

## **PORTSMOUTH RN & RM CAA AGM MINUTES - 17 MARCH 2015**

1. The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.30 and thanked all for coming out and attending the AGM. The Club's Officers then introduced themselves.

2. The Convening Order was read out by the Secretary.

### **3. Apologies.**

Cdr S Mardlin RN, Mr P Street, Mr M Dawson, Mr N Bennett, Mr K Garwood, Mr R Good, Mr D Kay and Mr P Hitchcock.

### **4. Minutes of Previous AGM.**

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

5. **Corrections.** Nil.

### **6. Chairman's Annual Address.**

The Chairman reported that the AGM gave him the opportunity to highlight some of the great work that has been achieved at our waters over the last 12 months as well Committee work that has taken place for the benefit of our Members.

He was pleased to report that after lengthy negotiations we have extended our Licence to fish Southwick Park Lake until 28 September 2019. As before, Defence Estates can terminate this agreement if the ownership of Southwick Park Estate, which includes the lake, changes during this time. The licence this year will cost the Club in the region of £4200 and will increase by 5% annually. Our one year licence to fish SULTAN Moat expired on 28 February this year. Again the Licence has been extended to run concurrently with the Southwick Licence and will now expire 28 September 2019. However when we received the initial Licence for Sultan, we also gained a full abatement of rent of £2700 per year. As yet Defence Estates has not confirmed that the rent abatement will again be granted.

At Southwick Park Lake, led by our Water Manager Ken Law and a dedicated team of helpers, work has progressed to clear dead trees, shrubs and undergrowth around the lake to allow more light to get to the water and encourage marginal plant growth and provide a safe haven for fry. Swims around the lake have been reinforced with railway sleepers and this work will continue. Ken will give an update later on his plans for work on the water this year.

At Sultan, our Water Manager Iain Chisholm and a small team of dedicated workers has improved swim access and removal of bankside vegetation. Two of our members have given up time to qualify to use strimmers and will be undergoing a chainsaw course in the near future. Iain will explain our plans to hopefully eradicate the invasive weed that has affected the water over the last few years and other planned work.

More work could be done on both waters if more members gave up a small amount of time to assist with this important work. It's a shame that only a few members are willing to offer support. Apologise were offered to those members present who already assist.

Our website continues to be most ably managed by Paul Street and is well frequented by the membership. We will increasingly use this medium and our email database to communicate with our members, as the cost of postage continues to increase. Paul is currently in the process of building a new site which should not only be easier to use but more difficult for hackers to access and disrupt.

Thanks also went to Nick Bennett who is in his first full year as Membership Secretary. During this year he has rationalised our membership system which has included the introduction of a computerised credit card style membership card for this coming year. The renewal of memberships is an onerous task which takes a significant amount of time and effort at this time of year and he spends many evenings after his day's work producing your new cards. Hopefully after gathering digital photographs this year, next year's membership process should occur much quicker and easier.

Finally, The Chairman thanked all the Committee for their support, significant time and effort that they carry out on the member's behalf.

### **7. Treasurer's Annual Report.**

The Treasurer reported that the Club's audit had been recently carried and copies of the audit were available for all to view. The accounts show approx income of £16000 last year with a spend of approx £18000, this was possible because of extra funding being available. This year we have applied a small increase in fees to cover the extra costs of health and safety requirements and commitments. The Fund Examiner was very happy with the accounts again, with just a few minor pickups for the Committee to address.

Anyone with more detailed questions is very welcome to contact me online for a more in-depth explanation if required.

### **8. Sultan Water Manager's Report.**

Mr Chisholm started with a quick mention on the working parties happening every Sunday morning, where someone will be available to guide them. He gave special praise to Mr Ian Francis for his work on the Memorial Garden and, the regular assistance of Mr Alan Vanson and Pete Hitchcock.

