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Dorchester & District

Angling Society

2018

AGM Minutes & 2018/19 Membership Application Form

**Annual Membership
Subscriptions
Unchanged**

***Sharnhill (Lower) Lake no longer on
DDAS books***



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Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

held on

12TH April 2018 at the WAS HQ, Weymouth

1. **Attendance** - A total of **66** members attended the meeting.
2. **Apologies** - Apologies were received from: Mr. T Flatters, S Kemp, J Werrett, L Mould, A Watson, P Nolson, C Watson, B Crosby, D Gibbs, R Sears, P Reed, G Blackmum, D Fyffe, A Tattersall, J Smith, J Parkes, L Holloway, C Church and D Beadnell-Smith.
3. **Minutes of the AGM 2017** - The minutes of the 2016 AGM, previously circulated, were confirmed with no matters arising. They were accepted by the members present and signed by the Chairman.
4. **President's Address** – Mr Derek Pride (Vice-President) opened the event by welcoming everyone.

Derek said: I have been asked to open the AGM because our current president, Mr. Ted Flatters was too unwell to attend this evening, we wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him presiding over us again in the near future. Derek wished everyone a great new season with DDAS and said with such a strong committee & officers at the helm, he can only see this wonderful society go from strength to strength...let's get on with the AGM.

5. **Chairman's Report** - The Chairman, Mr Mark Sims, thanked Derek for his opening statement, welcomed the members present to the this, our 71st DDAS AGM and thanked them for making the effort to attend. He reported:

Once again a very warm welcome to this my review of the 2017/18 season. It's wonderful to see so many familiar faces and old friends so here we are again another year passed and so much to report. A very special year in that we celebrated our 70th season Of course fishing in our beloved Dorset, those of you with us again this year will no doubt remember the fantastic announcement I made and the way we celebrated the 2016/17 season with the purchase of Luckfield lake.

This has been possible through the hard work and dedication of the various committees over many years but most importantly the generous donations YOU the membership gave us, our treasurer will go on to tell you a little later in the review exactly how much we raised through donations but I can assure you that without your donations and the good will of some of our landlords who deferred our rents until a little later in the year, last season would have been a whole lot tougher so ...

'A massive thank you!'

So what did we spend your money on?

Firstly let me take the opportunity to thank the guys who have turned up to the various working parties and helped out, especially some of the new faces that have joined our dedicated band of slaves (sorry volunteers) you know who you are!

Well, as we said, ALL the donations went towards **Luckfield Lake:**

We rebuilt the car park, with almost 30 ton of road plainings spread out by Terry Gladwish Groundworks (our resident digger driver) and with the goodwill and support of our immediate neighbour Ron, we repaired the none tarmacked length of Watergates Lane leading to the lake (to be done again soon).



Whilst on the subject of parking, may I ask all members to observe the parking instructions, this is not being awkward or difficult but making sure we can accommodate as many members as possible, safely, sensibly & securely. An estate car or SUV are not long vehicles, they should not be parked in the long vehicle spaces unless the chevron parking bays are completely full. There is also not a disabled space available.

Improved swims 1,2 and 4 by installing sleepers and gravel areas.

Improved swim 3 by installing a gravel area where it was always boggy and now is great for placing your umbrella or bivvie.

Completely rebuilt swim 5 which was dangerously undercut and was in danger of collapsing.

Carried out the annual Microchalk treatment (1 tonne of the stuff spread across the lake by hand).

Built a staging on swim 6 which was also dangerously undercut.

We arranged a tree surgeon to remove overhanging branches in swims 2 and 9.

We were able to keep the aerator on all through the year by the kind support of Steve Mason one of our neighbours who allows us to use his electricity supply (paid for monthly of course).

We strung out some rather unattractive blue rope all across the lake as a cormorant deterrent (now removed).

Pollarded some of the willows on the rear fence line (still more to do).

As ever I'm sure we will find plenty more to do this year, for a start pgs 7,8 and 9 need rebuilding.

Harbour Bridge

Jim has finished the donkey work on the track to the lakes, access all year round now, further improvements still yet to be done when the weather is on his side. Always great catches at Harbour bridge; tench, skimmers, carp and other silvers too.

Whilst talking about Jim, massive thank you for all of your hard work this year, for those that don't know, Jim is always there on call to help out on any of our waters.

The River Frome

Slow on the river this year? Unless you can tell us differently? Not sure why, it seems to have gone a bit quiet on the pictures front to, please keep sending your pictures in, without them we can't put updates online.

