



MINUTES OF MALLARD AGM 2017

The AGM was held at the Herne Bay Angling Association on 19th July 2017 at 7.30pm.

Members present: Keith Silk, Nicole Silk, Dominique Kennett, Alan Macdonald, Jane Clayton.

Apologies for absence received from Georgia Silk.

The Minutes from the 2016 AGM were read and accepted.

Matters arising

Dominique looked into premium bonds with the savings account but they are not available for clubs to buy, so the account was closed and the money was used to buy a second hand set of electrical scoring equipment from Peter Huggins.

The Chairmans report will be available to read on the club website.

Treasurers report

The treasurer reported that the club funds are down this year, mainly because of increased venue fees, the cost of Peter Huggins coaching and insurance cover for the equipment, the cost of buying new equipment and repairing existing equipment.

The evening fees being paid have increased as the move to Canterbury has led to an increased membership and at present there are 50 fencers on the club records.

To cover the running cost of the club we need to take £110 a week, we have been short of this up until the 2 months when the club is now starting to break even.



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The Treasurer proposed that the accounts year should tie in with the annual subscriptions being paid, ie. 1st September to 31st August each year. Seconded by Jane Clayton and agreed unanimously.

Committee positions

Mike Pethick has sadly resigned from the committee after a very long time with the club. Mike was a founder member and will be sadly missed. The club wishes to express its grateful thanks for all Mike has done for Mallard over the years and hope that he will still keep in contact.

Alli Gibbons was proposed by Keith Silk to join the committee and seconded by Jane Clayton. Alli has accepted the position and is a very welcome addition to the committee.

There were no other nominations for committee positions so the present committee was voted in en bloc. Proposed by Dominique Kennett and seconded Alan Macdonald. Unanimously accepted.

Chairman: Keith Silk

Secretary: Jane Clayton

Treasurer: Dominique Kennett

Club Captain: Stuart Harris

Junior Club Captain: Elisabeth Fraser

Committee members: Alan Macdonald, Nicole Silk, Alli Gibbons

Child Protection Officer: Dominique Kennett.

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Grant applications

The club needs to apply for a grant to help with coaching costs. With the increased membership the pressure on the existing coaches to keep up with the numbers is becoming increasingly difficult. If a grant could be obtained it would be possible to pay for another coach to join us. Jane to look into this.

Winner of Silk Award

This award is given to the club member who has given their time freely to the club over the last year. This year it is awarded to Alan Macdonald who takes care of the club equipment in so many ways and together with Richard, gets the club equipment repaired and back into use.

Adult footwork sessions

There have been requests from the adult fencers for footwork sessions to be held later in the evening for them. It was decided that as well as a junior footwork session between 6.45pm and 7pm there will now be an adult footwork session between 8.15pm and 8.30pm.

Summer training

It is hoped that there will be an additional training session during the latter part of August to prepare for the next season. Details will be circulated when this has been arranged.

Method of payment and manning the desk

It has been a problem over the last few months having someone on the desk taking the money and booking fencers in and out. From September there will be a book on the desk and ALL fencers will be required to sign the book on arrival and pay the required fee, writing the amount paid next to their name. Fencers will not be allowed to fence until this has been done. Junior fencers (under 18) must also sign out next to their name with the time of leaving. The



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club must have a record of everyone in the hall from the time that they arrive, in case of emergencies.

New club fees

The annual subscription has been increased from £30 to £35 as from September 1st. Payment of the annual fee entitles the club member to lessons from the club coaches and the benefit of using club equipment.

The evening fee for club members remains the same at £5 per night.

The evening fee for visiting fencers who are not club members is raised to £7 if they have their own kit.

Visiting fencers from other clubs who are using Mallard kit will pay £10 per session.

Non club members are not entitled to lessons from the club coaches but are welcome to come and fence at the club.

FANS members are very welcome to fence at the club without paying the evening fee, but if they wish to have lessons from the club coaches they will need to join the club by paying the £35 annual fee.

UKC fencers are always welcome to fence at the club (on production of student card) The cost per night remains the same at £3. If lessons are required, club membership will need to be paid at £35.

For complete beginners the 1st 2 weeks will remain free of charge, but for all other fencers the charges become payable from the 1st session.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.