

**Southwold & District Freshwater  
Angling Preservation Society**



## **Spring newsletter 2014**

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### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday 10th April 2014**

**7.30 pm for 8 pm start**

**Sole Bay Bowls Club, Reydon**

The forty-second 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 mornings throughout close season.**

### **Website**

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

## **Message from the Chairman**

What a fantastic summer we had, great weather for BBQ's and being outdoors but it came at a cost, perfect weather for weed growth. Despite the best efforts of a dedicated band of members and deployment of the new water dye we were unable to keep on top of the prolific weed growth in Paisleys Pond (3) and Denny Lake (4).

Whilst this brought the inevitable criticism from some, others got on with it, put in the effort to rake their own swims and reaped the rewards of some good catches. I recall saying last year that the dye would not be an instant fix but nobody could have predicted the growth we experienced. Imagine what it might have been like had the water had no treatment at all. The committee remain committed to giving top priority to weed control over the next 12 months.

The initial stocking of the water at Kessingland gave mixed results. Whilst the carp that were stocked did not show much through the season, it did seem to have a positive effect on the water in that there were more reports of tench and bream showing. We can only assume that this was down to the added stock increasing the biomass of the water.

As I write, we are waiting for the delivery of this year's stocking of carp and await with interest the outcome over the coming season. Looking forward to next winter, having added a good head of small carp we are looking forward to stocking tench to add to the existing stock.

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**Message from the Chairman, continued from page 2**

Stocking has not been confined to Kessingland. A second stocking of tench has been added to Paisleys Pond (Pit 3) and completes the planned stocking of this water. The water now contains a good mix of tench, rudd and crucians; roll on the summer! We can now turn our future attention for further stocking of Sherwood Water (Pit 1) with bream being ordered for delivery next winter.

Our Head Water Bailiff continues to work with those able and willing to give their time to maintain and improve our waters. Work has been done to identify the future needs of the Society - particularly with regard to protecting against the erosion of paths around Sherwood Water (1) and Kingfisher Lake (2) and replacing the rotting timber walkway on Denny Lake (4). Significant quantities of materials will be required to complete these tasks.

In addition to the usual cutting of paths and swims, continuous cutting of vegetation adjacent to the otter fencing is also required to prevent it being damaged. Unfortunately, despite there being some extremely dedicated members who freely give their time, there is an ever increasing need to employ contractors to assist with this work.

All of the above costs money and, combined with increases in costs generally, we must look forward to how we are going to continue to run and improve the facilities we have to offer. This was one of the many areas of discussion at the January Open Meeting. Yes there were complaints about the weed but even if you couldn't fish Denny and Paisleys for parts of last season, I would suggest that the other waters still provide good value for money. Remember that some other clubs charge the same for a single water.

We have managed to hold the cost since 2011 but the view of the open meeting that subscriptions should be increased was confirmed by the subsequent committee meeting.

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### **Message from the Chairman, continued from page 3**

It has also been recognised that the proportionate number of senior members has continued to reduce meaning that we need to look seriously at the apportionment of charges if we are to maintain, and hopefully increase, our income.

As well as the need to maintain, improve and stock our waters we have learnt from experience that we need to have some savings behind us. If we had not had this in the past we would not have been able to respond so positively, or quickly, to the predation problem. That money has been used for its intended purpose but we must be prepared for the next challenge. I therefore urge you all to support the proposed increase in subscription levels at the AGM.

Whilst the major works to provide otter fencing to the lakes at the Reydon complex were completed last year, I was disturbed to receive a report that somebody had recently left the gates giving access to the toilet area on Sherwood Water open. These will now be locked. Clearly this cannot be allowed to happen and I would urge you all to be vigilant and, as well as keeping the gates closed, report any instance of gates not being closed to a committee member as soon as possible.

Disciplinary action will be taken against anybody caught, with expulsion from the Society, or a ban if a day member, a likely outcome. I am sure you will all support the need to protect both the fishing and the significant investment we have made.

Finally I would like to thank a few people. Firstly Alan Morrison for his considerable help over the last couple of years in helping to maintain the waters and for taking on the role of Match Secretary. Having done his bit, Alan has chosen to stand down and we are now inviting nominations for Match Secretary. Steve Lerpiniere for his work as Secretary and Archie Macean for keeping an eye on our finances as Treasurer.