We had to close the bridge section you may remember due the collapse which I hope you agree was the sensible thing to do.

The River Stour

The river has recently had plenty of work done on it, loads of trees and branches cleared to open up a few more swims all done by our Stour bailiff Jason White and his brother so let's take advantage this year and get up there. I spent some time up at Haywards bridge in the summer last year and had some really nice Chub from the bridge downstream to the footbridge. Again please let us have your pics.

Our Juniors, our future

I would like to put on record the committees sincere thanks to Richie Holmes who headed up the Juniors section last year but stood down at the end of 2017 however, I would now like to introduce the new team looking after our younger members who will be working to get our kids off the xbox and onto a seat box.

Graham Howard and Glenn Richards will be making every effort to re-establish our junior section, please keep a close eye on the website & our Facebook page for details of events being planned for the summer holidays.

Summer BBQ

This year as in previous years we held a summer BBQ here at the Weymouth Angling Society HQ but unfortunately it wasn't very well supported, we are really keen to put together a bit of a social event in the summer and would welcome suggestions either from the floor or to the Sec by email etc.

Clubman of the year

Now comes a great part of the evening for me where we get the opportunity to recognize the great work, support and commitment that one of the club members has given to us without asking.

This guy has been on many working parties and is always on hand to help when we need him.

This year it is my great pleasure to announce the Clubman of the year 2017/18 is Gary Biles.

Sharnhill

It is with regret that I inform you that we have had to take Sharnhill Lower off the books, in simple terms:

It was not getting used enough for what it was costing us (9 visits last year).

Access wasn't great & almost impossible to drive to during the autumn/winter.

It was going to require a significant amount of work this year.

It required too much maintenance in the summer.

You will be pleased to hear we are keeping the Upper lake and is very much still on the books as it is well used.

Heath Lake & the future

Now over to club Sec Steve Sudworth and Estate manager at Silverlake for the latest developments: Steve thanked the chairman & reported that the move from Heath Lake to what will be 2 brand new lakes will still go ahead but may well be delayed due to the recent bad weather. Restoration works in that area of the estate has been very slow going. As long as we get some dry weather from now on, I would envisage the creation of the lakes will begin by mid-summer if not earlier, as soon as there is something to report on, I will inform members through the website, Facebook & by email.

Members passing

It is with great sadness that I report to the AGM the sad losses of 5 very special former members of the club that we have lost since I last spoke to you:

Mr Bill Lucy sadly passed away in May last year, many of you will remember the very many years Bill devoted to club as Secretary but also Bill was at the very centre of us getting Heath lake and its predecessor Knighton pond. Hence why we will be naming the smaller of the new lakes: 'Lucy's Pool', the other is yet to be decided, but it will be in recognition to the WW2 Airfield that it sits on.

Tony Topsy Turner who up until 2018 had been an active member of the committee and a keen member of the match seen.

Eric Sherwood our oldest longest serving member sadly passed away on the 23rd Dec aged 95.

Frederick Filby from Bridport who passed away in Oct 2017. A quiet man who loved his fishing.

Dave Parsons a long term member sadly passed away last month, another very nice chap.

All will be sorely missed but let's use it as a reminder to get out there and make the most of our beloved sport in the time we have.

Can I ask you to join me in a standing round of applause in respect of so many wonderful members of our club.

Committee changes

Standing down from the committee this year is young Tom Foyle who has supported the club over the last few years. Tom is now at university in Plymouth and is unable to remain an active member of the committee under the rules of the society constitution, I hope he will re-join us when he completes his studies and hopefully returns to the area.

You will hear later that we have received requests to join the committee from a few members.

Charity Support by members

Again this year we supported BLESMA the limbless ex-servicemen's charity & supported the Dorset Freemasons 'disabled kids fishing day' charity.

The secretary thanked those members who gave up their time to assist in these events, both the BLESMA & MTSFC (Masons) representatives said that the events would not have been so successful without the kind support & assistance of DDAS members. Roger Fullbrook thanked those who helped the BLESMA guys in person. A thank you letter was received from the MTSFC organisers (& we got our photo in their magazine).

Revels

Surely the centre of the club's match scene, loads of water and jam packed with fish!, supported by Jason Fricker and his team, we really are fortunate to have them on our side, each and every year they support with the Christmas match and this year was no exception, always keen to do a deal in the shop. On that subject I would urge you all to support all our local shops they are always there for us when we need them for the bits and bobs so please give them the chance to price the bigger ticket items.