The Moat has suffered a bad breakout of Nuttall's Pond Weed which can grow at 1mtr per week and 5 years ago we lost a lot of carp. Chemical weed treatments are now banned, mechanical weed removal is inappropriate so, with the EA's advice and approval, we are going to use blue dye in the water to block UV light and suppress the weed growth. It will cost approx £500/year and if dosed correctly, nobody should notice it in the water. On top of this we will be using an underwater weedcutter in places.

The Chairman reported that the same dye had been used by PDAS on Brownwich Pond to good effect. Another member reported that Petersfield AC had used it to good effect.

Mr Hitchcock asked if the asbestos problem at the Moat had been resolved and Mr Chisholm replied that it was no longer a problem.

## 9. Southwick Water Manager's Report.

Mr Law reported that the new path had been completed from Pinsley Bridge to the Boathouse up to peg 15 and it will be progressed further this year up to the weir. Talks are underway with the Golf Club re renewing the path on the south bank from the weir to peg 60 opposite the Boathouse. Work will also commence on installing railway sleepers in the pegs from the Boathouse to Pinsley Bridge. It is hoped that the pegs in the 40s built with chestnut stakes will last a further few years before they need replacing.

More carp into double figures are now coming out, with a 24lb 8oz fish in January. Anglers fishing for roach have had good catches of juvenile carp which shows they are breeding well in the lake.

Reed beds around the lake are coming along although the reeds at the top of the lake appear to be dying off. It is thought this is due to run-off from the solar farm and housing developments further upstream. This issue has been reported to the EA who are looking into it. All members are requested to report any further water quality and/or discolouration problems to the EA's Hotline which is noted on the rear of your rod licence. This will be reiterated on our website in due course. Additionally, it is requested that members email the details through to the Water Manager.

Mr Law then expressed his thanks to the regular members who turn up at the working parties and mid-week tasks.

## 10. Proposals:

a. Counter-Proposal by submitted by Mr Ray Chiverton, Seconded by Mr Len Rodgers that: The one rod rule at Southwick Park Lake be lifted and that all anglers be allowed to fish with two rods.

Mr Chiverton gave an eloquent and detailed reasoning behind his proposal and this was followed by a healthy discussion by those present.

Mr Wood, seconded by Mr Rob Chiverton, then raised a counter-proposal to this one saying: The one rod rule at Southwick Park Lake be lifted and that all anglers be allowed to fish with two rods and anglers must use baitrunner type reels with their rods clipped in a rod pod. The vote was For – 6, Against – 26. Motion defeated.

We then returned to the original counter-proposal by Mr Ray Chiverton. The vote was For – 5, Against – 24, motion defeated.

The general consensus was that use of a single rod was far better for the health of the fish, their safety and, it was far easier to police and check. Going over to a 2 rod rule would in turn, cause additional problems with increased lake usage, causing problems for both anglers and the Golf Club.

b. The Committee proposed that: On Southwick Park Lake, 2 rods will be permitted for a limited number of organised carp matches approved by the Committee. All such matches will be fished to British Carp Angling Club (BCAC) rules with officials overseeing the event.

The Chairman outlined that this proposal was enabled the club to conduct vital fish-catch data collection, under strict controlled conditions, for the EA. The EA will not allow anymore fish stocking until detailed results on fish stocks are compiled. The second reason is our use of the lake for Service sport, serving our Naval anglers and SPNRC. To this end, it is only anticipated that we will hold one match a year under these conditions. The vote was For – 26, Against – 0, motion carried.

c. The Committee proposed that: All future AGMs be moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in January.

The Chairman explained that with the demise of the closed season on our waters and bringing forward membership renewals, we are unable to get any new rule changes out in the new Rule Book for the start of the new season. Moving the AGM forward to January enabled us to incorporate any new rules into the Rule Book for that year. The vote was For – 28, Against – 0, motion carried.

d. It was proposed by Mr Ray Chiverton, Seconded by Mr Len Rodgers that: for future AGMs, all members with voting rights be allowed to vote on rule changes whether they attend the AGM or not.

Mr Chiverton reported that this was self explanatory and that all members should be allowed to vote on proposals even if they were unable to attend the AGM. The vote was For – 2, Against – 24, motion defeated.

