

**Southwold & District Freshwater
Angling Preservation Society**



Spring newsletter 2013

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday 9th April 2013
7.30 pm for 8 pm start**

Sole Bay Bowls Club, Reydon

The forty-first 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.

**Work Parties
Reydon Pits, 8a.m. till 12a.m.
Saturday 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th May.**

**Website
<http://southwoldanddistrictfaps.onesuffolk.net/>**

Message from the chairman

Well it hardly seems a year since my last report so what has everybody been up to.

The new society year started on a high note with young Brer Cornish coming forward at the AGM to take up the long vacated position of Junior Committee Member. Brer has diligently attended all the committee meetings providing a different perspective on various matters and providing a more direct flow of information both to and from other junior members.

Another key area where we have had a long standing vacancy was that of Match Secretary and I was very pleased when Alan Morrison put himself forward. What he lacked in experience he more than made up for in enthusiasm in both his new role and also in supporting work parties and, with David Ling, helping with other areas of work.

There always seems too much work for everybody to do, especially with home and work commitments, so the pre-season newsletter was used to ask for a volunteer to ease the Secretary's burden of minute-taking and the work associated with it. Enter new member Peter Sprought, and more particularly his wife Carol, who picked up on the plea for support and very kindly comes to all of our meetings as a minute taker. This third addition to the committee put us on a much firmer footing to be able to meet the challenges that we have, and continue to face. It also allows Secretary Steve Lerpiniere to concentrate on other aspects of Society work.

Stocking at Reydon has continued following the extensive works to provide otter-proof fencing on Kingfisher (2) & Denny Lakes (4) and Paisleys Pond (3) and we have now completed the stocking of good quality Carp in both 2 and 4. There is more stocking to be done, particularly in 3 and this will be progressed next winter. Dean Bridges has taken on the role of sourcing fish stocks and, supported by Jed Gerrell, has even gone to the effort of collecting them from suppliers to ensure quality at source.

Jed has also continued to lead on the essential work of running work parties to maintain the safety and general condition of the waters and surrounding paths, grounds etc. Work parties started again on the 2nd March and dates of the remaining ones appear elsewhere in this newsletter. Please do your best to support them, even if it's just for a couple of hours. Essential maintenance has continued throughout the year with Laurie Baker taking on special projects. As well as the work we can do ourselves, there is still the question of Otter fencing to Sherwood Water (1). Thanks to the tremendous support of members we have funds in place to do most of the work and anticipate we will be able to fund the rest with the forthcoming subscriptions.

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As I write this the contractor has just started the work on site so we should have the fence in place by this summer – another milestone.

Despite the tremendous efforts of both members and those on the committee not everything has gone to plan. Weed control on both 3 and 4 has proven difficult even though both chemical and manual control was attempted, even to the point of donning wet suits to help drag the weed. Good fish, in both quantity and quality, were caught from both waters but the conditions were sometimes challenging. The committee will continue to tackle the problem and have already this year introduced a new system of dyeing the water to reduce light penetration. This will be trialled over the next few seasons. We have had good reports from other clubs so hopefully if we combine this with the more traditional methods (manpower needed please) we will overcome the problem. This is not the first time it has occurred on these, and other waters, under our control so I am confident we will overcome the problem but instant success cannot be guaranteed.

Last year's AGM saw many of those present indicate that they would support the reintroduction of the Society Awayday. Archie Maclean took this on with great enthusiasm but unfortunately, despite booking a good venue at Suffolk Water Park, the numbers did not materialise and we were looking to make a loss on the event. Despite that, those who booked were really looking forward to the event, that was until 7.30am on the day when the venue rang up to cancel the booking due to the venue being flooded! Frantic phone calls followed and we were fortunate to get in at Wissett, not exactly an awayday but any port in a storm.

