

Bishop's Stortford & District Angling Society *(Established 1949)*

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Virtual Minutes of 2020 AGM **Due to be held at Bishops Stortford Social Club** **on: 1st April 2020**

Due to the travel restrictions imposed by the Government regarding the "Coronavirus", all social meetings are banned, therefore this years AGM was cancelled. The following are "Virtual" minutes as no one was actually present.

Chairman's Report

The chairman thanked the committee for their continued hard work, and all the people who have helped on work parties and bailiff duties throughout the year.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting (2019 AGM)

Proposed

Seconded

Secretary's Report

Malcolm Barker Lake

This year the MBL has really shown its true colours and quite a few large bags have been reported. The Tench have come back and are being caught quite frequently with fish ranging from 1-7lb. Bream have also put in a big appearance with a massive slab of just over 10lb being caught with several other fish from 7-9lb also showing. Quality Roach are also showing with reports of some topping the 1lb mark. One of the biggest surprises has been the big showing of small Common Carp in the 3-5lb range being caught - great sport! Pike of up to 15lb are also being caught on spinner and dead baits.

Beggars Hall

Despite the water levels being low last year, the lake was fishing very well for leisure fishing. We completed a restocking programme of various species and sizes of fish ie. Carp, Crucians, Perch, Roach and Rudd to maintain the stock levels.

The committee has undertaken various work parties to main the upkeep of the fishery and all is looking good for the new year. With many refurbished double swims incorporated around the lake.

We are pleased to report that this year, the water level has been boosted by the recent rainfall and is now at its maximum and is still fishing well.

Hall Farm

Small Lake - Family Fishing Day

Unfortunately, we did not manage to hold a Family Fishing Day this season but it is definitely planned for this year probably July/August 2020. Watch out for the date!

The lake has fished extremely well all year and the new Tench introduced last year have made several appearances.

Large Lake

3 Charity matches took place on this water last year for Macmillan Cancer Support, British Heart Foundation and Grove Cottage Mencap charities. All were very successful and raised a total of £860 for charity. We hope to run the same matches this year.

Although the lake has suffered from low water levels it has continued to fish well this season for pleasure and match anglers alike (note: Perch in excess of 3lbs reported!)

River Stort

For those that fish the River it has fished quite well on all stretches particularly at Spellbrook with good Chub and Roach making regular appearances.

Work Parties

The Thursday work party group have had a busy year on all of the fisheries which has made a huge difference to not only their appearance but also keeping the fish healthy and the stock levels up.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reports that the club had a successful year with the books showing a surplus. He recommends that the membership costs should remain the same as for last year.

In view of COVID the accounts were reviewed by the committee and **carried**.

Match Secretary's Report

The Match Secretary reports that the Club Champion is Phil Whitmill.

Terry Tucker won the Over 65's cup.

Junior Champion was not contested due to covid.

Lady's trophy was won by Sally-Ann Pearson

Triple Cup – cancelled

Brandon Shield – 1st BSDAS, 2nd Sawbridgeworth.

Lea & Stort Cup – cancelled

It is hoped that the Charity matches will again take place at Hall farm – dates to be advised.

Election of Officers

President	Mr A Streeter	Proposed	Committee	Seconded	Committee	Carried
Vice President	Mr C Costema	Proposed	Committee	Seconded	Committee	Carried
Auditor	Mr Brecknock	Proposed	Committee	Seconded	Committee	Carried
Trustees	Mr K Tasker, Mr C Costema, Mr S Foster, Mr M Head	Proposed	Committee	Seconded	Committee	Carried
Chairman	Mr S Foster	Proposed	Committee	Seconded	Committee	Carried
Secretary	Mr R Merritt	Proposed	Committee	Seconded	Committee	Carried
Treasurer	Mr M Head	Proposed	Committee	Seconded	Committee	Carried
Match Sec.	Mr T Cruci	Proposed	Committee	Seconded	Committee	Carried
Committee	Mr T Cruci, Mr C Costema, Mr S Foster, Mr J Todd, Mr D Copping, Mr R Merritt, Mr R Rudge, Mr D Fuller, Mr M Head, Mr R Rostron, Mr R Speller	Proposed	Automatic	Seconded	Automatic	Carried

Motions from the Committee

Membership subscription fees for the 2020/2021 season.

All membership ticket prices to remain the same as last year.

Carried.

Resolutions Proposed by the Membership

None Received

Subscription rates 2020/2021 season

Subscriptions as follows:

Ordinary £65

OAP: £45

Junior: £10

Guest Ticket £7 on all enclosed waters.

All Carried

End.

Prepared by
Honorary Secretary
Robin Merritt