

**CSSC National Open Sea Angling Championships**  
**Annual General Meeting held at the Ufford Park Hotel**  
**On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

About 30 attendees were present at the meeting, which the chairman opened at 22:50.

**1. To agree the minutes of the AGM held at Dundee on 3 October 2009.**

The minutes had been circulated for members to read before the start of the meeting. A proposal that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record was made by Ashley Robertson, seconded by Scott Moore and carried unanimously.

**2. Matters arising from the minutes.**

There were none. Kenneth Holmes who took part as a guest of a member thanked the organisers and other competitors for making him so welcome.

**3. Treasurer's Report and to agree the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2010.**

The accounts were circulated before the start of the meeting.

There were no questions put to the Treasurer. A proposal that the accounts be accepted was made by Ashley Robertson, seconded by Martin Bradshaw and carried unanimously.

**4. To agree a venue & local organiser for 2011.**

The originally chosen venue for 2011 was East Anglia, which had been brought forward to 2010 because the organisers had decided Burnham-on-Sea was unsuitable.

Martin Bradshaw proposed that Otterspool, Liverpool should be used. Ashley Robertson seconded this proposal. Ashley also volunteered to act as local organiser together with Steve Ball. No other venue was put forward so Otterspool was accepted unopposed. A suitable tide would be selected so that the event could be completed during the hours of daylight.

**5. To agree a venue & local organiser for 2012.**

Martin Bradshaw made a proposal that Slapton Sands in Devon be the venue. Scott Moore seconded the proposal. Barry Davies said that the accommodation would probably have to be in Plymouth about 15 miles away. It was commented that this was not much further than the distance between the hotel and venue today. No other venue was put forward so Slapton was accepted unopposed. Ashley Robertson thought that the venue would probably fish better earlier in the year, September / October. Barry said that a date in early September might increase the cost of any accommodation.

**6. Election of officers.**

Martin Bradshaw proposed that the current officers should be elected en bloc if they were prepared to carry on. Scott Moore seconded the proposal. John Downing chairman, Barry Davies organiser, and Iain Colquhoun treasurer agreed to stand. They were re-elected unanimously.

**7. Any other business.**

- Martin Bradshaw proposed an amendment to the part of Rule 8, which currently states "Anglers are permitted to have line threaded through only one rod at a time." Martin explained that fishing time had to be wasted if it was necessary to set up a different rod. Martin's proposal was that it should be allowed that spare rods could be threaded with line through the rings and a link tied on as long as no trace was attached until the trace had been removed from the rod in use. This proposal was seconded by Scott Moore and carried unanimously. Barry said that he draft an amendment to the rule.
- Ashley Robertson proposed that to make the team event fairer, the pegging should be zoned with one team member in each zone. He pointed out that under the current system all 3 members of one team could be drawn to fish on adjacent pegs in the best area of the venue. Barry said that this had not been seriously considered before because the event is essentially an individual open and the team event had been treated very much as a fun side issue. The general feeling was that competitors really enjoyed the associated team event even though no prizes were awarded. In discussion it was agreed that 3 pegged zones A, B, & C should be created with team members fishing from the same numbered peg in each zone. Dave Colledge seconded the proposal in this form. All members voted in favour of this amendment except for one abstention. Barry said he would draft amendments to the rules.
- Scott Moore commented that many fish had been caught measuring between 18cm and the current minimum length of 20cm. He proposed that the minimum size be reduced to 18cm. A discussion took place on this proposal and whether the minimum size limit should be totally removed or increased to the legal retention size for each species. Ashley Robertson seconded the proposal and with no counter proposals being put forward the change was accepted unanimously.

There was no other business so the chairman closed the meeting at 23:15.