

# 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Sunday 21st January 2024

At Lower Park Fishery

Meeting Commenced at 10.32

Apologies, M.Farrell, I.Rennie, S.Crumpton, J.Periera.

**Overview of the 2023 season;** Steve Cox explained that the overview was in the handout which was prepared for the meeting by John Male and handed to all attending members.

**2023 Financial Report;** Steve Cox explained the Financial report in detail which was approved by those attending and was signed off by Daz Haynes.

**Roll Call of 2024 members;** A roll call was taken, everyone was in attendance other than the apologies and Ron Evans who attended the start of the meeting but had to leave due to a prior engagement.

**Election of new members;** Steve Cox explained to the attending members who the two people were who wanted to join in 2024. Bob Evans and Steve Rayner, a vote was taken and both were elected to become members of the Club. Steve Rayner was in attendance.

**Conformation of the 2024 Leagues;** The Three Leagues were published in the handout.

**Draw for the 2024 Singles competition first round Groups;** Steve Cox explained that the draw was made the previous week by himself and John Male (which included the two new members). This was because John Male could include it in the handout.

**List of venues and dates for 2024;** The list is in the handout.

**Agenda Items; Do you wish to continue the way the current match draw is made or do you wish to make the peg draw on the day ?**, After a general discussion between the members it was decided by a vote in favour of the draw being made on the day of the match.

**If the draw is made on the day what time do you want the draw to be made;** After a discussion it was voted that the draw will be made at 08.30. Fishing 10.00 - 15.00.

**Do you wish the draw for the Doubles / Teams Of Three to be made on the day;** The attending members voted for the draw of both competitions to be made on the day.

**Do you still require the Exel Angling Club Website to be updated or not;** Steve Cox explained the club pay £30 every two years for the domain and John Male who updates the site explained he sees the numbers who look at the site and they are going down. A vote was taken and passed by the members who would like the site to continue.

**Early Draws;** Steve Cox told the attending members that if they required an early draw they must tell him before the draw is made. Simon Spence asked the question what the early draw means. Steve explained it's to help those with walking difficulties. Simon explained that we have enough able body members to help anyone who has difficulties.

**Pay out at matches;** Steve Cox asked if everyone was happy with the payout, paying the first three and three section prizes. Members voted in favour to keep the same payout.

**2024 Charity matches;** Daz Haynes will continue to run the Charity matches, dates and venues are in the handout. He also explained that this season's charity would be The Birmingham Children's Hospital.

**20th year One off match;** Steve Cox explained that 2024 was our 20th year and would like to arrange a one off match to celebrate with present and past members. Members voted in favour of the match so Steve would try to arrange a venue and report back.

**Presentation Evening;** Steve Cox told the members that we would have a new venue for the 2024 evening at the Pheasey Hub. Peter Bullock explained all about the venue and it would be held on November 23rd. Darren Bullock put forward to the members about having food on the evening like we used to have in the past. Steve Cox explained why we stopped the food because of the amount of waste when members failed to turn up. Darren suggested all the members at the first match of the season pay £5 which will go to the cost of food on the evening, Darren would donate £60 towards this. A vote was taken and went in favour of Darren's suggestion.

**Last season;** Steve Cox explained about this being his last season in his organizing role of the club, he went on to tell the members that Daz Haynes had put himself forward to take over at the end of the season. Going through the right procedure members voted in favour for Daz to take over. Daz told those attending he would monitor Steve throughout the season but he was a great believer that if nothing is wrong why change it so don't expect to many changes perhaps a few minor things here and there. Steve told the members that if Daz does the role we will have to have another member take over Daz's role in the weigh in team. Nick Hull name was mentioned and was passed by the members.

**Match Result handout;** Steve Cox said he would continue to do the match result handout for this season, but instead of them coming through to you on a Sunday evening of the match they would be on Monday instead. Steve explained going forward we need someone else to do them after this season. Daz Haynes explained that Nick Hull would be the man for the job and was voted by the members for the role, Steve would pass on all the information during the year.

**Do you agree that Steve Cox is made a honorary member;** Daz Haynes put it to the members present that we should make Steve an Honorary Member of the Club for all the work he has put in during the last 20 years, he should not pay any subscriptions just his prize fund money on the day of matches. Steve said he would feel uncomfortable knowing that the members would have to pay extra each season. John Male said he would like the members to vote on the issue, the members voted that Steve would become an Honorary Member of the Club starting next season.

**Anyother Business;**

Bill Gribben mentioned that last season a member moved pegs after the draw was made for various reason's and because of Steve's good nature this was allowed to happen. Bill proposed this should not happen again. Members voted in favour of Bill's proposal

Daz Haynes mentioned the date for this season's spousemania in the handout was wrong. He would let the members know the new date.

Steve Cox thanked Steve Tayler for the new peg numbers.

Meeting closed 11.15