

2024 AGM Minutes

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Minutes of the 2024 AGM Held at Weymouth Angling Society HQ on: Saturday 6th April 2024

The AGM Opened at 19:30

Attendees: Tim Broughton, Mick brown, Roger Fulbrook, Chris Painter, Jerry Bracey, Graham Howard, Glen Richards, Chris Ward, Lee Rowley, Craig Andrews, Bridget Andrews, Dave Copp, Chris Brown, David Moxham, Derek Pride, Dave Gibbs, Malcom Thompson, David Blackburn, Chris Hazelhurst, Mita Mitra, Rich Butler, Alan Winspear, D Johns, Jack Johns, Oliver Smith, Dave Copp, Jack Copp, Mark Sims, Andrew Tattersall, Colin Church, Adrian Hayes, Austin Scott-Kennedy, Thomas Kennedy, Tina Toulson, Kenzie Toulson, M Rimmington, Stuart Smith, Paul Cryer, Anna Smith.

39 in total, although we are aware that some people did not have sign the attendance sheet on the night and the actual figure was around 60. Thanks to all those that did attend the meeting.

1) Apologies for absence received:

Paul Haigh, David Tattersall, John Bass, Clive Drewcock, David Willcock, James Bayfield, Glen Ingram, Nigel Tharby, Dave Beadnell-Smith, Alan Watson, Gary Biles, Graham Underwood & Si Wagner.

2) Opening Remarks from the Society President

Ladies, Gentlemen, Boys & Girls, I welcome you to the 77th AGM of DDAS. A speech of 2 halves, the 1st being a landmark in the history of DDAS with the opening of Lysander & Lucy's on the Silverlake complex. Secondly.. the wettest season I have ever known with the rivers mostly unfishable from the end of October, especially the Frome. Looking to the future, I believe the Silverlake complex will be the envy of many other clubs in the area, as well as our ever-growing junior section run by Graham & his team. I would like to thank you for attending, the local tackle shops for their valued support, our landlords for allowing us to rent/lease their waters & WAS for the use of this fine clubhouse. Mr Chairman.. over to you.

3) Chairperson's Address:

Mr President, members of the retiring Committee, Ladies & Gentlemen, Boys & Girls:

Welcome to the 23/24 AGM. Again, I have the privilege to be in the seat of this great club and Committee.

Can I give my thanks to all the committee members for another year of hard work.

Can I ask all the committee members to stand and make themselves known. A couple are missing, tonight, due to work: Paul Haigh and Dave Tattersall.

Thanks also to the non-committee members who attended working parties throughout the year. Finally, thanks to you, the members, for supporting the club and attending tonight.

Thankfully, I haven't got a lot to say tonight. You will hear from the other committee members what we have been doing for the past year.

I will finish with my usual request for help. Volunteers for the committee and also working parties. Keep an eye on emails, website etc.

We have a lot to get through tonight, so if you have any questions, please could I ask you to save them until the end. I will now pass the rest of the evening over to "Sid" (Mr Secretary). Once again, thank you.

4) Confirmation of the Minutes of the AGM held on 6th April 2023:

The minutes from last year's AGM were approved by the meeting as being a true record.

5) Society Appointments 2024/2025

2023/2024 Committee	Role		
Chris Watson	Chairperson		
Chris Ward	Deputy Chairperson Trustee (Luckfield Lake)		
Jerry Bracey	Treasurer Trustee (Luckfield Lake) Bank Signatory		
Steve Sudworth	Secretary Club Captain		
Paul Haigh	Membership Secretary		
Glenn Richards	Match Secretary Bank Signatory		
Graham Howard	Junior Secretary Bank Signatory		
Tim Broughton	H&S/Risk Management Carp Secretary		
Roger Fulbrook	Committee Member		
Chris Painter	Committee Member/Ecology Rep		
Si Wagner	Committee Member		
Johnny Johns	Committee Member		
Mick Brown	Committee Member		
Dave tattersall	Committee Member		

a) Election of President:

Note: Current President is Mike Brown, who will continue in this position for the 2024/2025 Society year.

b) Election of Vice Presidents:

c) Proposed new vice President – Roger Fulbrook

Approved by the meeting.

