer's Report
6. President's Address.
7. To consider the Committee's recommendations below:
 - A. Joining Fees to remain as last year – Junior Members No Fee, all others £20.00
 - B. Annual subscriptions to be raised by £2.00 for all classes of membership other than that for Juniors which is to be raised by £1.00.
(Seniors £38.00 to £40.00, Senior Citizens, Intermediate and Disabled Members £20.00 to £22.00), Juniors £11.00 to £12.00)
 - C. Seven day Guest and Day Memberships to be withdrawn
 - D. Cost of Guest and Day Memberships to remain as last year
(Guests Senior £8.00, Senior Citizen, Intermediate, Disabled £6.00, Junior £3.00)
(Day Memberships Senior £6.00, Senior Citizen, Intermediate, Disabled £4.00, Junior £2.00)
 - E. That a levy to support the completion of otter fencing at the Reydon Complex is introduced for the 2012-13 season. The cost being £5.00 for each Senior, Senior Citizen or Disabled Member.
No Levy for Junior or Intermediate Members.
 - F. Remove Rule 8(b) "Permits will not be valid on any water before 9am" and re-number remaining sections of rule 8 accordingly.

G. Rule 19(a) Remove reference to Henham and replace with River Waveney
start 16th June - finish 14th March

8. To elect Officers and Committee for the ensuing year:

Under the rotation system, all Officers stand down but may offer themselves for re-election.

Barry Reid is standing for re-election as Society Chairman.

Jed Gerrell is standing for re-election as Vice Chairman

Steve Lerpiniere is standing for re-election as Secretary

Archie MacLean is standing for re-election as Treasurer

Jed Gerrell is standing for re-election as Head Water Bailiff

Beverley Reid is standing for re-election as Membership Secretary

Match secretary is vacant

Nominations are invited to fill the vacant position and for two additional Committee Members.

9. To consider any other business

10. Presentation of T.I.G.E.R. Trophy.

11. To present the annual Trophies and Prizes.

12. Presentation of Gifts.

13. Raffle – Please give this your usual generous support.

Close.

Minutes of the S&DFAPS 39th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held 5th April 2011 at the British Legion, Southwold.

Those Present

Mr J A Purdy Chairman.
Mrs P Purdy Treasurer.
Mrs B Reid Membership Secretary.
Mr B Reid Vice Chairman.
Mr G Gerrell Head Water Bailiff.
Mr S Lerpiniere Secretary

Committee Members.

L Baker, D Bridges

Apologies

Mr G Denny President; Mrs B Denny; Cliff Waller, Don Friston, Ron Orchard

1. Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed 48 members to the meeting.

Mr Purdy confirmed he would be standing down as Chairman, and thanked members for their support over the years. Mr Purdy emphasised that the club had a strong future if the committee were supported in their work, and if members recognised that it took time to implement changes.

2. Apologies. As above.

3. To confirm and sign as a true record, if approved, the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 12th April 2010.

Proposed: G Gerrell Seconded: B Reid. Agreed

4. To receive and adopt the Chairman's report.

Proposed: E Peak Seconded: B Reid. Agreed

5. To receive and adopt the Treasurer's Report

Noted as unaudited. Proposed: E Peak Seconded B Martin. Agreed

6. To receive and adopt the Match Report.

None received.

7. Presidents Address.

None received.

8. To consider the Committee's recommendations below:

A Rule 16(b) – Remove this rule and renumber other rules accordingly.

Proposed: P Turrell

Seconded: I Julings.

Agreed.

B Rule 8 – Add (d) Any Temporary Member failing to close any gate will be asked to leave the water and will be banned from obtaining further Temporary Membership or Guest / Full Membership.

Proposed: B. Reid

Seconded: Mr Girling.

Agreed

Rule 10 – Add (a) to existing rule

Add (b) Any member(s) failing to close any gate will be immediately suspended from the Society and required to hand back their membership book pending the outcome of the complaints procedure – expulsion from the Society may follow.

Proposed: B. Coe

Seconded: E. Peak.

Agreed

C Rule 14 – Add (a) to existing rule

Rule 14 - Add (b) The Committee is empowered to restrict matches to certain portions of the water should this be deemed necessary. Where this is the case, rule 14 (a) will only apply to the restricted portion of the water.

Proposed: G Gerrell

Seconded: D Bridges. Agreed by majority vote with 2 votes against.

D That the annual subscription fees are changed as follows: Senior Members rise £2 to £38.00, Senior Citizens (65 and over), Disabled and Intermediates (under 19) rise £1 to £20.00, Juniors (under 16) rise 50p to £11.

Proposed: D Bridges

Seconded: G Gerrell.