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#### **Message from the Chairman, continued from page 4**

Dean Bridges continues to sort out our stocking programme and Head Water Bailiff Jed Gerrell keeps an eye on things generally as well as running and organising the work parties. Taking of which, these started at the beginning of March and will continue to run every Saturday from 8am till 12 noon at the Reydon complex. Carol Sprought and Beverly Reid continue to provide Secretarial and Membership Officer support respectively. We also owe thanks to those of you who have supported the work parties or made financial donations to the Society and to our President Graham Denny for his continued support and encouragement. The Society would not be able to continue without the help provided by these people.

I hope that you will all continue to support the Society and encourage others to join. If I don't see you at the AGM on Thursday 10th April I hope to see you around the waters.

**Barry Reid - Chairman**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

I am pleased to report that the Society finances are stable. Copies of the Society Income and Expenditure report will be available at the AGM for members information. There is currently a small surplus in the bank as detailed in the report.

#### **INCOME**

Subscriptions are broadly the same as last year with other income in line with expectations. Our attention will now be turned to creating a working annual surplus of funds to improve fish stocking and fishery maintenance.

#### **EXPENDITURE**

The main item of expenditure this year has been the completion of the otter fencing at Reydon No. 1 at a cost of £10,210. This completes the planned protection of our Reydon complex. Future surplus income will now be directed at further fish stocking and a programme of fishery maintenance including weed control. Kessingland rent is now £3500 per annum with the bulk being paid by fish stocking by agreement with the fishery owner.

**Archie MacLean - Treasurer**

## **Agenda for AGM 2013—14**

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) Joining Fees to remain as last year—Junior Members No Fee, all others £20.00

B) Annual subscriptions to be increased by £10 for all classes of membership

(Seniors £50.00, Senior citizens, intermediate and disabled members £32.00, Juniors £22.00)

C) Cost of Day Ticket memberships to be held at 2012 levels

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

**Agenda for AGM 2013-14 (continued)**

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

Annual Officer elections:

President Graham Denny

Vice Presidents John Purdy Don Frlston

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

Match Secretary is vacant

Beverley Reid is standing for re-election as Membership Secretary

Three year Committee member elections:

None required

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

**SOUTHWOLD AND DISTRICT FRESHWATER ANGLING  
PRESERVATION SOCIETY**

Annual General Meeting 9th April 2013

1. Those present – Chairman Barry Reid, Membership Secretary Beverly Reid, Secretary Steven Lerpniere, Treasurer Archie Maclean, Head Bailiff and Vice Chairman Graham (Jed) Gerrell President Graham Denny. Committee Members - Dean Bridges, Alan Morrison, Brer Cornish, Cliff Waller, Laurie Baker, Peter Sprought and Minutes Secretary Carol Sprought and 49 members.
2. Apologies – John Purdy, Les Ellis, Don Friston and Dave Garner.

The Chairman Welcomed all to the Annual General Meeting and apologised for the meeting having to take place in the pavilion

3. 2012 A.G.M. Minutes were read.  
Proposed – Alan Morrison Seconded Laurie Baker – carried.

4. Chairman's Report

Brer Cornish joined the committee as Junior Member representative and Alan Morrison has volunteered to be Match Secretary. The Chairman also thanked Carol Sprought for taking on the position as Minutes Secretary.

The erection of the final fence had been delayed but work has now started a total of £29,000 has been spent over the past 2 years. Fish Stocking has progressed in pits 1,2, and 4 Dean Bridges is looking after this process. Fish will soon be put into 3.

Work Parties at Reydon have continued, Laurie Baker has been looking after repairs to the gates. Weed dye has been put in and will help to sort this problem out may take 2 to 3 years but time will tell. At the 2012 AGM members asked for an away day which was arranged but unfortunately was very poorly supported and due to unforeseen problems the day was spent at Wissett. The members that attended ended up having a great time.

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## **Minutes of the 2012-13 AGM continued**

Kessingland has now been stocked with £2,500 worth of fish which was this year's rent as agreed in negotiations with the owner, this is not a water that a fence will be acceptable. There were 2 open meetings this year; one in very bad weather but it did not keep members away, several suggestions were put to the Committee which will be discussed. There is now no waiting list for membership we have had 43 applications received so far but we need more.

Thanks were conveyed to the President and his wife Bridget Denny, Beverley Reid, Archie Maclean Officers, Committee and members attending the work parties. Hopefully we will have a full committee.

