



MERTHYR TYDFIL ANGLING ALLIANCE



President: Sir Roger Jones OBE

Vice Presidents:

Gerald Jones MP | Dawn Bowden AM | Geoff Pritchard FRICS
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*Minutes of the committee meeting held at the Ex-Servicemen's club on
Wednesday 5th December 2018.*

1. Minutes of last meeting.

1.1. This is the inaugural committee meeting for Merthyr Tydfil Angling Alliance, so there are no minutes from the previous meeting.

2. Matters Arising.

2.1. The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking the following outgoing officers for over 50 years of loyal service to Merthyr Tydfil Angling Association:

- Mr W.G. Davies
- Mr Anthony Rees MBE
- Mr Graham Davies

The above will still remain active members of the committee of the subsidiary - Merthyr Tydfil Angling Alliance and will sit on the board of Directors.

2.2. The following were elected on to the board of Directors at the AGM:

- Mr Gary Davies
- Mr Tony Rees MBE
- Mr Graham Davies
- Mr Nigel Morgan
- Mr Keith Jones
- Mr Brian Walkley
- Mr Rhys Evans
- Mr Ron Jones
- Mr Malcolm Williams
- Mr Jonathan Walker
- Mr Mark Sweeney
- Mr Mark Williams

2.3. Once the Subsidiary company (Merthyr Tydfil Angling Alliance) registration is complete at Companies House, a bank account will be opened and some funds (TBC) will be transferred from the Parent (Merthyr Tydfil Angling Association).

Founder Associations: Merthyr & District AA, St Tydfil's AA, Treharris AA
Life Members: Lord Rowlands | W.G. Davies | Anthony Rees MBE | Brian D. Walkley | Graham J. Davies | Malcolm Williams

- 2.4. Applications for 2019 will be sent by members to the designated PO Box this year. Mr Nigel Morgan will approach the angling shop at the town centre to try and negotiate a trial for distributing licences for cash only payments.
- 2.5 Meetings for Merthyr Tydfil Angling Association (the Parent) will take place every quarter, with the first starting in January 2019.
- 2.6. There have been reports that a few salmon reds were found on the Taff during a survey at Pontygwaith – 2.
- 2.7. The Angling Trust in England is considering an open season for coarse fishing. There are no plans to introduce this in Wales yet.
- 2.8. Mr A. Rees is currently creating the newsletters and application forms for the forthcoming season.
- 2.9. The request for access for kayak fishing at Ponsticill Reservoir by a club from Swansea has been given the green flag from Welsh Water. A form has been sent out and the committee will review this at the next meeting.
- 2.10. Arising from a previous request by Mark Williams regarding boat fishing at Talybont – it transpires that it will require the issuing of new leases and the correct liability insurance etc. Welsh Water also expressed a concern about the decrease in water quality. Mark Williams will now continue to follow up on this matter, liaising with Welsh Water.
- 2.11. Mr Gary Davies read out the list of names of persons who are sitting on the newly formed Wales fish-eating birds advisory group. Members of the angling community are well represented.
- 2.12. The Chairman is attending a Local Access Forum meeting tomorrow. The outcomes of the meeting will be relayed to the committee at the next meeting.

3. Correspondence.

- 3.1. Mr Jonathan Walker read out an email from the BBC, regarding the filming of a programme on pike fishing at Ponsticill Reservoir. The committee agreed that the day ticket cost will be waived in recognition of the publicity the club will receive from the programme.
- 3.2. Mr Nigel Morgan read out a notice regarding the consultation on the Wales Rod and Line Byelaws.

4. Competitions.

- 4.1. None.

5. Any other business.

5.1. Mr Tom Jehu brought the results for an online survey which had completed by members, regarding the size of carp that should be stocked in to our waters. It was decided that x3 22-25lb (at approx.. £770 each) and x3 16-18lb (at approx. £450 each) carp will be stocked in to Cyfarthfa Lake, with approximately a £200 delivery charge. Contact will be made with Chilston Fish Farm.

5.2. Mr John Coombs requested that improvements be made to the floating islands at Cyfarthfa Lake in order to protect them from fish-eating birds. There will be improvements made during the warmer months.

5.3. Mr John Coombs asked if there could be a board displayed at Cyfarthfa Lake to advertise any coaching events taking place. This will be pursued with the Council.

5.4. Mr Mark Sweeney made the committee aware of a possible marketing course available to improve its online presence. This will be pursued by Tom Jehu and Jonathan Walker.

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

