

ISLE OF WIGHT FRESHWATER ANGLING COMPANY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Newport Football club

on Thursday 5th May 2016 at 20-00hrs.

Present:

94 members were present at the meeting. The meeting started a little late because of the queue at the bar. The meeting started when all members present were seated. On the tables were copies of the Boards improvement plan for 2016, copies of last years AGM and a financial report for our accountant plus the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Agenda items

Item no	Discussion	Action by
1	Elect a Chairperson for the Meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none">W Skeldon was proposed by S, Penman Sec P, Yearsley. Carried unanimously.	N/A
2	Apologies. <ul style="list-style-type: none">B.Manser, R.Kirby, L.Baldwin, A.Mahew.	WS
3	Approval of the Minutes of the 2015 AGM. <ul style="list-style-type: none">The minutes did not state why there was an amendment to the articles to go from 12 to 10%. It was proposed that it should read that to call an EGM there must be a letter to the secretary signed by 10% of the membership not the 12 as stated in the present company articles. Proposed by R.Bennett. Sec by S.Prysocki. Carried unanimously.	WS
4	Annual statement to the Members from the Board. <ul style="list-style-type: none">A statement was read by P.Yearsley from the board to the members outlining all the actions and work that had been carried out during the year and how the board wished to progress the company for the foreseeable future. A vote of thanks was proposed from members to the board and this was followed by a round of applause.	WS

5	<p>Accounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A set of accounts from Brian Allegri our accountant was given to members to view. This was proposed to be accepted by R.Bennett, Sec by P.Bennett. Carried unanimously 	WS
6	<p>Amendments to the Company articles and bylaws.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was proposed that the membership of the board be reduced from the present 18 members to 14 members. Proposed by W.Skeldon, Sec by J.Arnold. There was one abstention and all other members voted for the proposal. Carried. There had been reported that there had been problems at our Gunville fishery with some members fishing from one side of the lake to the other thus not allowing other members to fish from the opposite bank. After much discussion about etiquette and members taking into account the right of other members to fish from opposite banks. It was Proposed by P.Yearsley. Sec by G.Osborne that a bylaw be introduced whereby a members swim is to the middle of the lake and halfway between the member and the next swim on the left and right side of that member fishing. This would only need to be enforced when there were members fishing opposite each other on any lake. 10 against the proposal and 84 in favour. Proposal carried. 	WS WS
7	<p>Review of Subscriptions and Day Tickets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was much discussion about the increase to membership fees. The final proposal was that membership fees would go up by £10 for all members from 2017. Proposed by A.Nichols. Sec by P.Bennett. Proposal carried. A proposal by N.Walker Sec by S.Penman That junior members, this would include members children and grandchildren that were in Full Time Education, should have free memberships, these juniors whilst fishing had to be accompanied by the member. For 84 against 10. Proposal carried. It was decided that Day ticket costs would be left to the board to review at their discretion and review in the best interests of the company 	WS WS
8	<p>Election of a Financial director.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Because of the strong financial position of the club and the need to alleviate the workload of our very busy secretary the board wished to appoint a financial Director. There had been one Director who had a financial background and had shown interest in the position. Mrs B.Bennett was proposed to become our new financial Director. Proposed by W.Skeldon Sec by P.Yearsley. this was approved by the membership and carried unanimously. 	BB

9	<p>Secretary's report on the questionnaire.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secretary reported to the meeting on the results so far of the questionnaire that had been placed on the rear of the membership forms. Some discussion took place on the replies that had been received and the secretary stated the board would be eagerly awaiting the report that was going to be produced from the survey and would act upon issues that were raised in it within the financial constraints of the company 	WS
10	<p>Questions and answers from the floor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was proposed by W.Skeldon Sec by B.Bennett that Lesley Kemp become a member of the board. This proposal was carried unanimously. The question was raised about the Web Site and C.Ball told the members present he had taken on this a his part of the board membership and could be assured that he would have something up and running in 2 months but the full development would take a little longer. There had been a misunderstanding between a bailiff and a member as to where he could fish, this was amicably resolved at the meeting. The board was asked to look at facilities for ladies on our sites, toilets etc. The board stated this was part of our remit and now that we have two lady board members they were sure this would receive their attention. The Board had stated that negotiations were taking place to purchase a piece of land where we could dig another lake. The meeting asked where this was and were told it was to the north side of our Merstone fishery drive behind the large farmhouse and outbuildings but this was still in the negotiation stages. The natural banks on Kingfisher were being eroded at an alarming rate and the board stated that the plan was to strengthen these banks within our improvement plan, that was presented to the meeting, this evening. 	WS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting closed at 10-13 hrs. 	

Proposed Seconded

Secretary/Chair /...../.....