Mick Brown	President
Derek Pride	Vice Presidents
Stuart Murgatroyd	
John Parks	
John Halford	
Dave Tattersall	
Terry Dell	
Roger Fulbrook	Newly Elected

6) Trustees:

Jerry Bracey and Chris ward will continue as Club Trustees in respect of the Club's ownership of Luckfield Lake.

7) Appointment of bank Signatories:

The Bank Signatories will remain as: Jerry Bracey, Glenn Richards and Graham Howard.

8) Account Verifier:

Mr Kevin Roberts will continue in the post for the coming year.

9) Motions from the Retiring Committee:

a) That the Membership Subscription for 2024/2025 shall remain the same as 2023/2024.

b) That the Cancellation of Part Year Memberships previously available from the 1st November shall remain in place with a slight amendment:

i) Applications received just prior to the Easter Holidays, towards the end of the Society Year, will be considered at a cost of £25 (<u>all</u> single adult applicants irrespective of age etc, joint applications will not be considered).

ii) Junior and Primary Applicants will be considered at 50% of the annual fee.

iii) Non Angling Parents/Guardians and Dog Permits will not be considered for a reduction.

The above resolutions were unanimously approved by the meeting.

10) There were no other resolutions received.

11) Treasurers Report & Statement of Accounts for 2023\2024

Fellow anglers, parents and Juniors.

The accounts for this year are based on the 11 months from 1/4/23 to 29/2/24 so all the verifying wasn't rushed before the AGM. From now on it change back to the beginning of March until the last day of February.

Both the main account and the Junior account have been checked and verified as being correct. On your tables I have placed a copy of our Income and Expenditure for you to look at and ask any questions if anything needs clarifying.

As of 29/2/2024 we had £17,043.81 in the club account.

Our expenditure for the year was £27,585.66 and our income was £27,317.69 so we have spent £267.97 more than we earned.

Our main expenditure continues to be rent at £9,5575.87 and although most of our landlords kept their rates the same Hanford Farm, Potwell and Sharnhill increased theirs.

Other major expenses include the £4,184.80 we spent on fish for Silverlake the continuing maintenance and repairs at Luckfield and Silverlake and mileage expenses paid out for the few members who carry out the maintenance and repairs at our waters. For the Junior coaches driving to the various coaching venues and for the membership secretary to visit the tackle shops to deliver and collect new subscriptions. The electricity bill has doubled which was expected and due to British Gas providing me with an extremely high quote for the coming year I have changed our supplier to YU Energy.

On the income side our membership subscriptions at £21,815.13 makes up the Lions share but this year we received grants from the Wildlife Trust side of Dorset council for £1,420.16 to purchase trees for Luckfield and Silverlake and enable the industrious Chris Ward to build the bird and bat boxes, £1,500 from the EA towards the cost of the storage container at Luckfield and £487 from the AT for the Juniors that we put towards the purchase of poles and rollers enabling us to enhance our coaching plan.

As of 5/4/24 we have just under £14,000 in the account.

Jerry Bracey – Treasurer

A copy of the Verified Club Accounts for the year 2023/2024 are available on request.

12) Membership Secretary's Report:

It has been another successful year for DDAS with the largest number of memberships ever taken so far. Guest tickets are down slightly due to an error made by me on CM allowing members to book them free of charge. It occurred over several months, but the mistake has now been rectified. CM is still relatively new to DDAS (and me) but please accept my apologies for this oversight.

