

Brockham Angling Society

Annual General Meeting held on 15th April 2025 at the Brockham Cricket Pavillion

The meeting opened at 7.30pm 24 members were present.

Apologies for Absence: - Reg Smith & Jonathon Curry.

Minutes of 2024 AGM

Distributed prior to the meeting. Accepted by those present as correct.

Chairman's Report: -

In December we were very fortunate to take delivery, from the Environment Agency, of 250 one/two year old Tench at the pond. These were raised at the EA Calverton Fisheries in Nottinghamshire and supplied free of charge to the club. They should be a valuable addition to the pond and should grow on over the next few seasons.

At the end of January another application of Siltrol was added, to the pond, by Aquamaintain which should help with the water quality and reduce some of the silt build up.

After all the rain over the winter period the water levels at the pond was very high, covering some of the platforms. A small work party was deployed to clear the overflow ditch at the far end by the bridge. This resulted in the water level dropping by around 5".

As anyone who has fished the pond in the last few weeks will know, we had a large Oak tree come down across the middle of the pond. Now that the ground has firmed up, we will shortly be closing the pond for a day whilst a local tree surgeon removes it. Details will be sent via the Clubmate email.

Unfortunately, last season, we lost the rights to fish the Court Lodge section of the river, we are endeavouring to speak to the new owners regarding reversing this for next season, hopefully! Any change of circumstances will be conveyed to the members as soon as we hear.

As you should be aware, the only access to the Harefield is via Anglers Walk from the Borough, once in the field you should turn left by the gate and walk to the river at its nearest point, then walk along the bank to your swim, after fishing return along the same route. All vehicles should be parked on Brockham Lane, adjacent to the Borough Bridge, not in the Borough.

We will need your help with our work parties, dates to be arranged, which will carry out maintenance work during the close season. This will include repairs to some of the platforms at the pond and the river. Cutting back vegetation to allow air flow at the pond and access to swims on the river.

BAS will continue to manage membership via Clubmate, as per last season, this has been extremely useful and beneficial to the committee and hopefully the members. Further details will be sent out before renewals are due for the coming season.

Finally, we hope to see a good turnout at our AGM this year and have the chance to welcome new members who may wish to join us on the Committee.

Treasurer's Report.

The closing balance for the 2024/25 season is £14,166.31

Matters arising from Minutes and reports

It was asked if it would be possible for the club to acquire more waters, it was discussed and reported that if any local suitable waters were available we would consider them.

It was asked if it would be possible to enter the Harefield via the gate by the road bridge. This is not possible as the landowner doesn't allow us to use it. The only access being via Anglers walk.

Election of Officers

All the current committee (Bob Thomas, John Hoad, Paul Darling, Reg Smith, Brian Chapman, Richard Storer, Derek Canter, Ray Hayes and Jonathon Curry) were happy to stand again, with the addition of Daniel Hoad. All were voted in by those present.

Any other Business.

Work parties will be arranged during the close season, dates to be arranged.

A trustees meeting will be arranged to appoint new members.

It was agreed that the club would allow up to 2 guest tickets per day as long as they are accompanied by a member.

There being no other business meeting closed at 8.10.pm