



Rossett and Griffin Flyfishers Club
Established (as Rossett and Gresford) 1906

<u>President</u> -Paul Leng (0151 327 6948)	<u>Chairman</u> -Howard Stevens (01244 679909)	<u>Treasurer</u> -John Coates (01244 381061)
<u>Secretary</u> -Mark Pierce (01244 570382)	<u>Bank Clearing</u> -Bob Pemberton (01244 548400)	

Minutes of the AGM
Held at the Griffin, Gresford, on Monday 25th October 2004

The chairman in the presence of 27 members opened the 2004 AGM of the Rossett and Griffin Flyfishers. Prior to the meeting, apologies from 11 members were received.

1. Chairman's Introduction/Report

The Chairman gave an overview of the 2004 season referring to the following:

- A good season in general.
- Many fish over wintered last year, which is encouraging and as a result only one stocking took place this season.
- In addition to the normal stocking 2,000 fry were stocked at the Pont Y Capel bridge. The fry were provided from the Caergwrle hatchery.
- Bank work general – In addition to the usual band of volunteers that turn out every Sunday an encouraging number of members turned out on two separate occasions to assist with the cutting of the Himalayan Balsam.
- Tree work – The EA funded a tree surgeon to coppice a number of alders above the Griffin road bridge.
- The club received two grants last season, one from 'Keep Wales Tidy' to assist with the problem of the Himalayan Balsam and the other from The Wild Trout Trust which is to be used in providing a new water supply in the fields east of the river on Yew Tree Farm land and comes from the Sage Rod Company. In addition the Club has purchased a Sage rod, which will be raffled to raise further funds.
- Poaching - incidents and actions – EA bailiff has been more active this year particularly checking licences. The EA enforcement officer and the police have caught a number of poachers.
- Mink trapping – The total number of mink caught this year is 17. There has been a marked increase on the number of ducks raised on the river this year.
- Cefn Y Bedd Water – The Club has given up this stretch of water as it wasn't fished very much and it needed a considerable amount of work on it to make it fishable.
- Website – This goes from strength to strength and is a good source of information for members and prospective members. The Chairman thanked Simon Hayes for the time he has put into making a very professional website.
- Subscriptions – held at £44 for 2005 season

2. Secretary's Report.

Membership – Membership stood at approx. 118 during 2004 (including free-issue tickets). This includes 29 new members. To date 21 previous members have not rejoined.

3. Treasurers Report

Financial Position- There was a small financial surplus for the season. A balance sheet was circulated showing the income and expenditure over the last 12 months.

4. Election of Officers (Officiated by the President)

The President spoke on the success of the club for the 2004 season, and proposed a vote of thanks for the work of the officers and committee. .

Chairman – Howard Stevens elected as Chairman of Rossett & Griffin Flyfishers Club

Secretary – Mark Pierce elected as Secretary “ “ “ “ “

Treasurer – John Coates elected as Treasurer “ “ “ “ “

Committee – Existing committee members were re-elected.

5. Constitutional Changes

- **Change of club name** – The Chairman proposed that the club change its name back to the Rossett and Gresford Fly Fishers Club. A brief outline of the reason for the change was discussed. The proposal was seconded and a vote was taken. All except one were in favour of the change. The name of the club will now revert back to Rossett and Gresford Flyfishers Club.
- **Indemnity of the committee** – The Chairman proposed a section be inserted in the constitution regarding the personal indemnity of the committee. The legal wording was read out. The proposal was seconded and a vote was taken. All were in favour of the change. This is to be added to the constitution. One member asked that it be confirmed that the committee had no less responsibility than other members. The Chairman confirmed this to be the case. The Chairman also confirmed that the club had insurance.

6. AOB

- **Centenary of the club** – The club will be 100 years old in 2006. It is proposed to produce a commemorative booklet on the history of the club. If any members have any information written, photographs and memory and would like to be involved with the booklet please contact one of the committee members.

There being no other business the meeting closed.

Mark Pierce – Secretary
25th October 2004