

Central Association of London and Provincial Angling Clubs

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CALPAC Delegates Meeting Minutes Monday 7th October 2019

October Meeting opened at 8.10 pm by John Bygrave

While there were not enough members to form a quorum, it was decided by those present there were things to discuss which could not be left another month.

Apologies for absence (belated) Malcolm Corner

Minutes from previous meeting - N/A

Matters Arising - None

Attendees - Dean Hawkins, John Bygrave and John Bygrave

Correspondence

Secretary Reports - None

Interim Treasurers Reports - September & October 2019 by John Bygrave

September

Very quiet month. I have taken a lot of reports mostly regarding Stew Pond asking when it was reopening etc.

I have sent out some forms and I actually sent another book out today, but we are still well down on last year!

I have paid more money into the bank and have only the one cheque for the book I sent out today. I have still not had any money from Thatcham, Carmel has sent another invoice to them by email, I understand. I made up any money owing to Alf and gave it to Carmel at his funeral so she could pass it on with the other donations she had.

As far as I know all our bills are paid. I did order more keys and I have picked them up and paid for them.

October

Not a busy month. I have sent out more forms, day tickets and a couple of books.

I have taken a lot of calls about our fisheries, this time mainly Sulhamstead and the GUC but still quite a few about Stew Pond. All our money has been paid into the bank. I did try to get to the September meeting, but the traffic was bad, and as I was feeling

off colour, I eventually turned back and went home.

Dean gave me a phone number for Thatcham which I rang, and I have since had a cheque from them for Padworth only, that is the only fishery they want to use this year.

One of the day tickets I sold for Sulhampstead produced a stunning Barbel, I have got a photo here, we are guessing it to be about 18/20lb as the anglers' scales only went to 14lb and they bottomed out rapidly.

Fisheries Reports - September and October 2019 by Dean Hawkins

September

The past month has been very quiet for me regarding fishery news for CALPAC. The only thing of any note to report was a phone call I received from Nick Foulkes (EA Fisheries Officer) regarding the fish mortality at the Stew Pond. He had not heard about the untimely passing of Alf, because the first thing he asked me was whether he was okay, because he hadn't heard from him for a while. He said that he had contacted Epsom & Ewell Council a few times since the fish mortality, but in true Epsom & Ewell Council fashion had not had any responses to his emails. I indicated to him that I was unsure of the future of Calpacs relationship with the Stew Pond and would just wait to hear from him in due course, should he receive a response to his emails.

On a positive note, I received the call from Nick last Thursday whilst I was fishing on the river Mole at Cobham. The whole of the fishery was fully accessible, as the pathway had remained clear since I carried out the work on it during the spring. The fishing was also encouraging, as I caught Dace Roach, Perch and lost two very large Chub. I will be fishing it again during the Autumn.

October

This report will focus on our Padworth fishery because of recent events taking place there. The Southern Channel project is finally underway, with the works starting on Monday 23rd September. I visited the site on Saturday 28th to see how things were progressing, and was pleasantly surprised by how much had already been done. As the photos below show, a few trees have been cut down to allow more sunlight to penetrate the river. The branches from these trees will be used to form the brash berms to



narrow the channel in specific areas. There is still a lot to do, but it all bodes well for the future of the river.

The main reason for visiting the Padworth fishery though on Saturday 28th, was to install the Alf Duffy memorial bench on the fishery. It was decided on the day to site



the bench close to the car park, to allow visiting anglers and walkers to pause for a moment's reflection prior to carrying on with their day ahead. Although the day was tinged with sadness, it was nice to spend time with Malcolm, Ken and Liz creating a lasting memory of dear Alf.

A huge thank you must go to Malcolm Milford-scott for the wonderful craftsmanship that went into the bench. And this is what always sets people apart, he did it all for free!

I also took the opportunity whilst I was there, to strim the grass on many of the swims. This will keep them nice and clear for the rest of the season.



Competition Secretary - None

Membership Secretary Reports - None

Items Discussed in Other Business

- Stew Pond - What are we going to do? With the unfortunate death of Al, we need to consider what we are going to do regarding Stew Pond. Obviously, the rental will have to be paid for this season as up to now Alf has been bailiffing and collecting fees. David Blake has volunteered to bailiff it two days a week so I would we gratefully accept his offer and review the situation at the end of the season to see whether we should renew our lease with Epsom Council.
- Bill Bird the bailiff at Yalding has resigned.
- The photo of the Barbel was shown around

- Copy of text messages sent to Ray Wilkinson from Bill Bird were also shown around.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm by John Bygrave and minutes by John Bygrave

Next Meeting 4th November 2019 at 8pm

Venue: The Thomas Wall Centre, 52 Benhill Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. SM1 4DP

Please make a note of the Monthly Meeting Dates for 2019

Monday 2nd December 2019