It was generally concluded that this was far too difficult to implement as members would likely not participate in arguments for or against the motion as well as hear any counter-proposals raised on the night.

e. The Committee proposed that: Mr Terry Davison be awarded Life Membership of the Association.

The Chairman reported: Gentlemen it gives me great pleasure to propose that Terry Davison be awarded Life Membership of the Association. This membership category is only available to members who have given up a considerable amount of time and effort to the Club over many years. Terry has been a continuous member of the Club for over 30 years, except for 3 years when he emigrated to Canada. He has been on the Committee for most of his time with the Club and has held a number of posts and latterly, has been our Secretary since his return from Canada where he has displayed excellent administrative and communication skills and over the last year he has digitised all our club meeting and AGM records. During his service he has been a dedicated helper at working parties both at Southwick and Sultan. He is a qualified angling coach and when we had a junior section, was more than willing to give up his time and offer advice and help. Whilst in the Service he was also an accomplished match angler and represented the Club, Command and Navy on many occasions and even competed in a number of Division Two and Division One Nationals. Terry is standing down as Secretary due to a family move up North this year. I strongly recommend support for this motion. The vote was For – 26, Against – 0, motion carried.

## 11. Election of Officers.

It was proposed by The Committee that:

- a. Cdr Steve Mardlin RN takes over as Vice Chairman.
- b. Mr Alan Vanson takes over as Honorary Secretary.
- c. The Chairman and Treasurer to remain in their posts.

The Chairman explained that Cdr Steve Mardlin had volunteered to take on the role of Vice Chairman and having a Naval Commander on the Committee was good for our sport in the Service and good for the club.

The vote was For – 25, Against – 0, motion carried.

12. The Chairman then reported: Finally it is with great sadness that Dave Eastwood is standing down from the Committee due to ill health. Dave has been a long standing member of the Club for over 40 years and a member of the Committee for over 30 and in that time has held the positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Hants and Sussex Alliance Rep and Establishment Rep. He was also, prior to his failing health, a committed working party member who could turn his hand to anything. He also with his vast experience kept the Committee in line with regard to rules and regulations. As Chairman I have the opportunity to present the Swan Trophy to a member who has shown dedication and support for the Club. This year the award goes to Dave Eastwood along with this leaving card and a small gift in recognition of his long standing work for the Club

Mr Eastwood replied that, over the years, working on the Committee had been wonderful, meeting comrades on the bank, enjoying good fishing, what more could anyone want.

13. Mr Mick Boudier asked for a word, his good friend and long time member of the club Mr Ron Bowley recently passed away and he would like to pass on his thanks to all the members who attended Ron's funeral and those members putting his name on the Memorial Bench.

14. A member asked why there was no Any Other Business on the Agenda. It was explained that in the past, people had used this to bypass the rules and try and sneak in irrelevant rule changes which had not been fully digested by all concerned. Additionally this had caused previous AGMs to descend into an 'Irish Parliament' and go on late into the night. Members wishing to raise concerns can do so through the website or they are most welcome to attend any Committee Meeting and express their thoughts and views there. The Committee is open to all members and is more than willing to listen to any topic raised.

There being no other business, the AGM was closed at 21:30.

