



# MERTHYR TYDFIL ANGLING ALLIANCE



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*Minutes of the committee meeting held at the Ex-Servicemen's Club on  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019.*

## **1. Minutes of last meeting.**

1.1. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as a true record.

## **2. Matters Arising.**

2.1. Mr Gary Davies once again met with MTCBC representatives to discuss the new access road at Middle Pond. It now transpires that the 'egg box' foundations are no longer necessary and a hardcore surface will suffice. The source of the blockstone required for the creation of fish refuges in the pond remains uncertain, as our current contact at Fros Y Fran opencast has left the site. Negotiations will continue to source the correct materials.

2.2. The treasurer will continue to research available fish farms for the stocking of sizeable coarse fish for as late as possible in the 2019/20 stocking season.

2.3. The treasurer has paid the affiliation fee of £240 to clubmate and has set up the online platform to issue annual permits only for the 2020/21 season.

2.4. The rental from the Wyndham and Lewis Estates has been paid.

2.5. The fallen trees at Cantref Reservoir have been removed by Welsh Water.

2.6. The treasurer gave an update of income to date, which shows that annual permits are up approximately £2700 from last year. Day tickets however are currently around £1000 less compared to last year, this may balance out by the end of the year.

## **3. Correspondence.**

3.1. A meeting has been arranged with Dawn Bowden AM on 16<sup>th</sup> September to discuss the Welsh Government's consultation on proposed open access to inland waters.

## **4. Competitions.**

4.1. It is with regret that the ladies competition section has disbanded.

4.2. Senior Coarse – Middle Pond, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Stuart Wilks 5oz
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jim Howells 4oz

4.3. Senior Coarse: Redhill Fishery, Sophie's Pond, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2019:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Mark Sweeney 124lb
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Adam Toomey 111lb 8oz
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jason Woodford 105lb

4.4. Senior Coarse: Redhill Fishery, Molly's Pond, 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Dave Couzens 100lb 12oz
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Gary Champion 91lb 3oz
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jim Howells 69lb 14oz

4.5. Senior Coarse: St James' Pond, 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Dave Couzens 33lb 8oz
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - David Davies 21lb 8oz

4.6. Senior Coarse: 2 day Festival, Dolygaer Reservoir, 17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> August 2019:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Chris Haymore 71lb 4oz
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Birt 60lb
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mark Jones 48lb 12 oz
- 4<sup>th</sup> Adam Toomey 46lb 8oz
- 5<sup>th</sup> Peter Williams 39lb 1oz
- 6<sup>th</sup> Ryan Taylor 25lb 5oz

4.7. Senior Coarse: Redhill Fishery, Molly's Pond, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019:

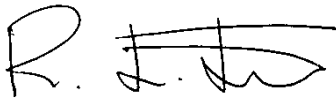
- Joint 1<sup>st</sup> – Dave Couzens & Jason Woodford 52lb 4oz
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Rhys Evans 51lb 12oz
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – John Coombs 51lb 8oz

## **5. Any other business.**

5.1. Mr Ron Jones, Pollution Officer, gave a report of an incident on the Morlais Brook which transpired to be an overflowing of a combined sewer. NRW are aware of the situation. Ron also gave a report of a discharge of mine water near Afon Taf school.

- 5.2. A pollution incident involving sewerage from ASDA near Top Pond has been rectified by Welsh Water. No polluted water entered Top Pond itself.
- 5.3. Daniel Lewis has been appointed the new IT officer for the club.
- 5.4. It was agreed that Mr Malcolm Williams be granted a bailiff card.
- 5.5. The rumours regarding the alleged draining of Top Pond are unfounded. Contact has been made with the contractors for the new road, Jacobs, who said that the pond will not be drained.
- 5.6. Permission was given for St Mary's Church to host a duck race on the River Taff. All plastic ducks will be removed at the end of the race.
- 5.7. Mr Mark Sweeney has been appointed as the Alliance's safeguarding officer.
- 5.8. NRW bailiffs have recently visited the river near Aberfan and Troedyrhiw. No poachers were caught that day.
- 5.9. Mr A Rees has informed the Welsh Government of a possible squatter on their land near the Black Lion in Aberfan, where rubbish has been dumped previously.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:50.



Rhys Ellis Evans