

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LEIGHTON ANGLING SOCIETY
HELD IN LEIGHTON VILLAGE HALL ON 19 FEBRUARY 2011 AT 7:30 PM**

The meeting started at 7:30p.m – 17 members present (8 last year).

1. New Members. The Chairman welcomed new members present.
2. Apologies. Apologies for absence had been received from Dave Upton, Dennis Machin, Pat Nolan, Tony Randall, and John Coombes.
3. Correspondence. There was no correspondence pertinent to an AGM.
4. Minutes of the 2010 AGM.
 - a. Matters Arising. There were no matters arising. Acceptance was proposed by P Amos and seconded by C Cottrill and unanimously carried as a true record of proceedings.
5. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer explained the audited Balance Sheet for 2010. Although there had been an overall operating loss of £1369 on the year, this had been mostly due to the purchase of the Society's tractor. However, this was more of an investment, as this vehicle would appreciate in future years. Also Leighton Estates water rent was back to the full amount for 2010 and three years engraving costs had been incurred because the Past Trophy Winners cabinet was locked in Kynnersley Arms until October 2009. In addition, we now have a fully functioning website, the domain registration for which cost £105. As bank interest rates were so poor, Treasurer had taken advantage of a NatWest bond in June 2009 that matured in June 2010 netting income of £252 interest, compared to the paltry £4.24 at Barclay's. He had therefore invested in another bond at NatWest, which would mature in February 2012. There being no further questions from members, acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was proposed by C Cottrill, seconded by K Arnold and was unanimously carried.
 - a. Matters Arising. There were none.
 - b. Subscriptions for 2012. After some debate, it was agreed to raise the subscriptions for 2012 to £48 for a full member and £24 for an OAP member, all other subscriptions to remain at current levels. This was proposed by K Arnold, seconded by E Stott and carried by a majority of 15 to 2.
6. Election of Officers. Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer and Match Secretary were willing to stand for another year and as there were no other nominations, their retention was proposed by E Stott, seconded by K Arnold and unanimously carried.
7. Honoraria. Treasurer proposed no change to the present levels and this was unanimously carried.

8. Society Constitution. The Secretary had received no proposals to change the present Constitution, last amended at the 2005 AGM.
9. Proposed Amendment to the Society's Rule Book. As it is illegal to retain trout in keepnets, Secretary had received a proposal not to award a trophy for the heaviest trout caught in matches in future. It was therefore proposed that this change be posted on the Society's website until a reprint of the Rule Book can be effected. This would then be distributed to all members in 2012. This was duly agreed by all present, but to include all salmonids and not just trout.
10. Annual Trophy Presentation. This would be in the Cressage Club after the first match of the season on 19 June 2011.
11. Any Other Business. The following items were raised:
 - a. River Tern - Allscott. Secretary had acquired a year's lease of this water, but the fishing was very poor. This was known to the Environment Agency, who were willing to fund its improvement. It was proposed by P Amos and Seconded by D Humphries that Secretary should negotiate a further lease with the new landowner. This was unanimously carried.
 - b. EA Project – Sheinton Brook. Funding cuts had prevented this project from starting, but Secretary would do his utmost to get this it underway in the coming year.
 - c. Possible New Water. A piece of water below our current stretch of the River Severn may become available in the near future. The committee would negotiate with the landowner concerned to acquire this for the Society, at the appropriate juncture.
 - d. Retaining of large fish in keepnets. A general discussion took place and it was agreed to put a notice on our website to discourage members from using keepnets whilst pleasure fishing – especially for large fish in low water conditions.

There being no further business, Chairman closed the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

B C Jones
Hon. Secretary

23 February 2011