

Minutes, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NORTHERN IRELAND CROSS COMMUNITY ANGLING. TO BE HELD AT BEECHHILL FISHERY ON WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER AT 7PM.

Executive Members/Trustee's Present:

1. John Sloan
2. Trevor Moore
3. Stephen Gibson

Secretary brings the meeting to order and asks that the President take the chair. Meeting is reminded that only members over 18 can vote at an AGM and hands it over to the Chairman.

Chairman of the Meeting takes the chair and calls the meeting to order.

President's Open Address:

The President addresses the members of the meeting with a welcome.

Members Present:

Members present in person: List taken and retained by TM – sufficient numbers to proceed.

Apologies: Paul Spurdens, Alan Kirkpatrick, Tony Sharpe, Colin Box

Agenda:

The Meeting takes up for consideration the items on the Agenda:

Item No1: 2023/24 AGM Report: (Including matters arising)

The Chairman takes for consideration Item No1: The 2023-24 AGM Report. Emailed out previously

The Chairman invites, from the members, any clarification on the 2023-24 AGM Report

The Chairman puts the motion to vote on accepting the report on a show of hands. Report passed.

Item No2: President's Report: (Including Beechhill and Conlig Development)

The Chairman takes for consideration Item No2: The President's Report.

Another successful year completed, with the charity increasing in subscribers and much needed volunteers. As everyone knows, volunteers are the mainstay of any organisation working in the charity sector. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all volunteers, coaches, stewards, catering staff and the transport providers. All these have to come together to make a project a success.

The main project last year was building a completely disabled friendly toilet block, complete with running water, hand grips and even automatic lighting. Both male and female units finished to a very high standard. This was only made possible by the kind donation from The Halifax Foundation. The new units were welcomed, especially by the females as they were put off by the old Portaloo's.

Projects are already starting to fill the calendar so we cannot afford to drop our standards, schools, clubs, charities and many other groups are depending on us.

This year is set to be busy again.

I thank everyone for their hard work, especially on the days when the weather was against you.

John Sloan

The Chairman invites, from the members, any clarification on the President's Report.

The Chairman puts the motion to vote on accepting the report on a show of hands. Passed

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Item No3: Secretary's Report: (Including Club Development/Training & Media

The Chairman takes for consideration Item No3: The Secretary's Report.

Report from T Moore

Secretary's Report 2024/25

It's almost a year since I took up the role of Secretary and I have to say it's been an enjoyable journey I never thought I would be on when I joined the club 4 years ago.

So, the year so far has seen the charity invest quite a bit of money into new tools and equipment, most importantly was the purchase of new solar panels / wind turbine which will give us enough power for over the winter months. Also, we have upgraded our electric fence which should keep most things out especially the cows eating the willow. Special thanks to JR for all his hard work

It's been good to see the volunteers' numbers on the increase lately for projects and work parties, and the introduction of our event emails to register has been a success, thank you for your input as it's just not possible to expect the same 3 or 4 people to turn up and do the work all the time.

Projects for the year has seen some familiar faces again and all good fun on the bank with excellent catering by Mark, Edd, and Will.

You may have noticed the farm has new owners so we have a new landlord, the lease will be resigned in a few weeks. Please bear in mind the farm will return to a working farm and business so please drive slowly in the yard as you will see a lot more movement in that area.

Lastly, I would like to thank John and Stevie for their help throughout the year, and we will move forward to another year with some new ideas for our charity.

Regards

Trevor Moore.

Maintenance report from JR – Pegs 1 and 16 and peg 16 completely rebuilt with assistance from several volunteers. Special thanks to Colin for pulling this project together in what turned out to be a lot of work. Our electric fence has now been completed by JR – power running from new station between pond and canal. Wind turbine has been in place several months now – mounting pole supplied by Jackie – then turbine purchased. Power now for fridge, aerators, lighting, CCTV and internet in cabin. (JR)

The Chairman invites, from the members, any clarification on the Secretary's Report.

The Chairman puts the motion to vote on accepting the report on a show of hands. Matter passed

Item No4: Treasurers Report:

The Chairman takes for consideration Item No4: The Treasurer's Report.

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Treasurers Report for February 2024- February 2025

Another busy and successful year for the charity and a quick count shows we had just over 2000 individual booking registrations meaning just about 170 anglers per month. I think this also justifies our subscription limit staying roughly between 125 and 130 with currently no plans to register anymore numbers this year. We did put out a new waiting list link registration link this year but out of all that applied none said they would be taking part in projects so we will keep that list on record and only dip back in should we drop in numbers. We do make it clear now on initial contact that this is not a "Fishing club" but rather an angling hub charity and participation is desirable.

For this financial year it was my first at taking on the new position of treasurer and quite a lot to learn in the first few months as we have a very active deposit/debit account with Barclays which requires quite a bit of recording. My method is to examine the monthly bank account which I then transfer onto a rolling spreadsheet which details all spend and income into basic groupings. No large spends are also authorised unless agreed by all 3 of the Trustees. This allowed for me to easily complete the final year accounts and send them off to auditor quite early this year and he was very happy with the amount of detail I had sent. We received his letter of confirmation which we can now submit to charity commission with confidence.

