

**MINUTES OF THE RINGWOOD AND DISTRICT ANGLERS
ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 12th MAY 2006
HELD AT THE ST LEONARDS HOTEL**

PRESENT: 57 + TOP TABLE OF 6 OFFICIALS

The meeting was opened by the Chairman – Geoff Ponchaud at 7.55 pm – he noted apologies from:

Kevin Grozier, Ray Borrass, M Quick, Rob Stoker and John Sudworth.

MATTERS ARISING

Geoff Ponchaud asked members to read the minutes of the 2005 AGM previously handed out – there were no matters arising from them. The adoption of the minutes was proposed by Mick Hurst and seconded by Ray Osborne and were subsequently carried unanimously.

SECRETARIES REPORT

Peter Hutchinson gave an overview of the association's current issues – as usual he pleaded for members to careful over their conduct on our fisheries. He covered a discussion and points on the following:

- Royalty acquisition
- Other fishery acquisitions and potential gains
- Purchase of the rail line access at Hightown
- Bickerly purchase
- Redbrook bank and fishery improvements
- Record fish recently caught
- The retirement of Ken Broddle and the appointment of Jean Fairbanks as the new Permit Sec. She will also take on the day ticket collection
- New bailiffs
- Open day at Northfield scheduled for 26/27th of Aug – to include anglers car boot sale.
- Newsletter and permit book distribution – particular thanks to Phil Martyn
- His thanks for the work of the committee and the help from Darren Smith

TREASURERS REPORT

Graham Lavender thanked the two auditors (John and Keith) for doing such a thorough and professional job. He gave a general overview of the main points of expenditure and the accounts were adopted

ALTERATION TO CLUB RULES

There were no proposals received for consideration

ELECTION OF AUDITORS

John Perry and Keith Baker indicated their willingness to stand for a further year and they were accepted by the member at the AGM.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Geoff Ponchaud stated that the following existing members had indicated their willingness to serve another year and were accepted unanimously.

CHAIRMAN	Geoff Ponchaud
PRESIDENT	Derek Goulding
VICE PRESIDENT	Peter Hutchinson
SECRETARY	Peter Hutchinson
MINUTE SECRETARY	Rob Sly
TREASURER	Graham Lavender
PERMIT SECRETARY	Jean Fairbanks
MATCH SECRETARY	Peter Hutchinson
FISHERY MANAGERS	Ian Head, Chris Allport and John Sudworth
ASST SEC/PUBLICITY	Darren Smith
COMMITTEE	Ian Davis,

PH proposed another member be considered for election to the committee – Dave Cable. His nomination was unanimously accepted

PRESIDENTS ADDRESS

Derek Goulding said he was very proud to continue as President of such a successful growing club. He felt the association was becoming the envy of most anglers across the country and he reflected on the thought of 'how far can we go?'. He felt the newsletter was so impressive in content that he wondered if it was reality or a dream. However, he said that the association must continue to encourage younger members into the club – these are the lifeblood of any club. Finally he pleaded as the association grew he wished that every member will be in tune with the environment and respect it.

OPEN FORUM

The Chairman then invited comments and observations from officials and members – he highlighted that this was the time when the committee was able to listen to the views of the membership and where changes could be made he promised that the committee would take away the ideas for consideration. The following points were highlighted and discussed.

- Aspirations of the Association – where was it going would it be necessary to limit membership
- Arrangements for tickets on the Royalty
- Management plans for the Royalty and tenure of agreement
- Use of keep nets especially on the Wash Pit – Committee to discuss at next meeting
- Animal Rights – action plan
- Otter introduction on the Throop

The meeting closed at approximately 10.00pm