I must applaud the six sponsored shops that sell our memberships from their sometimes-busy counters. They provide a vital and alternative method of obtaining our memberships for those members that prefer face to face approach. We have unfortunately lost the Wareham outlet due to the closure of Purbeck Angling. So, on behalf of at DDAS, I would like to thank all our sponsored shops for their invaluable support but particularly to Deano for enabling that option in the east of the county for many years. We wish you all the very best in your future endeavours.

Just a little reminder that next season's **online** memberships will be available **from the 1st May** but your new membership card will not be posted out until the last week of May. The shop bought memberships will be available from the last weekend of May. For those applying for a disabled membership, please remember to either send a copy (hard copy via post or photo via WhatsApp/email) of your current year's entitlement to the DDAS Membership Secretary. Proof at the counter just needs to be shown when purchasing from the shops.

Month	APR 2024				
DDAS Members:					
Postal/Online		433			
Shops	WAC	18			
	Purbeck	9			
	West Bay	2			
	DAC	11			
	AA	41			
	Chesil	8			
Sub total		522			
	Exchange	26			
	Life	15 (Inc x3 Comm)			
	Complimentary	22			
	Committee	11			
Total		596			
	DDAS New Members	135			
	Donations to Charity	£315 (From M'ships)			
	Guest tickets	24			
	Dog Permits	19			
	Temp Memberships	1			

Thank You, Paul 'Whisky' Haigh

13) Junior Secretary Report:

2023 was an outstanding year.

We had such a good year that, due to time restrictions and in the interests of mental health, I am only able to bring you some of the highlights.

Since the pandemic in 2020, we have been working hard to regain the momentum lost due to Covid, and I now feel we have managed to get the juniors back on track again in the last 12 months.

2023 saw the role out of the free Spond booking app that allows parents to book their juniors in to our events with a single tap on their phones. It takes ages to set up for the year but, once done, enables smooth and easy access to the events.

Attendances for junior events has, as usual, varied wildly from just a couple of participants at Silverlake, to 16 juniors at Todber Manor. But the average number of junior anglers increased as the year progressed. The start of this year has seen the highest level of interest from new starting juniors since we began, and currently we have over 40 juniors on the contact list on Spond. As much as we would like more juniors to attend the events, I pray that they do not all turn up at once.

The increase in interest is in no small measure is down to the regular posts that are written to the Dorset Echo, Purbeck Gazette, West Dorset, and Blackmore Vale Magazines.

Public profile has become hugely important to the success of the juniors. In the past, coarse fishing was regularly in the public eye with anglers up and down the country practicing their sport on open rivers and canals. However, due to the demise of such venues, our fishing now commonly takes place behind the closed gates of private or commercial fisheries that have limited or no public access.

An increase in juniors has required an increase in coaches. This year we have welcomed Neil Haine and Nigel Kemp to the team, but sadly Tom Foyle took a step back due to work commitments. The Re-Gen program of donated tackle has been steadily going from strength to strength. We had so much gear that I found I couldn't keep up with it all and so I dropped it all in the lap of Si Wagner. Si has been slowly wading his way through the mountain of tackle to weed out what and is not useful to our juniors and recording it all on colour coded spreadsheets. It is still ongoing, but Si has done a great job so far.

Thanks to grants offered by the Angling Trust and the EA created from funds raised by rod licence sales, we were able to purchase three margin poles with accompanying rollers. This equipment along with that already purchased will enable us to teach the juniors new skills in pole fishing without having to risk the coaches own fishing tackle. The poles will also be used for future school events and open days.

The increase in equipment has necessitated a second storage facility at Luckfield which also helps to prevent petrol fumes from causing my dear lady respiratory problems in her car. I would like to thank the committee members for their consideration in this matter as well as all the support given throughout the year.

We have created a new position within the juniors that will hopefully help to support better communication between the coaching team and the junior members. Some juniors may feel that talking to someone closer to their own age is easier than approaching one of the senior staff. For this reason, I have promoted Oliver Smith to a new position as Junior Captain. Ollie is our most senior junior and has shown elevated maturity in recent years. As well as being the junior liaison, Ollie will lead the juniors if or when we compete in team events in the future.