Just to cap it all the coach got stuck in the car park and had to be towed out by the farmer. How we laughed! Anyway, I think most people still managed to enjoy the day, including the pint on the way home. In the event the loss was minimal as the costs were reduced. Previous history has shown that events such as this do take time to build up support so do we do another this year? The jury's out so let the committee know what you think.

Moving on to Kessingland. We have had several meetings with the owners and given them a guided tour of the work carried out at Reydon. There has been quite a lot of stocking undertaken in the past, although it has not occurred for quite a few years.

This combined with the predation has meant that the quality of the fishing has suffered. Whilst the owners are equally concerned about this it is quite clear that we will not be able to economically achieve secure otter-proof fencing over this extensive site or that it could be done in a way that the owners would be happy with.

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Having said that, they agreed that the entire rent for the 2012-13 season could be paid in fish stock. Consequently, £2,500 of 8 to 12 inch wild carp were introduced to the water in February this year. You will see from the agenda that there has also been an offer by the owner that if the Society provides another one off £1,000 of fish next winter (in addition to this years rent of £2,500) then they will match it with another £1,000 of fish. The current lease arrangement finishes at the end of next season so it is understandable that the committee feel that this should be a decision made by the members. I very much hope that I can negotiate a deal for an ongoing lease to follow on for a number of years and report the proposal to those at the AGM so as to help inform the decision. It is clear that if we continue with this water we will have to stock every year to balance the predation, effectively sacrificial stocking. Whilst the committee would prefer not to have to do this there does not seem to be any other option, especially as a large number of members wish to retain the water. On that basis it will be necessary to reflect the cost of continuous stocking in the cost of any future lease.

The Open Meeting was reasonably well attended, especially considering it was in the middle of a blizzard. Information flowed freely between members and the committee, including some concerns being raised about using braid to fish into the middle of the lily beds and then dragging the fish out. The committee had quite a debate on this and whilst this sounded like something we should be concerned about it was felt that there was little, if any, evidence that this was actually causing a problem. Various suggestions of rule changes were put forward but all would have been difficult to police. The conclusion was that at present the committee's wish was that the potential of problems should be highlighted to members with a plea that common sense should be used. If evidence of damage to fish does come to light then the matter will be looked at again.

Another area the committee have been looking at is that of membership. Numbers continue to be below the traditional level of 500 members and there still seems to be the view that there is a 2 or 3 year waiting list. This is not the case and I would encourage you all to get friends and family to apply as soon as possible as there is currently a very good chance that they will get in when we review matters at the end of May.

Furthermore, the committee are recommending that there are no increases to subscriptions or joining fees for the forthcoming season and no additional levy is being suggested. Keith Wink continues to update the website and has tried to clarify the fact that there are vacancies, remember application forms can be downloaded from the web site.

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Whilst talking about the website, please remember to submit your photos, reports etc. as Keith can only put content on the site when he is given it. In conclusion, I have deliberately not thanked the many people mentioned above until the end of my report. Without all of your efforts and willingness to give up your own time, and those of other members who have supported the Society either through attending work parties or providing donations, the Society would not be able to continue. I think I said last year that we had the foundations in place to take the Society forward and meet the challenges ahead. To be able to say that those foundations have been further strengthened gives me a great deal of pride, thank you all for your considerable efforts and here's looking forward to another positive year.

Barry Reid - Chairman

Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to report that the Society finances are in good order. Copies of the Society Income and Expenditure will be available at the AGM for members information. There is currently a surplus in the bank ready for investment in enhancing the society fisheries through stocking and protection.

INCOME

With a significant reduction in member numbers subscription income has declined by over £3000.

It is hoped that with no increase in member's subs this year and given the level of fish restocking that membership numbers will rise again. There is no longer a waiting list.

Following last year's substantial donations for new fish stocks, donations have declined to a more normal level.

EXPENDITURE

Through lack of funds Otter fencing for this financial year had to be postponed. Work will commence on Reydon No 1 fencing in the very near future now that the Club has resources in place to afford the work.

