

Rossett and Gresford Flyfishers Club

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Minutes of the AGM

Held at the Griffin, Gresford, on Monday 15th October 2007

The chairman in the presence of 19 members opened the 2007 AGM of the Rossett and Gresford Flyfishers.

Prior to the meeting, apologies from five members were received.

1. Chairman's Introduction/Report

The Chairman gave an overview of the 2007 season, which is summarised in the Chairman's report.

In addition the following points were reported

- The Chairman gave an update on the situation regarding the fishing in Wormswood which is ongoing.
- The Chairman informed the members of the work that was being carried out by the Environment Agency (EA). The large tree across the river upstream of the cattle bridge has been removed by the EA. This was removed on the understanding that the riparian owner allows the EA to put large rocks in the river. The bank downstream of the sewerage works is to be graded and the island in the middle of the river is to be removed. The EA are also putting fish shelters in the river as cover for fry.
- The EA have electro fished the control section of the river and found no salmonids –only eels and bullheads (millers thumb). The aquamat section contained 3 trout. The trail of the aquamat is now over and didn't prove as successful as anticipated.
- Due to high water in the Alyn coarse fish from a fishery in Leeswood have been washed into the river. The EA have electro fished the majority out of the river but there is still some evidence that some remain.
- The Ea are still looking at the loss of water at swallow holes at Loggerheads and how this can be resolved.
- A plaque is to be fitted to a tree in memory of Bob Pemberton. Bob was a committee member for many years and a regular member of the bank maintenance team.
- Subscriptions – for next season will be £45.

2. Secretary's Report.

- **Membership** – The club had another good year finishing on a membership of 122. Once again we lost members due to a variety of reasons but they were replaced with 20 new members.

3. Treasurers Report

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

4. Presidents Report

The President spoke on the success of the club during the 2007 season and proposed a vote of thanks for the work of the officers and committee.

- The river is fishing better now than when the club used to stock with up to 1,200 fish per season. There seemed to be more fish surviving the winter, probably due to the improvements to the river habitat. The President thanked the Sunday morning working party.

5. Election of Officers (Officiated by the President)

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

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

Treasurer – Bob Haydock elected as Treasurer“ “ “ “ “

Committee – Existing committee members were re-elected.

There were no nominations for election to the committee.

6. AOB

- Catch Returns: - Catch returns information was circulated. This year the river was split into sections on a map and the fish caught were cross-referenced with the sections of the river. However, the response from those asked to make returns was very poor. There is a real need to provide information in order to be able to make decisions on stocking requirements.
- Access to the river: - A number of stiles and steps have been installed, making access to the river easier. The Sunday morning working party would try to install more steps etc. during the winter.

There being no other business the meeting was opened up for general discussion.

Mark Pierce – Secretary
15th October 2007