

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LEIGHTON ANGLING SOCIETY  
HELD IN LEIGHTON VILLAGE HALL ON 20 FEBRUARY 2016 AT 7:30 PM**

The meeting started at 7:30 pm – 7 members present (16 last year).

1. New Members. There were no new members present.
2. Apologies. Apologies for absence had been received from Peter Amos, Carl Pavey, Will Carr, Dave Humphries, Adam Bates and Brian Tinman.
3. Correspondence. The Secretary had received no correspondence during 2015 pertinent to an AGM.
4. Minutes of the 2015 AGM. Secretary read these to the meeting.
  - a. Matters Arising. As there were no matters arising, acceptance was proposed by Ken Arnold and seconded by Eric Stott and unanimously carried as a true record of proceedings.
5. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer explained the audited Balance Sheet for 2015. There had been a small operating loss, but now that the new subscription rates for 2016 had been implemented, this should result in a positive outcome for 2016. Although income from matches had improved over the 2014 figure and postage/stationery costs had been kept down, donations were significantly lower, plus a brush-cutter overhaul and a tractor generator replacement had produced this outcome. Of course, bank interest rates were still very poor and there had not been an opportunity to take advantage of any bonds in the current Financial Year either. There being no questions from members present, acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was proposed by Eric Stott, seconded by Stan Bird and was unanimously carried.
  - a. Matters Arising. There were none.
  - b. Subscriptions for 2015. As the rates had only been recommended for increase in 2016 he recommended that subscriptions remain at current levels. This was unanimously carried.
6. Election of Officers. Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer and Match Secretary were willing to stand for another year. There being no other nominations the retention of the current incumbents was proposed by Chris Cottrill, seconded by Stan Bird and unanimously carried. However, Secretary once again appealed to those present for help to manage the Society's trophies. None was forthcoming - again.
7. Honoraria. Treasurer proposed no change to the present levels and this was unanimously agreed.
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. The Secretary had received no proposals to change the present Rule Book.
10. Annual Trophy Presentation. This would be in the Cressage Club after the first match of the season on 19 June 2016.
11. Any Other Business. The following items were raised:
  - a. EA Project – Sheinton Brook. The Secretary reported that advice from the Environment Agency had been followed and a gradual approach, over several years would be adhered to. This would be to clear some of the debris and take out fewer trees than originally thought necessary.
  - b. Haughmond Quarry. Secretary reported that this potential fishery would not be possible before 2018, since the quarry work had been granted an extension till at least then. He would monitor the situation
  - c. Cressage Meadow - vehicles. Secretary reported that our Riparian landowner could lose a significant grant if members continue to drive to pegs in the meadow when the ground is wet, or frosty. All present were reminded that cars should not be taken into the meadow when it is too wet.
  - d. AGM - website. It was suggested that a mention of the AGM on the website just prior to the date of the meeting may encourage a few more members to attend. Secretary offered to try this next year.
  - e. Bailiffs. Secretary reported that in addition to Tim Breese, Nick Skelton was also a bailiff on our waters now.
  - f. Fly Tipping. Secretary reported that this was an increasing problem and members were asked to report any dumped rubbish to the Local Authority, or to Malcolm Corrie.

There being no further business, Secretary closed the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

B C Jones  
Hon. Secretary

21 February 2016