

Minutes of the Felixstowe Sea Angling Committee Meeting
Held on Wednesday 23rd June 2021 7.45pm FSAS Clubhouse

1. Present: - P. Riches, G. Powter, J. Banham, R. Mortimer, R. Burrow, A. Smith, R. Smith, S. Baxter, B. Lawrence, S. Creasy, B. Foster, A. Kingdon, R. Aliss, G. Diaper

2. Apologies: M. Hudson, G. Kirby

3. New Members: Guy Simmons (Boat), Terry Metcalf (Beach).

4. Minutes of the Previous Committee Meeting

- Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 3rd March proposed by S. Baxter, 2nd by R. Smith

5. Items arising:

- **New Lease** Corrections to lease V11 requested by P. Riches have been made and signed by himself and R. Smith, witnessed by G. Powter. Sealed copy received from East Suffolk Council at the beginning of April. Review date is the 29th March each year. Rent payment date is the 25th December each year. We have now paid the rent for the 20/21 season (£3,320). No payment requested for 19/20 season. As the review date had passed before copy was sealed there will be no increase to the rent for 21/22.
- **HSBC Signatory changes.** We are having problems getting signatory changes. We keep getting emails to say there is a problem with the details submitted. The HSBC Website interface is slow and doesn't give pointers to what is missing. G. Powter has visited the local branch but even they struggle to find the errors. We've tried switching the account to another bank but after adding details it fails because banks are not taking any new clubs on for the time being so we are stuck with HSBC.
- **Impact of Covid on Matches** J. Banham reported that he hasn't encountered any problems with matches run so far. R. Smith has emailed all boat owners to find out who would prefer to have week day or weekend matches. Only 3 people have bothered to reply.
- **Car Parking Charges** Up to 2 hours - £1.50. Up to 4 hours - £2.00. Daily - £4.00. Up to 2 hours - £1.50. Car parking is free from 5.30pm onwards. P. Riches to email Parking Services to see if we can receive any concessions for Club Members.

6. Correspondence None

7. Treasurer's Report:

- Website Security Certificate £30.00, AWA £15.00, EDF £38.15, Income from Clubhouse hire: - Divers Marine Service £25.00, CoastWatch £10.00

8. Competition Secretary's Report: - Results on Facebook.

9. Festivals and Opens: - 12th October Inter-Club.

10. Compound Steward's Report: G. Powter and R. Smith have cleaned up the compound.

11. Junior Comments: None.

12. Numbers Draw:

G. Powter had forgotten to bring the numbers draw bag. P. Riches to organise a Zoom meeting with R. Burrow and G. Powter the following day and retrospectively add to the minutes.

April No 34 P. Hayden, May No 37 Mrs Chaplin, June No 17 Keith Mulley.

13. Rules Revision This needs to be revisited, discussed, and signed off by the committee.

14. Risk Assessments

Beach, Boat and Kitchen risk assessments signed of by committee. Beach and Boat sent out to membership when covid restrictions began to relax. Need to be part of a joining pack.

15. Club Clothing

S. Creasy said that Carousel Clothing of Martlesham could supply fleeces for about £20.00. He was given an embroidered fish logo used on previous FSAS clubwear to see if this could be reproduced by them.

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16. A.O.B

R. Mortimer read out a letter of support for J. Banham received from K. Messenger in response to a proposal from R. Smith for a replacement to be found for the Match Secretary. This was after J. Banham said at the AGM that the 2020/2021 season would be his last. After reading the letter R. Mortimer added that the proposal had created a stressful situation for Jason. He also added that Jason may not be liked by everyone but he was very good at arranging matches.

J. Banham said that he had retracted his statement that he would stand down at a previous meeting and then went onto explain some of the things that lead up to his reaction to comments at the AGM. At the meeting before P. Riches proposed a method of charging for boat spaces based on length of hull and trailer. The meeting was held with some members at the Club House and some on Zoom. The proposal was rejected by the boat members of the committee and a simplified method was proposed. P. Riches said that he had no control over the meeting as there was no Chairman present and Zoom participants kept dropping out due to the poor mobile signal.

The discussion then moved onto the day of the AGM which was held on a Sunday afternoon in the Club compound because of Covid restrictions. P. Riches said that the meeting deteriorated into a heated exchange when G. Kirby accused J. Banham of doing nothing for the club. At this point J. Banham lost it and started shouting at him in close proximity. S. Boyt appeared to be goading him on with comments made. J. Banham pointed out that he didn't react or hear any comments from S. Boyt. At this point R. Mortimer did intervene as Chairman to try and calm things down. It was later during the meeting that J. Banham mentioned it would be his last season as Match Secretary.

A. Smith said that we needed to draw a line under the whole debate involving Jason and bring it to an end. Agreed by everyone at the meeting.

P. Riches said that he would need officer's reports during the week of the next meeting as he had to prepare the documentation for the AGM at the beginning of September.

R. Burrow said he was prepared to continue as Chairman until and including the AGM.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Date of Next Meeting August 4th

Meeting Dates for 2021: - Feb 3rd, March 3rd, May 5th, July 7th, August 4th, Sept 6th (AGM), Oct 6th, Nov 3rd.

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