Proposed Jed Gerrell Seconded Brer Cornish carried

5. Treasurers Report - Profit from raffle £161. Away day as the venue was flooded out the coach company deducted £50 from the bill. The treasurer gave all present a statement of accounts, £9,400 in the bank which will be built on this year. No price as yet for the 2013 insurance as the payment is not due until after the financial year. Finances not too bad the main decline has been in subs but hopefully look forward to a full membership, Society does look healthy.

Proposed Alan Morrison Seconded Jim Bunn – Carried

6. Presidents Address - The President voiced the Chairman's thoughts stating that the Society has a much better footing than in previous years, members seem to have more faith in the management. The finances being well planned with the erection of fences, etc. He urged members to encourage the recruitment of new members. He thanked the work parties organised by Jed Gerrell for their hard work and supporting the committee. He also feels the Society is in a very healthy position.

## Minutes of the 2012-13 AGM continued

### 7. Committee Recommendation

A. Kessingland 2013 – 2014 £1,000 fish stock by the Society the owner will also give £1,000 for fish stocking which will give a total of £2,000. Negotiations are continuing for the next 5 years from 2014 owner suggests

1st Year £1,000 rent £2,000 fish Total £3,000 rent increasing amount for fish decreasing over the next few years.

An intense discussion took place.

Proposal 2013-2014 one off payment of £1,000 fish matched by owner total of £2,000 in fish lease to extend 5 years.

Proposed Jed Gerrell Seconded Fred Goldsmith – In Favour of proposal 29 against 11 – Motion carried.

B. Joining Fees to remain as last year Junior Members no fee all others £20.

Proposed – Alan Morrison Seconded Brian Coe motion Carried.

C. Annual Subs to remain the same

Proposed - Peter Sprought Seconded Allan Cornish Motion carried.

D. Guest Membership to remain the same

Proposed – Danny Sheppard Seconded Alan Morrison Carried.

### 8. Election of Officers and Committee –

President Graham Denny -Proposed Barry Reid Seconded Danny Sheppard Carried

Vice Presidents John Purdy and Don Friston – Proposed Laurie Baker Seconded Allan Cornish Carried.

Society Chairman Barry Reid – Proposed Graham Denny Seconded Paul Manthorpe

Vice Chairman/lead Water Bailiff – Proposed Barry Reid Seconded Peter Sprought Carried.

Secretary Steven Lerpiniere – Proposed Barry Reid Seconded Jed Gerrell Carried.

## **Minutes of the 2012-13 AGM continued**

Treasurer Archie Maclean – Proposed Steven Lerpiniere  
Seconded Jed Gerrell Carried  
Match Secretary Alan Morrison Proposed Peter Sprought  
Seconded Danny Sheppard  
Membership Secretary Beverley Reid – Proposed Jed Gerrell  
Seconded Steven Lerpiniere Carried.  
Committee to Serve for 3 Years –  
Dean Bridges – Proposed Jed Gerrell Seconded Steven Lerpiniere  
Carried  
Cliff Waller - Proposed Brer Cornish Seconded Steven Lerpiniere  
Carried  
Laurie Baker - Proposed Brer Cornish Seconded Steven Lerpiniere  
Carried  
Peter Sprought – Proposed Dean Bridges  
Seconded Steven Lerpiniere Carried  
Junior Member Brer Cornish - Proposed Barry Reid Seconded Sam  
Goldsmith Carried

9. A.O.B. – Closed Season should we consider going back to old system 15th March to the 16th June general opinion was to keep it as it is to be discussed at the open meeting. Letter has been received from Jacky Martin who runs the quiz night at the Randolph they have made a donation to the Society of £241 for help with junior members and trophies.

10. Tiger Trophy – No nominations.

11. Presentation of Trophies and Prizes.

12. Presentation of Gifts.

2012-13 A.G.M. CLOSED 9.10

## 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 2014**.

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

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Junior under 16 on 15th June  
Intermediate under 19 on 16th June  
Senior Citizen 65 and over

Membership required	Waters fished 2013/14 season
Junior £22.00..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Reydon Pits..... <input type="checkbox"/>
Intermediate £32.00.... <input type="checkbox"/>	Buss Creek..... <input type="checkbox"/>
Disabled £32.00..... <input type="checkbox"/>	Kessingland..... <input type="checkbox"/>
Senior Citizen £32.00.. <input type="checkbox"/>	River Waveney..... <input type="checkbox"/>
Senior £50.00..... <input type="checkbox"/>	

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

**Total enclosed £.....**