The familiar down to the wire points championship was exciting to watch, with four juniors capable of winning the title on the very last match. Obviously, we will be celebrating the achievements of the winners later this evening.

We hosted two successful school trips for schools in Broadmayne and The Prince of Wales School, both held in glorious sunshine at Luckfield and Revels respectively.

These went down extremely well with lots of fish being safely returned, and lots of smiles being taken home.

Sadly, it would appear that there will be no school trips to report for next years' AGM. The first of the three highlights that I want to report you is the Open Day at Revels. I capped off the number of participants at 24 because we were limited by the number of coaches available to us on the day. This number dropped to 19 which helped matters considerably and we were able to teach those that attended tutorials on casting, float and feeder fishing, and fishing with a whip. We even threw in a free BBQ which managed to cook a camping table as well as burgers and, if nothing else, raised awareness of how little kids are being fed at home due to the amount of food they packed away... It was a great success, and I am pleased that we managed to add a few names to the junior family along the way.

The second highlight of the year was the Pole Exhibition Day at Todber Manor. 10 companies brought their pole products and some famous names with which to promote them. Thanks to Jerry, I managed to get our calendar rearranged so that we could be there for one of our junior matches on Homeground our juniors were able to meet the likes of Des Shipp, Will Raison, Nick Speed and Andy Neal, and many more. There were some local stars there too and, as much as the juniors were amazed by the angling celebrities, DDAS Juniors seemed to impress those present too, gaining lots of attention from some influential people. Des Shipp was kind enough to agree to present the winners with their vouchers at the end which was the cherry on top of a fantastic day for all involved. You don't get days like this often and I for one will not forget it in a hurry.

Our last highlight was hosted at Whitemoor fishery on Chester's Lake. Again, through Jerry, we managed to talk former individual Junior World Champion and England International angler, Callum Dicks in to spending the day with some lucky juniors on a sunny day last September. Callum said he had no experience of coaching Juniors in the past, but you would never have known. Despite his initial nerves, the session was flawless, and all the juniors were inspired by his words, as were most of the coaches! Callum posed for every photo and signed everything that moved as well as some things that didn't. It was another cracking day in an exceptional season.

The year was rounded off with a record-breaking Christmas match, but again, more about that later. The coaching team and those that come along to offer occasional help have had my deepest respect and thanks from day one, and I try to repeat this at every event that we host. Nothing would happen without them. I may run and organise the juniors, but the coaching team is why I use the terms 'we' and 'us' a lot. It is a team effort and, on behalf of everyone involved, I offer you all my deepest gratitude.

Without somewhere to fish the whole thing would be quite pointless. So, I give thanks to Revels fishery, Whitemoor Lakes, Todber Manor Fishery, and Harbour bridge Lakes. To add to this list, we will be visiting Viaduct Fishery for the first time this year. We may also eventually get to fish on the river if it ever stops raining long enough for the river to return within its banks.

I want to acknowledge Jason Fricker at Revels, and Alan of Alan's Angling for their support of our juniors in the last year.

To our wonderfully frustrating, occasionally attentive, but always rewarding juniors I want to say thank you. You have been great ambassadors for our club, as well as being its future.

Lastly, I want to dedicate this report, indeed this whole year, to the parents. Those dedicated souls who stand out in all weathers to help their offspring pursue their passion for angling. Quite simply, without your commitment there be no juniors to run.

so thank you from us all.

As I commit this report to the AGM for this year. We are already up and running for 2024 and, despite the rain, we are seeing increased numbers of participants from 2023. The future of the juniors looks good, as I hope does the future of the club... Thank you...

14) Charity Cheque Donation (Project Linus):

A Cheque for £500 was passed to our elected charity "Project Linus". A representative from the South west region of the Charity accepted and showed us examples of the work the Charity carries out which were exemplary. It is the mission of Project Linus to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are sick, disabled, disadvantaged or distressed by donating gifts of new homemade/washable quilts and blankets, lovingly made by UK volunteer knitters and quilters. You can find out more about this Charity from their website, for which the link is below. Project Linus UK | Project Linus UK is a volunteer organisation.

