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The English Police Fly Fishing Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Held at Blithfield
Friday 27th April 2012

Apologies; Steve Evans, Ian Wood, Tim Ashman

Persons Present; Malcolm Naylor, John Comer, Iain Fraser, Henryk Pycz, Mick Cartlidge, Steve Owen, Calum Fraser

Election of Officials; Chairman - John Comer
Vice Chair - Iain Fraser
Secretary - Malcolm Naylor (Proposed by SO, Seconded HP)
Treasure - Henryk Pycz

Minutes of Last Meeting; Agreed

Matters Arising; None

EPFFA Website:

Discussion took place about the lack of updates or information being added to site. It is essential the all Regions update Calum & Chris Taylor (Norfolk) who manages our site. CF to speak with CT

Qualification for England Team 2013;

Discussions took place about the Selection process for the England Team especially given the fact that Wales were wanting to reduce the numbers of team members for the Home Internationals. This will be highly contested by England and Scotland who have no difficulty attaining required numbers and willingness to participate.

JC recommended that the profile of the annual EPFFA Boat Championships should be enhanced to encourage more participants.

He suggested that this could be achieved by awarding the top competitors places on the England Team and to represent their country at future Home Internationals and European events. He pointed out that at the present time, the top England rod could be omitted from the team if he hadn't qualified through his regional event. Using the EPFFA Boat Championship as a qualifier would ensure that the top England rods were part of the England Team.

It was agreed unanimously that the top 4 rods from the Boat Championship would go on to represent England at the European Championships in 2013, the remaining 4 team places to be fished for in an eliminator. Given the fact that the European match is to be held at Rutland, it was suggested and agreed that the eliminator be fished at Rutland in September 2012 with the top four rods completing the make-up of the team.

Malcolm to arrange event and circulate to all reps and regions.

AMFFC Events & Subsidies;

It was agreed to continue to support a team in the AMFFC and to provide a subsidy towards the overall costs (ie boat hire)

A request was received for support for entry in the Floating Line event. This request was discussed but declined because it appeared to be outside of the ethos of PSUK rules and competition.

(Unanimous decision not to subsidise)

Branding / Logos; Malcolm had submitted designs to a company (Initial Designs - South Shields) and obtained samples of caps for a; the EPFFA, b; the England Team and c; cloth badges. The designs were agreed and Malcolm agreed to obtain the relevant caps and badges. It is hoped that all England Team members will be issued with England Caps for every future International / European event.

IF asked about the potential of obtaining shirts and ties for similar use as outlined above.

Further enq's to be made to ascertain interest in such products, costs, designs etc.

Constitution and Rules;

Discussions took place regarding Disciplinary Proceedings and potential action being taken in the event of an allegation of misconduct being proven against a member of the EPFFA. There is nothing within the Rules and Constitution to allow a member to be banned or otherwise punished if found guilty of misconduct.

JC agreed to look into the matter further and report back at the next meeting.

Boat Championships 2013;

Mick Cartlidge offered to organize the 2013 Boat Championships at Eyebrook Reservoir, on or about 25th April 2013. The chosen date and entry forms etc will be circulated in due course.

European Championships 2013;

The 2013 European Championships are to be hosted by England between the 6 & 10th May 2013 at Rutland Water. At this time Austria and Republic of Ireland have shown interest but Calum is arranging the translation of the entry forms etc before circulating them to Germany, Italy and France.

Other Events; IF had previously circulated an email regarding a charity event with the Free Masons.

Several concerns were raised about associating and participating in such an event. IF stated that he had initiate enquiries with Essex Police Federation to ascertain protocols / procedures etc and they had found no obvious causes for concern. IF agreed to contact ACPO in Essex to get an opinion from them.

River Section; Colin Alexander who kindly arranged the inaugural event for the EPFFA River Section on the River Itchen in 2011 has agreed to arrange the event again at the same venue sometime in November 2012.

MN agreed to assist CA to organize the event. CF agreed to provide Medals for the event which is now hoped to be a permanent fixture for the section. The top four rods from the 2011 event will be representing England at the National Championships being held on the River Dee at Llangollen on 19/20th June 2012.

The England River team will be Colin Alexander, Henryk Pycz, Roy Blackman and Kevin Weller.

Any other Business; Calum indicated that the Welsh had raised concerns about the numbers of competitors representing their country at the Home Internationals. There was a suggestion from them to reduce the numbers per team down to 12 or 14.

The information and concerns is to be circulated to Regional Reps on the PSUK committee for consultation with the regions. It was abundantly clear from those in attendance that this should be vigorously contested by the EPFFA. The matter will be discussed at the next PSUK AGM in June and at the Home Internationals in September.

At 8.20pm there being no further business, the meeting was closed.

M. Naylor
Secretary