Lease rent for Kessingland Lake has been paid by stocking £2500 of new fish with the consent of the Lake owners.

Loan repayments refer to the payments made to the Chairman who advanced the Club £2000 to assist with fish restocking.

Archie MacLean - Treasurer

Agenda for AGM 2013

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.
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) That for the 2013-14 season, a one off additional payment of £1,000 of fish stock will be made at Kessingland on the basis that this will be matched by the owner and that the lease is extended beyond next season.
 - B) Joining Fees to remain as last year—Junior Members No Fee, all others £20.00
 - C) Annual subscriptions to be held at 2012 levels for all classes of membership
(Seniors £40.00, Senior citizens, intermediate and disabled members £22.00, Juniors £12.00)
 - D) Cost of Guest and Day Ticket memberships to be held at 2012 levels
(Senior guests £8.00, Senior citizen, intermediate, disabled £6.00, Junior £3.00)

(Day membership Senior £6.00, Senior citizen, intermediate, disabled £4.00, Junior £2.00)

Agenda for AGM 2013 (continued)

8. To elect officers and committee for the ensuing year.
Annual Officer elections:
President Graham Denny

Vice Presidents John Purdy Don Friston

Barry Reid is standing for re-election as Society Chairman

Jed Gerrell is standing for re-election as Vice Chairman

Steven 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

Alan Morrison is standing for re-election as Match Secretary

Beverley Reid is standing for re-election as Membership Secretary

Three year Committee member elections:
Dean Bridges is standing for re-election as a Committee member

Cliff Waller is standing for re-election as a Committee member

Laurie Baker is standing for re-election as a Committee member

Peter Sprougth is standing as a Committee member
 9. To consider any other business
 10. Presentation of TIGER trophy
 11. Presentation of Annual Trophies and Prizes
 12. Presentation of Gifts
 13. Raffle—please give this your usual generous support
- Close

Minutes of the S&DFAPS 40th Annual General Meeting

Held 3rd April 2012

Those present

President Mr G Denny

Mr B Reid Chairman

Mr G Gerrell Vice Chairman

Mr S Lerpiniere Secretary

Mr A MacLean Treasurer

Mrs B Reid Membership Secretary

Committee members:

L Baker, D Bridges

1. Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed 54 members to the meeting, and thanked the Sole Bay Bowls Club for the use of their venue.

2. Apologies: Keith Wink, Pat Purdy, Frank Curtman, Ron Orchard

3. To confirm and sign as a true record if approved, the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.

Approved.

4. To receive and adopt the Chairman's report

The 40th AGM of the Society showed the success and pride in the Society, although tinged with sadness; Evelyn Paisley passed away recently, and the Society lost the fishing at Henham Dairy Pond. The Chairman apologised for the Henham timing but believed the committee had done the right thing. The Society had paid Henham estate 2 months rent in advance, and had refunded all members who had cancelled membership because of losing the fishing at Henstead.

Members has risen to the challenges facing the society. Treasurers have kept a positive financial position; the can-do attitude of the committee and their many hours works - particularly the Head Water Bailiff. The hard-core members had responded by financially supporting the society through donations, interest free loans and lots of hard work protecting the waters.

Minutes of the 2012 AGM continued

There were many other people behind the success of the society; the President for his support and advice as landowner; Sole Bay bowls club for providing the venue for Society meetings; Keith Wink for managing the website; the membership secretary for her hours of work and the secretary for carrying out a thankless task. Special thanks to all the members who had supported the Society in the past year.

Further things to note; the society still needs a match secretary; members of public are leaving gates open and the committee have agreed to install padlocks; also agreed at the Open Meeting that junior matches for the forthcoming season would be incorporated into senior's Friday evening matches.

Proposed: Don Friston Seconded: Brian Hill Adopted

5. To receive and adopt the Treasurer's report.

Copies of income and expenditure were provided.