Agreed

E That the joining fee is raised by £10 to £20 for Seniors, Senior Citizens and Intermediate Members, no fee for Junior Members

Proposed: D Bridges

Seconded: B Martin.

Agreed

F That the cost of Day Ticket Memberships are changed as follows: Single day Seniors rise £1 to £6.00, Senior Citizens, Intermediates and disabled rise £1 to £4.00, Juniors rise 50p to £2, Seven day memberships remain at: Seniors £25.00, Senior Citizens / Intermediates / Disabled £12.50, Juniors £6.25

Proposed: L Baker

Seconded: B Reid

Agreed

G That the cost of Guest Memberships are changed as follows: Single Day Seniors rise £1 to £8.00, Senior Citizens rise £1 to £6.00, Juniors rise £1 to £3.00 Seven day memberships remain at: Senior £35.00, Senior Citizen / Intermediate / Disabled £22.00, Junior £9.00

Proposed: B Reid

Seconded: G Gerrell.

Agreed

H That a one-off levy of £10 is introduced for the 2011/12 season for all Senior and Senior Citizen members in order to build funds for planned fishery protection and predator prevention works.

Proposed: D Bridges Seconded: G Gerrell. Agreed

At this point a break was taken, and Agenda items I and J agreed to be moved after item 9 on the agenda.

9. To elect Officers and Committee for the ensuing year:

Under the rotation system, all Officers stand down but may offer themselves for re-election.

Barry Reid is nominated for the position of Society Chairman.

Proposed: B Mumford Seconded: B Martin Agreed

At this point John Purdy stood down and handed over the chairing of the meeting to the new Chair, Barry Reid.

Graham Gerrell is nominated for the position of Vice Chairman

Proposed: P Purdy Seconded: P Turrell Agreed

Steve Lerpiniere is standing for re-election as Secretary

Proposed: B Reid Seconded: G Gerrell Agreed

Archie Maclean nominated himself for the vacant Treasurer position

Proposed: B Reid Seconded: E Peak Agreed

Graham Gerrell is nominated for the position of Head Water Bailiff

Proposed: B Martin Seconded: E Peak Agreed

Beverley Reid is standing for re-election as Membership Secretary

Proposed: B Reid Seconded: G Gerrell Agreed

No nominations were received for the vacant Match Secretary position

No nominations were received for two additional Committee Members

I. In recognition of services to the Society John Purdy is awarded the position of Honorary Vice-President.

Proposed: B. Reid Seconded: E Boulton Agreed

J. In recognition of services to the Society that John Purdy, Pat Purdy and Cliff Waller are awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Society

Proposed: B Martin Seconded: L Baker Agreed

10. Presentation of T.I.G.E.R. Trophy.

The chairman presented the trophy on behalf of the Society to the outgoing chairman John Purdy, and the outgoing Treasurer Mrs Pat Purdy, and thanked them for all their hard work and dedication over many years.

11. To consider any other business

Any decision taken by the committee shall always be in compliance with the agreed constitution, with particular reference to clause 13 and clause 31'd'. The full complaints procedure shall be implemented and exhausted when dealing with any complaint.

Proposed: D. Thompson Seconded: None Motion failed.

12. To present the annual Trophies and Prizes.

Presented by Chairman Barry Reid.

13. Presentation of Gifts.

Flowers were presented to Mrs Pat Purdy and Mrs Beverley Reid. Flowers would be presented to Mrs Bridget Denny by John Purdy the following day due to Mrs Denny's absence.

14. Raffle

Tickets were drawn by Mrs Pat Purdy. The raffle raised £134 for Society funds.

The chairman thanked the members for their attendance.

Meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

PAYING IN SLIP

ALL SUBSCRIPTION LEVELS HAVE TO BE APPROVED AT THE A.G.M.

Members are reminded that all subscriptions must be submitted to the membership secretary **by midnight on Monday the 14th May**, there are no exceptions to this rule.

Existing membership books remain valid for use until 5th June 2012

Please make cheques payable to **SOUTHWOLD & DISTRICT F.A.P.S** send to - Mrs B.M. Reid, Membership Secretary, Southwold & District F.A.P.S. **24 Royal Avenue, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 4HH**

Surname First Name

Address

..... Post Code

Telephone

Junior under 16 on 16th June.
Intermediate under 19 on 16th June
Senior Citizen 65 and over.

Please tick the waters you fished during 2011/12 season:

Reydon Pits Kessingland

Buss Creek R. Waveney

Junior £12.00
Intermediate £22.00
Disabled £27.00 *
Senior Citizen £27.00 *
Senior £45.00 *

Please tick boxes that apply

*** Includes levy of £5.00 for 2012/13**

I have enclosed a donation of £ for Society funds.

TOTAL ENCLOSED £