## 2014-15 Trophy Awards

Inter Establishment League	Runner Up - Nik Tompkins 72 pts <b>Winner – Steve Stickley 53 pts</b>
Sultan League Trophy	Runner Up – Iain Chisholm 18pts <b>Winner Chris Bailey 15pts</b>
Keifer (Working Party) Cup	Runner Up – Richard Stamp 71lbs 10ozs <b>Winner – Terry Davison 99lbs 7ozs</b>
Catchweight Trophy	Runner Up – Terry Davison 99lbs 7ozs <b>Winner – Karl Oliver 112lbs 13ozs</b>
Memorial Shield	Runner Up – Paul Hitchcock 14lbs 5ozs <b>Winner – Paul Hitchcock 14lbs 10ozs</b>
Sultan Pole Champs	Runner Up – Nigel King 4lbs 2ozs <b>Winner – Paul Redstone 10lbs 14ozs</b>
Committee Cup	Runner Up – Paul Redstone 24lbs 12ozs <b>Winner – Nick Bennett 48lbs</b>
Pike & Perch Trophy	Runner Up – Dean Sargeant 9lbs 8ozs <b>Winner – Ian Francis 9lbs 10ozs</b>
Christmas Rosebowl	Runner Up – Paul Redstone 1lb 3ozs <b>Winner – Alan Vanson 1lb 4ozs</b>
Pairs Cup	<b>Winner – Alan Vanson &amp; Paul Redstone</b>
Carp Cup	<b>Paul Hitchcock 24lbs 8ozs from Southwick</b>
Mixed Bag Trophy	Both Dean Sargeant and Chris Bailey had 7 species, <b>but Chris won on weight.</b>
Specimen Fish Awards	Chris Bailey 10lbs 2oz Barbel, River Wye Dean Sargeant 7lb Tench, Sultan Moat Paul Hitchcock 24lbs 8oz Carp, Southwick Park
Specimen Fish Trophy	<b>Chris Bailey's barbel, 48.1% of BRFC Record</b>
Swan Trophy	<b>Mr Dave Eastwood.</b>

## PN INDEPENDENT EXAMINATIONS

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The President  
Portsmouth RN & RM Coarse Angling Association

13 Mar 15

### PORTSMOUTH RN & RM COARSE ANGLING ASSOCIATION – EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS – 28 FEB15

1. The examination of the accounts of the Portsmouth RN & RM Coarse Angling Association for the year to Feb 15 has been completed satisfactorily. Three copies of each Statement of Assets & Liabilities, which require the Treasurer's, Committee and a Trustee's signatures on the reverse, together with the Receipts & Payments statements are enclosed. The Treasurer should retain one and another should be made available to members.
2. The accounts were well presented for inspection. During the examination the Treasurer's cash and bar cash was counted and was correct. The property register included some of the new acquisitions but should also contain the laptop and perhaps the trailer.
3. The Association received nearly £15K in membership subscriptions but the audit trail was not complete. Duplicate receipt notes were provided on some occasions but not on others. The receipt notes were numbered but without a full set of receipt notes it was not possible to check for gaps in the sequences. For the Membership Secretary's protection, duplicate receipt notes should be provided for all membership subscriptions.
4. The amounts paid by guests were not always noted on the tickets.
5. On a number of occasions members had under claimed expenses by asking for the net cost to be reimbursed rather than the actual amount paid i.e. including VAT.
6. The bar made a £6 profit on sales of £43.50, although actual sales receipts were £41.08.
7. The following items were also of note:
  - Subscription income was slightly up on last year at just under £15K.
  - The committee dinner was subsidised by £446.
  - Fisheries maintenance costs had increased by £1.2K to £4.8K.
  - Depreciation costs were £1.6K.

8. Summary The fund broadly broke even over the year and ended with a net worth just under £16K. Procedures for receipting membership subscriptions and guest tickets should be tightened up.



P A Nicholls  
PN Independent Examinations

Information:

Chairman

Treasurer

PORTSMOUTH RN & RM COARSE ANGLING ASSOCIATION FUND

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

28-Feb-15

**Assets**

28-Feb-14

Fixed Assets

Property £ 7,438.32 £ 6,777.45

Current Assets

Bank Account £ 7,737.25 £ 8,636.55

Cash £ 125.90 £ 107.61

Bar Cash £ 45.54 £ 19.96

Bar Stock £ 38.00 £ 57.50

Rent - Southwick Park Lake - prepaid £ 287.00 £ 272.00

DE Licence - Sultan Moat - prepaid £ - £ 130.00

Membership - Broadlands - prepaid £ 100.00 £ 83.00

Insurance - prepaid £ 568.00 £ 497.00

Total Current Assets £ 8,901.69 £ 9,803.62

Current Liabilities

NSPCC £ - £ 87.00

Outstanding bills - Feb £ 342.91 £ 259.26

Account Examination £ 110.00 £ 108.00

Total Current Liabilities £ 452.91 £ 454.26

Net Current Assets £ 8,448.78 £ 9,349.36

**Net Assets** £ 15,887.10 £ 16,126.81

**Treasurers Certificate**

I hereby certify that the account overleaf is a true and correct statement.

