

EXEL ANGLING CLUB

2014 AGM

JANUARY 26<sup>th</sup> 2014

Aston Social Club

Aston Hall Road

Aston

Birmingham

Meeting commenced 10.32am

### **1 .APOLOGIES**

Rob Cox text Steve Cox saying he was unwell but he would be joining in 2014.

### **2. OVERVIEW OF THE 2013 SEASON**

Steve Cox said that his overview of the 2013 season was in the booklet handed out to each member at the start of the meeting.

### **3. 10 YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG**

2014 Will be our 10<sup>th</sup> season and an anniversary match has been arranged nearest to the original match date back in 2004. Unfortunately it falls on Easter Sunday, but we have 28 pegs booked on the folly Pool at the Riddings which will enable us to invite some old members to fish the match.

### **4. 2013 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Steve Cox explained the financial report to attending members. He also explained the new trophies donated to the club in 2013 needed engraving and altering which increased the cost. Another increase in cost came about with the company who supplied the winners trophies had closed so we had to find another and the prices where a little dearer. Steve then pointed out that the club where not a money club and any profit was a bonus. None of the attending members questioned the report.

### **5. ROLL CALL OF 2014 MEMBERS**

A roll call was taken from the 2013 members rejoining and the three new members present in the room. David Crosby said that Mark Jones who was not present at the meeting would be joining in 2014.

### **6. CONFORMATION OF WHO IS IN WHICH LEAGUE FOR 2014**

The secretary read out the proposed divisions for 2014 season which included the new members who were placed in Division Three. No members opposed the format.

### **7. DRAW FOR THE TEAMS OF THREE**

The draw was made for the 2014 Teams of Three competition. The draw will be posted on the Web-Site

### **8. DRAW FOR THE DOUBLES COMPETITION**

The draw was made for the 2014 Doubles competition. The draw will be posted on the Web-Site.

### **9. PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE SINGLES COMPETITION**

Steve Cox explained we had two proposals for the competition in 2014.

- A) Leave the format the same, having a straight knock-out.
- B) Introduce a 4 group system with each member fishing against each other over a five match period with the four group winners going forward to the semi-finals. This would keep the interest going further into the season for all involved.

A vote was taken and it went in favour of the new format of 4 groups of 6.

#### **10. DRAW FOR THE SINGLES COMPETITION**

The draw was made for the 2014 Singles competition. The draw will be posted on the Web-site.

#### **11. INTRODUCTION OF A NEW TROPHY**

Steve Cox told members that Rob Cox would be donating a new trophy to the club in memory of his mother who passed away recently.

John Male then explained that his local tackle shop would donate a trophy to the Club. The owner of the shop had checked out our Web-Site and was amazed we did not have a trophy for the Club Champion. So a new competition will be introduced in 2014 and it will be an aggregate league with all members taking part. John discussed with the members regards the scoring system to be used and it was decided the winner of each contest will receive 1 point, second two points and so on to the final placing. Those who dry net will be awarded points to reflect on how many take part in that particular match. (if 20 take part then they will receive 20 points). Those who do not fish a match will receive 24 points.

#### **12. VENUES AND START TIMES**

After lots of confusion last season regards start times a vote was taken about if we should have a set time throughout the season or vary it to comply with some of the venues rules. The vote went in favour of a 08.00am draw for every match fishing 09.00 – 14.00.

#### **13. ANYOTHER BUSINESS**

John Male started it off with a proposal that only club members are eligible to win Club Trophies, John explained that if guest's win trophies they could be lost outside the club and if non-members do win a club match they will be awarded a medal for winning. A vote was taken and it went in favour of John's proposal.

John Male proposed that we organize a race night to increase the club's social side and increase the club's revenue. Reasons being it would give members families a chance to meet each other, instead of just seeing each other at the Presentation. A vote was taken and it went in favour of John's proposal. Steve Cox asked members to come forward with some venues we could hold the event.

John Male said he would like to discuss this year's Exel Charity match with the members. First he asked them if they prefer a Saturday or Sunday match. A vote was taken which went in favour of a Sunday match. Colin Parsonage asked John if he could get the match earlier in the year because of the cold weather. John would be trying to arrange the event for October but would have to ask the club responsible for the pool first. John then went on to the draw time which went in favour of a 08.00 draw. Arrangements for Breakfast also received a yes vote from the members. A discussion was held regards which charity the proceeds should go to and it would be left up to the winning individual on the day. Five charities were mentioned by the members. In this seasons charity match members and non-members will have to purchase a ticket (£12 all in) prior to the date of the match.

Steve Cox asked the members if the early draw should continue for the Blue rinse brigade. Members were in favour of it continuing and it would also help those who have an illness at sometime during the season.

Steve Cox said he had noticed on the Web-Site that many were talking about a Canal match. He did not want to enter into a great debate about the subject but he would arrange a match before the season started for those who were interested. Steve said he would get details off Alan Whitmore and John King about a canal they fish regular in Halesowen and try to arrange something.

Steve Cox asked if there was anything else any of the members would like to discuss. Dave Robinson asked if the club would accept donations to the club funds. At this point Dave produced £100 and said he would like it to go into the club. The members gave Dave a round of applause.

Meeting closed 11.35am