

PORTSMOUTH RN & RM CAA AGM MINUTES - 20 MARCH 2012

1. The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.00.
2. The Convening Order was read out by the Secretary.
3. **Apologies.** Mr Mardlin, Mr Street, Mr Chisholm, Mr Fegan, Mr s Pulleston, Mr Truman, Mr P Hitchcock and Mr Good.
4. **Minutes of Previous AGM.**

These were taken as read.

Proposed by Mr Dawson, seconded by Law, accepted by all.

5. **Matters Arising.** Nil.
6. **Chairman's Annual Address.**

The Chairman opened by saying he's had 25 continuous years on the Committee without a break, taking over as Chairman in 1999 and being the club's longest serving Chairman to date. Despite a short list of responses for a new Membership Sec, he was glad that Mr Smith came forward to take on the role, albeit it may only be for a couple of years. He thanked all the membership, with special thanks to the Committee, both past and present, for all their help and support over the years.

7. Treasurer's Annual Report.

Monies In	£22917.11 (including £8205 from Nationwide Account)
Monies Out	£13693.05

Annual SPL Rent is now approx £4000 and will rise by 5% in the summer

Money in Bank	£20,261.72
Cash	£95.19

The Vice President expressed his thanks for the Treasurer's hard work with a quote from the Service Fund Examiner "As is now expected, the accounts were presented in excellent order."

8. Sultan Water Manager's Report.

Working parties were now concentrating on the bungalow stretch, taking out far bank trees and establishing a row of reed beds. Consideration is being given to splitting the moat in two, near old pegs 31/32, with the intention of creating better match fishing in the early pegs and more specimen sized carp fishing on the other side. Monies set aside for fish for SPL may be made available for the Moat as stocking density at SPL can not be verified at the moment. Quite a few swims have been taken out of service as we have too many for the working parties to maintain. The Memorial Bench is being replaced and should be moved to a more open position.

9. **Southwick Park Water Manager's Report.**

Work last year concentrated on Rookes Pond and the lower river, where the skimmers are now fishing well. Rookes Pond also received some free fish from the EA. 12 swims have been opened up and gravel paths relaid on pegs leading to the weirs. This year work has started on the old pegs 1 to the boat shed. A gravel path has been laid, ditches covered and about 7 swims will be rebuilt. Repairs on the weirs has been carried out and the sluice gates are in the process of being replaced. The water has a problem with dead trees falling into the lake and following a meeting with DE, some will be taken out. As the fish have grown considerably in the last few years, the fishing is now moving towards being more specialist orientated with beautiful mirrors and deep bodied commons coming out.

Mr Epps queried the silt trap and although it had not been dug out for years, the water was still quite deep there.

The Chairman thanked Mr Law for all his hard work and all the work we don't see with his good liaisons with DE and the Army staffs.

10. **Proposals:**

a. It was proposed that the Committee enable disabled and retired (state retirement age) club members access to Southwick Park Lake through the 'Green Gate'. Proposed by: Mr Roberts, seconded by: Mr Power.

The Chairman explained that we were unable to vote on this matter as the gate is under the control of the Army and not part of our lease. We have no control over it and it is only through good will that we are given permission to use it on an occasional basis.

Mr Power asked about taking the matter further outside the Club's remit. The Vice Chairman responded that he would look very dimly on the matter given all the hard work they had done to establish good relations and agreements with DE and the Army. We should not jeopardise this hard work and what we have achieved so far.

b. It was proposed that the club should consider the introduction of a membership concession rate for Senior Citizens, at next renewal for those members reaching their 65th birthday. Proposed by: Mr Power, seconded by: Mr Roberts.

This proposal was defeated, with only 2 votes in favour of the motion.

11. **Election of Officers.**

It was proposed that Mr Nowosielski take over the role of club Chairman. Proposed by: The Committee. This was agreed unanimously.

It was proposed that Mr Eastwood take over the role of club Vice Chairman. Proposed by: The Committee. This was agreed unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr Bailey and seconded by the Committee that the remaining officers remain in their posts. This was agreed unanimously.

Mr Eastwood was allowed to propose Mr Bailey for Life Membership of the club after his many years of great service. This was agreed unanimously.

12. New Chairman's Address.

The new Chairman, Mr Nowosielski, said that he joined the club some 40 years ago this year, when the club was first formed. He had served on the Committee for 25 years and as Vice Chairman to Mr Bailey since 1999. He hoped to fight on for the club, representing all members and renegotiating the new SPL Lease which is due in 2014. He hoped to investigate options for additional waters and exchange tickets as there were plenty of underused waters around the area. Going forwards, the club's website was now well used and thanked Mr Street for all his hard work in producing and maintaining it.

Mr Power asked about the provision of exchange tickets when on holiday. The Chairman responded that for absences over 7 days, then the tickets are handed to Mr Eastwood. It is not often that tickets go out, only twice in the last 6 months, and usually, members gave plenty of notice to arrange collection in time of short absences.

13. There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 20.55.