Membership

I would now like to introduce our good friend and membership sec Paul 'Whisky' Haigh who will give you an update on membership numbers for the 17/18 season:

The Membership Sec began by discussing last year's unfortunate event where 60 or so initial returns of the postal membership were not delivered due to insufficient postage fee. The assumption was that the envelopes he used were the same as the previous year and as the picture shows, that was not the case. He then went on to thank the several individuals that made him aware and the issue was quickly resolved. With tongue in cheek, he laid the blame quickly at the Secretary's feet while he sought further refreshment.



He then went on to state that the dog ticket trial was a success with no reports of bad behaviour or fouling being found on the banks. That being the case it will continue for a further year at a cost of £5 per dog.

The Membership Sec reported that Warminster AA had approached DDAS last year with a view to exchanging tickets and although was agreed in principal, it is still to be looked into, there wasn't enough time in last year's activities to process.

The Membership Statistics were then reported as follows :

Total Postal memberships:	338
Shops:	
Weymouth Angling Centre	50
Purbeck	40
West Bay	12
Chesil Bait 'N' tackle	16
Alan's Angling	63
Dorchester Angling Centre	38
Exchange tickets:	36
Complimentary:	20
Life:	11
Committee:	12
Total memberships:	636
DDAS new members this year:	123
Postal donations to lake purchase:	128
Guest tickets issued:	30
Dog tickets issued:	7

He finalised the statistics by thanking all the shops for their valued support not only for last year but also in the previous years.

He then went on to take any questions regarding the club's membership and post a little clarification of the statistics above , he closed out by thanking all in attendance for their support at the club's Annual General Meeting.

Finance

Our treasurer David Tattersall will soon give us a round-up of our financial situation.

Thank you!

All that remains is the usual round-up of thank you's to: The Weymouth Angling Society for the kind use of their club & facilities. To the tackle shops: Alan's Angling, Ali's in Hardy's Arcade and Revels looking after our Dorchester based members. W.A.C and Chesil in Weymouth, Deano in Purbeck Angling and of course The Angling centre over in West Bay all of whom support our members and the club alike.

As for your committee, as ever I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their continued commitment and support, without it, none of this could happen. In particular I would like to thank Chris Watson who has done a fantastic job this year to deputise for me in my absence due to work commitments. Thank you and tight lines.

7. **Treasurer's report & Statement of Accounts** - The Treasurer, Mr David Tattersall submitted the accounts for the year ending 28 March 2018 which showed a reasonable profit despite the additional outlay for various reasons including the purchase of Luckfield Lake, David reiterated the chairman's thanks for the membership donations received. David outlined the accounts including the increase in rents for the majority of our waters. A copy of the accounts is available to current members on request.
8. **Verification of Accounts** - The Annual Accounts for the year ending 28 February 2018 were verified and signed by Mr Robbie Roberts on 17 February 2018 and were formally approved by members present without amendment.
9. **Motions from the Retiring Committee** - The following resolutions were approved without amendment:
 - i. That the full annual subscriptions for the society year 2018/19 **shall not** be increased. It was voted yes by unanimous decision from the floor.
 - ii. That part year subscriptions for Adult membership **shall** increase by £5, it was voted yes by majority decision from the floor (1 against & 1 abstention) therefore, full annual & part year membership fees shall be:

Adult membership

£55

Adults & Partner (both-anglers)	£80
Adults & Partner (non-angling partner)	£60
Senior Citizen (65yrs+) (in line with rod licence)	£35 (& Spouse/Partner - £45)
Disabled Person (proof required)	£35
Juniors (over 14yrs & under 18yrs)	£20
Primary (10yrs to 13yrs inclusive)	£10
*Part Year Adult membership (from 1/11/18)	£40

*Other part year subscriptions will remain the same.

10. **Society Appointments** - Having been duly proposed and seconded, the following appointments were made:

President Mr Edward (Ted) Flatters.

***Vice-Presidents** Mr John Smith, Mr Derek Pride, Mr Mike Park, Mr David Tattersall, Mr John Parkes, Mr Stuart Murgatroyd, Mr John Halford & Mr Stan Strange.