15) Club Secretary's report & PowerPoint Presentation:

Steve opened his report by thanking you all those in attendance for making the effort to come along & went straight into announcing the recent death of Mr Mike Park; retired president/chairman/secretary & bloody nice bloke. Steve stated that it was Mike who he first met when joining the club in the late 1980s & immediately thought that this would be a great club to be part of if this man was involved. Steve led a moment of silence in Mike's honour. 1941-2024 (DDAS 1967-2019).



Steve reminded those present of the usefulness of the DDAS Website, Facebook page & NEW Clubmate system and requested all members to check them out now & again to keep up to date with what goes on & to see requests for assistance at working parties, litter picks etc & to also book night f

requests for assistance at working parties, litter picks etc & to also book night fishing sessions at Luckfield & to request an exchange/guest ticket.

He went on to talk about the recent flooding at Silverlake & the reasons for it. He did state that it was hoped that not too many bigger fish were lost to the surrounding waterway due to the recent low temperatures & pressures & the fact that we had continued to feed the new fish on a regular basis throughout the winter. The lakes remain closed at the time of writing for safety reasons, fingers crossed they can reopen in the very near future. We are still working on permissions for 'registered' disabled anglers to be allowed to drop their gear off at the lakes & return their vehicle to the car park for the duration. Details on how this will work (if agreed) will be published in due course.

Steve mentioned how well Luckfield has fished again this club year, mainly due to decent weather conditions, reports of 20lb+ Carp/4lb+ Bream/2.5lb+ Perch/1lb+ roach/5lb+ Tench at times. Peg improvement work has continued, dead ash tree removal, new storage erection, bank edges clearance, pathway stoning/wood chipping (in places). The main issue at the moment is the lane leading to the lake...potholes like moon craters! Discussion on works required between neighbours is currently taking place, we are hoping to have a date for the repairs very soon. They will be done by a contractor so no requirement for volunteers from the club this time. Access to the lake will be closed between 8am & 4pm during the repairs, we are hoping it will only be for a few days, we will let you know when. Steve mentioned Sharnhill, Potwell & Kingcombe and that he hadn't received any reports of catches or weed problems except a couple of good-sized carp at Potwell. Not that there isn't a weed problem at Kingcombe which will again be addressed in late May/early June. Please keep an eye out for a request for assistance. Sharnhill should start to fish well as the temperature rises, the grass will grow as well but it will be addressed on a more regular basis this summer, we promise!

As ever, Steve expressed his thanks to Jason & his team at REVELS for their continued support of DDAS.

Steve spoke briefly about the limited amount of time members have been able to fish our stretches of the Stour & Frome this club year. If you could have found where the riverbank started for half the season you had much better eyesight than me. However, the Stour at Hanford Farm threw up the best match weights of roach & small chub for many years. Creating swims on the river is 'hard work' but we do try our best to offer a good few areas to fish from. We will be concentrating on the Shillingstone & Little Hanford stretches this year. Again, please keep an eye open for the assistance request, thank you. Steve jumped back to Luckfield at this point (intentional 20), having not mentioned all the woodwork dotted around the lake, ie: 3 types of small bird boxes(19 of) / bat boxes / hedgehog boxes / and a large Owl box on a post (*see front cover image*). These were all built from scratch (& scraps) by committee member & Trustee, Chris Ward. The quality of work is superb, hence why Chris was voted as 'Club person of the Year' (he didn't know). Chris was asked to stand & receive the award (trophy) from the president, it wasn't just for this work, Chris is also a Juniors Assistant & all-round good egg!! Well deserved!

Steve showed a slide of a few of the juniors 'in action' & stated how envious other clubs were of our Junior section, long may it continue (they are our future!).