Expenditure was up massively due to otter fencing costs. Income and donations were also up, with a balance of £6-7k expected at the end of the season. Toilet expenditure had been reduced by introducing a new cleaning regime.

Proposed Dean Bridges Seconded Graham Gerrell Adopted

6. President's address

Apologies for not being able to attend the previous year. The club was in good hands last year with John Purdy, and it was in good hands now with Barry Reid. The club has always gone through change but has always succeeded in getting the right people into the right positions at the right time. The President was pleased to be at Sole Bay Bowls Club due to the long association between the two clubs.

A monumental effort has been put into the fishing club in recent years, mostly through the member themselves, and now they could start to reap the rewards. In another 40 years time hopefully the club will still be in good shape. Reydon Pits are an asset to the whole area and the President was pleased to accede to the fencing and management requests.

Minutes of the 2012 AGM continued

7. To consider the Committee's recommendations below:

Joining Fees as per last year
Proposed Barry Martin Seconded Brian Hill Carried

Annual subscriptions raised by £2, juniors by £1
Proposed Brian Hill Seconded Graham Gerrell Carried

Seven day guest and day tickets withdrawn
Proposed Alan Morrison Seconded Steven Bunn Carried

Day ticket costs as per last year
Proposed Danny Shephard Seconded Arthur Meadows Carried

£5 otter fencing levy for 2012-13
Proposed Alan Morrison Seconded Malcolm Brooks Carried

Removed rule 8(b) permits not valid before 9 a.m.
Proposed Paul Goldsmith Seconded Danny Shephard Carried

Amend rule 19(a) to remove Henham reference
Proposed Graham Gerrell Seconded Paul Goldsmith Carried

8. To elect officers and committee for the ensuring year.

Barry Reid is standing for re-election as Society Chairman
Proposed Graham Denny Seconded Don Friston Carried

Jed Gerrell is standing for re-election as Vice Chairman
Steven Lerpiniere is standing for re-election as Secretary
Archie MacLean is standing for re-election as Treasurer
Proposed Barry Martin Seconded Brian Hill Block vote Carried

Jed Gerrell is standing for re-election as Head Water bailiff
Proposed Terry Swan Seconded Danny Shephard Carried

Minutes of the 2012 AGM continued

Beverley Reid is standing for re-election as Membership Secretary
Proposed Brian Mumford Seconded Barry Martin Carried

No nominations for Match Secretary

Danny Shephard is standing as a committee member
Proposed Jed Gerrell Seconded Barry Martin Carried

9. To consider any other business

No other business

10. Presentation of TIGER trophy

Presented to the Working Party membership for all their hard work and time given freely to the Society. Received by Barry Martin, Danny Shephard and Derek Baggott on behalf of the working party members.

11. Presentation of Annual Trophies and Prizes

Presented by Mrs Bridget Denny

12. Presentation of Gifts

Flowers were presented to Mrs Bridget Denny and Mrs Beverley Reid for their support of the Society. The Chairman explained that Mrs Pat Purdy has also received a gift from the Society at her home.

13. Raffle

£142 was raised for Society funds at the raffle.

Close

PAYING IN SLIP

ALL SUBSCRIPTION LEVELS HAVE TO BE APPROVED AT THE AGM

Members are reminded that all subscriptions must be submitted to the membership secretary by **midnight on 15th May**, there are no exceptions to this rule.

Existing membership books remain valid until 5th June 2013

Please make cheques payable to SOUTHWOLD AND DISTRICT FAPS
Send to Mrs B M Reid, Membership Secretary, Southwold and District
FAPS, 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

Membership required		Waters fished 2012/13 season	
Junior £12.00.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reydon Pits.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intermediate £22.00....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Buss Creek.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disabled £22.00.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kessingland.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior Citizen £22.00..	<input type="checkbox"/>	River Waveney.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior £40.00.....	<input type="checkbox"/>		

I have enclosed a donation of £.....for Society funds

Total enclosed £.....