In regard to pricing, I think we still offer tremendous value for money with nobody paying more than £10 a month which works out about 30p a day. I note our neighbours now have a day ticket option of £40 a day so that sort of puts us into perspective given all the additional facilities we have on site. Our costs will undoubtedly go up this year with new landlord, rise in insurance and upcoming need for stand renovation but we do remain financially stable and fit for purpose with current format.

On a personal note, I am very proud of what this small charity has developed into over the years. I am lucky to deal with many of the outside groups and agencies that we work with, and I can tell you all that we are held with extremely high regard in the angling community. We do the same as lots of other places in regards projects, but we take ours just that bit further with our volunteer numbers and hospitality. I could give you lots of quotes from all our projects but the photographs with smiling faces say it all to me.

I look forward to a successful 2025-26 year ahead.

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Row Labels	Sum of WITHDRAWAL	Sum of DEPOSIT
• Cheques/bills	296	110
• Donations and grants	60	16735.61
• Fuel/petrol/gas	786.15	
• Insurance	587.14	
• Maintenance	8429.36	
• Official Body	299	
• Project funding	2955.8	2050
• Sundries	1705.56	65.62
• UAF subscription	389.1	
• Management software	728.19	
• Wi-Fi	240	
• Starting balance		1328.41
Grand Total	16476.3	20289.64

S Gibson

The Chairman invites, from the members, any clarification on the Treasurer's Report.

The Chairman puts the motion to vote on accepting the report on a show of hands. Matter passed

Item No5: Auditors Report:

The Chairman takes for consideration Item No5: The Auditors Report. Auditors letter attached to email and comments below.

Hi Stephen,

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Thanks for all the info. there's certainly an abundance of records for me this year.

Everything is ok and I have attached a copy of the certificate and my invoice.

If you need the physical original let me know and I will post it for you.

Hope everything goes ok and everyone enjoys a great year fishing.

Might take it up sometime.

Regards

Colin

The Chairman invites, from the members, any clarification on the Auditor's Report.

The Chairman puts the motion to vote on accepting the report on a show of hands. Matter passed

Item No6: Appointment of Auditor:

The Chairman takes up for consideration Item No6: Appointment of Auditor.

The Chairman invites, from the members, any clarification on the Appointment of Auditor.

The Chairman puts the motion to vote on accepting the Appointment of Auditor. Matter passed.

Item No7: Competition Secretary Reports:

The Chairman takes for consideration Item No7: Competition Secretary Reports from 2024/25

Good year for the matches now they are all completed, A few days of challenging weather conditions but all said good turnouts, Weight have increased on last year with around 15kg needed to win a match now, we have had match weights over 30kg along with several weights in the high 20kgs. Congratulations to Marty on winning a very competitive master! Beating Daniel by less than half a kilo to take the title! Other honourable mentions go to Sammy on winning the Presidents cup, Paul Hutchman on winning the Memorial cup and Daniel for winning the Golden Reel

Match dates and details for the upcoming winter league will be posted soon, followed by dates for next year's matches, keep an eye out as there will be a few new formats and changes from this year's competitions.

Regards

Daniel

The Chairman invites, from the members, any clarification on the Competition Secretary Reports.

The Chairman puts the motion to vote on accepting the report on a show of hands. Matter passed

Item No8: Notice of Motions:

The Chairman takes for consideration Item No8: Notice of Motions.

The Chairman then invites, from the members, any clarification on presented Motions.

The Chairman puts the motion to vote on accepting the Motion on a show of hands.

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Item No9: Election of Officers:

The Chairman takes for consideration Item No9: Election of Officers. All Trustees were voted in previous year and remain in tenure. Daniel also came on committee as match secretary for this year and agreed happy to continue. Passed.

Tony Sharpe invited to come on the management committee and has agreed .

The Chairman then invites, from the members, any clarification on the elections of Officers.

The Chairman puts the motion to vote on accepting the elections of officers on a show of hands. Matter passed

Item No10: Any other Business

The Chairman takes for consideration Item No10: Any other Business.

- 1 – Are we going to change rules on maximum or minimum main line. Minimum 6lb and maximum 10lb main line with an appropriate hook length – maximum hook length to be 0.22mm (9lb approx.) and free running feeder/bomb. Matter put to vote and passed.
- 2 – some weed removal on the smaller sections on pond. Agreed
- 3 – question regarding increase on subscription fees. Request for wider subscribers to be notified and consulted on any further price increase. Also suggestion for QR code to be generated to allow donations.
- 4 – Welcome to Tony Sharpe who joins the committee and Daniel ratified in his position as match secretary.

With all the items of the agenda being transacted, the chairman thanks the members for taking the time to attend the Annual General Meeting and declares the meeting as concluded.