In conclusion, Steve thanked the committee for their hard work, thanked the members who had offered their time and assistance at working parties throughout the past 12 months & hoped to see many, if not ALL of you joining this great club for the 2024/25 society year. Thank you.

16) Match and Award Winners 2023/2024

- a) The 2023 Carp Competition winner with a three fish total was Stephen Bennett with a weight of 67lb. Joint second was Julie Samways and Dave Copp, who both had a weight of 63.10lb. Biggest carp of the weekend was 26.08lb. The 2024 fixture will take place the weekend 19-21 July at Todber Manor Fisheries, further details can be found on the DDAS website (match programme page).
- All other award winners can be found in the tables below, senior trophies were presented to the winners who attended by the society president. Junior trophy winners were presented by the Junior Secretary.

Committee Shield	Glenn Richards		
Costa Cup	Steve Nadin		
Denning Trophy	Richard Butler		
Eric Sherwood Cup (4 match evening series)	Steve Sudworth		
Chairman's Cup	Alan Winsper		
Carp Competition Trophy	Stephen Bennett		
Maurice Shaw Trophy	Craig Andrews		
Terry Hatcliffe Trophy	Alan Winsper		
Aldermaston Cup (2 legs)	Steve Sudworth		
Holmfirth (Over 50's) Trophy	Paul Wyatt		
Presidents Cup	Alan Winsper		
Jeffrey Trophy	Terry Green		
Dewlish Pairs Cup	Mike Brown & Terry Dell		
Grayling Shield	Gary Biles		
Bastick Cup	Steve Crowford		
Ladies Match Rose Bowl	Bridget Andrews		
Mike Park Stour Cup	Steve Sudworth		
Handicap Cup	Glenn Richards		
Scuffell Cup	Alan Winsper		
C&S Locksmiths WL Trophy (4 match series)	Steve Sudworth		
2023/24 League Points Cup	Steve Sudworth		
Blind Pairs (no trophy)	Glenn Richards & Alan Winsper		
Club Person of the Year	Chris Ward		

SENIOR TROPHY WINNERS:

JUNIOR TROPHY WINNERS:

Championship Winner	Jack Copp	
Championship Runner up	Josiah Wells-Parkes	
Silverfish Champ	Jack Copp	
Pairs Champions	Austin Scott-Kennedy & Oliver Smith	
Senior/Junior Pairs Champions	Josiah Wells-Parkes & Si Wagner	
Jerry Bracey Specimen Trophy	Kenzie Toulson	
Martin Vine Memorial Trophy	Jack Copp	
Christmas Match	Jack Cryer	
Most Improved Newcomer - Revels Cup	Kenzie Toulson	
Alan Hilton Trophy	Harry Cryer	
Knockout Champion	Oliver Smith	

2024/25 Membership Application Form Overleaf

2024/25 Society Year: 1/6/24 - 31/5/25 Membership Application Form Required for Cash, Cheque & PayPal payments			orm	Dorchester
New Member:				Est. 1947 & District
Date:				<i>Angling Society</i> www.d-das.com
First Name:				Please send your completed
 Surname: 				application form to: Mr Paul Haigh
Partner/Spouse Name: (for joint membership only)				DDAS Membership Sec 12A Lower Putton Lane Chickerell
Address:				WEYMOUTH – Dorset DT3 4AN
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Adult & Partner (1)	£90 🗌 £92 🗖	£91	Both Anglers
Adult & Partner (£70 🗌 £72 🗖	£71	Non-Angling Partner
Registered Disab	led	£40 £42	£41	Photocopy proof required
Senior Citizen			£41	65yrs+
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Junior Membersh Primary Members	-	£10 £12	£21 £11	14yrs & under 18yrs Up to 13yrs
Dog permit (by post	-	£5		Reg'd for club exclusive still waters where permissible
Donation to our ch	osen local charity	(optional) £		Thank you very much!
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