Signature of Treasurer



Date

17 MAR 15

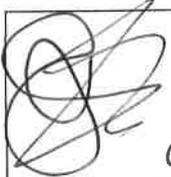
**Committee Certificate**

We have approved the account overleaf, which we believe to have been correctly prepared from properly kept books of account.

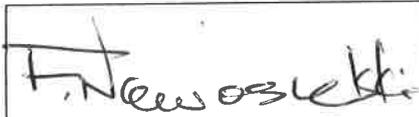
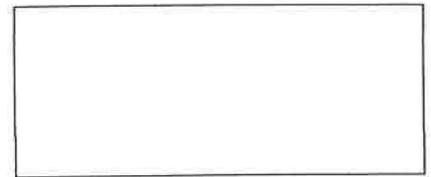
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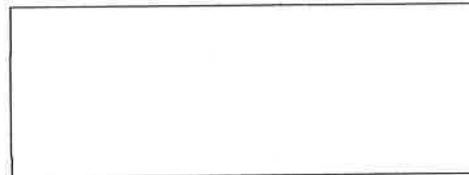
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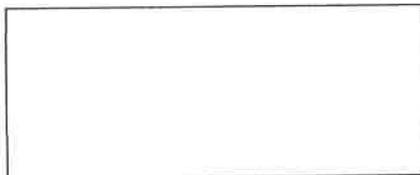
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**Examination Certificate**

- 1 I hereby certify that I have examined the account shown overleaf.
- 2. Annual accounts – a Certificate of Independent Examination is attached

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P A Nicholls

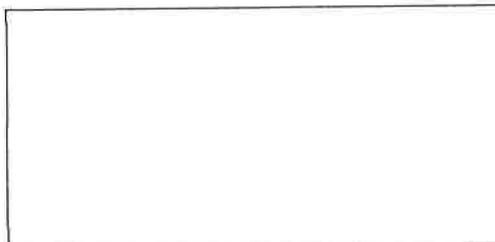
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13 MAR 15

**Approved**

Signature of Trustee



Date



Portsmouth RN&RM Coarse Angling Association

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS SUMMARY

1 Mar 14 to 28 Feb 15

	Previous Year		Previous Year
<b>Receipts</b>		<b>Payments</b>	
Operating Income		Charitable Activities	
Bar Sales	£ 41.08	Southwick Lake Rental Costs	£ 4,192.06
Subscriptions	£ 14,992.50	Sultan Rent	£ -
Guest Tickets	£ 240.00	Broadlands Membership	£ 1,200.00
Committee Dinner	£ 150.00	Fisheries Maintenance Costs	£ 4,821.24
Peg Fees	£ 360.00	Outings and matches	£ 1,023.90
Other Income	£ 15,783.58	Permits & Subscriptions	£ 23.00
Prize Evening Raffle	£ 75.10	Rule Book	£ 378.00
	<u>£ 15,858.68</u>	Prize Evening	£ 403.42
		Social Events	£ -
		Trophies/prizes	£ -
		Juniors - Festival/League	£ 82.99
		Property	£ 2,260.14
		H&S/PPPE	£ -
		Anglers Trust/Insurance	£ 736.00
		Office costs	£ 531.26
		Website	£ 180.00
		Misc	£ -
		NSPCC Raffles ( 2 yrs)Donatic	£ 162.10
		Bar Purchases	£ 15.50
		Governance	£ 16,009.61
		Account Examination	£ 108.00
		Committee Dinner	£ 596.50
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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustee of the Portsmouth Royal Navy and Royal Marines Coarse Angling Association.**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 28 February 2015.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustee for any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
  - to prepare accounts that accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met, or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



P A Nicholls MBE MAAT  
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13 March 2015

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