**The inclusion of Mr David Moxom & Mr Keith McIntyre in last year's handbook was a mistake, they were made 'Life' members only, not Vice-Presidents.*

Officers:

Chairman	Mr Mark Sims
Vice-Chairman	Mr Chris Watson
Secretary	Mr Steve Sudworth
Treasurer	Mr David Tattersall
Membership Secretary	Mr Paul Haigh
Match Secretary	Mr Mick Brown
Junior Secretaries	Mr Glenn Richards & Mr Graham Howard (RMO)
Club Captain	Mr Terry Dell
Committee	

Members:

Mr Dave Beadnell-Smith	/	Mr Johnnie Johns
Mr Andrew Foyle	/	Mr Chris Ward
Mr Roger Fullbrook	/	Ms Emma Johns
Mr Andy Tattersall (Carp Sec')	/	Mr Gary Biles
Trustees Mr Dave Beadnell-Smith & Mr David Tattersall		

11. **Appointment of Bank Signatures** - The bank signatures for the year 2018/19 shall be the Treasurer plus any one of three designated officers, account verifiers or trustees.
12. **Account Verifier** - Mr Robbie Roberts will continue in this post for the foreseeable future.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.51pm.

Post Meeting Important Note:

Parking for Heath Lake: Parking is once again permitted in the car park at Silverlake.

Non AGM Notes/reminders:

- Please remember to carry & show your membership card (when requested by ANY other club member) at all times, it is also a requirement at Revels Fishery that you sign the log in the tackle shop on arrival, this provides proof that you are the holder of the membership (comparison of signatures), no membership - no session. Exchange books & Guest tickets are not accepted at Revels.*
- Sign In/Out Logs that are provided at most of our waters ARE TO BE COMPLETED ON ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE at all times, please do not leave it until you leave (as has been the case on many occasions this year) If you fall in, drown & sink to the bottom, at least we know where you are!*

c) **Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday** are the only days/nights that members are allowed to fish 24 hour sessions at Luckfield lake, pegs 1, 2, 3 & 9 only are to be booked in advance, in the log at the lake. Pegs shall only be available from 17.30pm if occupied by a daytime angler. Please abide by all the rules stated on the noticeboards or in your members handbook. Please Respect your fellow angler/member.

d) **Please take all your litter home. Leave only footprints!!**

e) The keepnet ban at Luckfield, Sharnhill Upper & Heath Lake remains in place. Their use at Kingcombe, Revels & Harbour Bridge is at the landlord/fishery owners discretion. They are allowed on the river Stour for 'Silver Fish Only'. Please remember to lay it out behind you for at least 45 minutes before putting it in the water (this helps to kill any bacteria on the net) and if it is very warm weather, we ask they are not used at all. Thank you.

Tight Lines for the 2018/19 club year to you All.

2018/19 Membership Application form overleaf

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Membership Application Form

Complete as clear as possible please



**Dorchester
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Please indicate: **New:** ☐ or **Returning Member:** ☐

Date: _____

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First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Partner/Spouse Name: _____

(for joint membership only)

Address: _____

Postcode _____

Telephone: _____

(H) _____ (M) _____

Email Address **(as clear as possible please):** _____

(please ✓ appropriate box)

New: ☐

Previously supplied: ☐

Age **(all applicants):** _____

Membership Fees:

(please ✓ appropriate box)

Adult Membership	£55	18yrs to 64yrs (please be honest)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult & Partner (1)	£80	Both Anglers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult & Partner (2)	£60	Non-Angling Partner	<input type="checkbox"/>
Registered Disabled	£35	Photocopy proof required	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior Citizen	£35	65yrs+ in line with EA Rod Licence rules*	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior Citizen & Spouse	£45	Both 65yrs+*	<input type="checkbox"/>
Junior Membership	£20	14yrs & under 18yrs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Primary Membership	£10	10yrs to 13yrs inclusive	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog permit (by postal application only)	£5	Required for club exclusive still waters where permissible	<input type="checkbox"/>

Donation to chosen local charity (optional) £ _____ Thank you very much!

I enclose a cheque/cash (payable to **DDAS**) for the amount £ _____ for a full year membership of DDAS from **1st June 2018 to 31st May 2019.**

I am happy to receive news, notices & future correspondence by email only:

Yes ☐ No ☐

I agree to abide by the DDAS rules & regulations stated in the member's handbook & any

additional notifications posted on social media/DDAS Website, or on noticeboards or signs displayed at fisheries.

(Admin Use Only) Membership No: _____

Signed: _____

Your personal information will be held and used in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. DDAS will not disclose such information to any unauthorised person or body but where appropriate will use such information in carrying out its various functions and services. DDAS may also use this data in connection with the prevention or detection of fraud or other crime.

Note: Postal applications will only be processed once per week, please be patient. Thank you.

