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NORTHWICH ANGLERS ASSOCIATION  
THE 96TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 16TH JANUARY 2008

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 16TH JANUARY 2008

### HONORARIA FOR 2007

The Management Committee recommends that the Honoraria for the Club Officers and Officials remain the same as in 2006 ;

#### *2006 HONORARIA*

*(Chairman - £ 261.37 Secretary - £3500.00 Treasurer - £522.75  
Match Secretary - £784.12 Maintenance Manager - £ 784.12 Head Bailiff -  
£731.85 Junior Official - £522.75)*

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following have been nominated for election as Officers of the Association

President	Mr. R. Hankey
Chairman	Mr. R. Moores
Secretary	Mr. R. Garton
Treasurer	Mr. H. M. Arathoon
Match Secretary	Mr. R. Meggs

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### ELECTION OF OFFICIALS

The following have been nominated for election as officials of the Association

Maintenance Manager	Mr. J. Aston
Junior Official	Mrs. C. Jones.
Communications Officer	Mr. S. Slater

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### ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

The following have been nominated for election to the Management Committee of the Association for 2 Years.

Mr. P. J. Moore

The following Members of the Association having been co-opted on to the Management Committee of the Association during 2006 require confirming as Members of the Management Committee for a 2 year period

Mr. M. Egerton

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## NOTICE OF MOTIONS.

The Management Committee have proposed the following Notice of Motion with regard to an increase in the Fees or Subscriptions.

Senior Membership - £3 increase to £40  
Youth Membership - £3 increase to £25  
Senior Citizen Membership - £3 increase to £20  
Junior Membership - £1 increase to £10  
Night Permit - £5 increase to £25  
Family Permit - £10 increase to £60

The Management Committee have proposed an amendment to the Peg Fees in the Match Rules - No. 1

Peg Fees per Peg for Outside Clubs - £1 increase to £3.50  
(This will not take effect till 2009)

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## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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## QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

## **NORTHWICH ANGLERS ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting at Witton Albion Social Club  
on Wednesday 17th January 2007

Present :-

The Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, 6 Management Committee Members, 2 Trustees, 2 Life Members, 16 Senior Members & Miss. J. Whalley of H. Worth & Co.

### THE CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

The Chairman opened the Meeting at 7.35pm by welcoming all present and said before we begin the formal proceedings I am sure you are all aware of the death of our President, Mr Fred Egerton who for the majority of his life has served in one role or another for this Association. I always think about Fred as a man with a vision and somebody who gave an enormous amount of his time to Northwich Anglers Association. Fred started our policy of purchase rather than rent something. He began with the purchase of Billinge Green for £1000, something he was heavily criticised for as he had to beg borrow and steal that money to secure the purchase. He went on to secure the purchase of Hulse Island, a key asset if we are to maintain our stranglehold of British Waterways. Fred was right to pursue this policy and we continue to maintain it to this date, it is for that reason this Association has maintained it's position where many others have fallen or are struggling to meet ever increasing rents. Fred was also fundamental in setting up the Trent & Mersey Canal Association with Stan Jackson of Warrington Anglers Association, Fred knew if you could get the two of the biggest Associations in the North West working together they would have enormous bargaining power. He has been Match Secretary, Secretary, Treasurer, President and Trustee A great man who set the foundation stones for this Association. We were right to name our HQ (Egerton House) Fred loved it and it is a fitting tribute to somebody who put so much effort into Northwich Anglers Association. So before we begin proceedings can we stand for a minute's silence to remember Fred and M. Lightfoot another Member of long standing all those other Members who have passed away during 2006. The Chairman introduced Miss Julie Whalley. Howard Worth ( Auditors) Roy Garton, Secretary, Hugh Arathoon, Treasurer and himself to Members. He went on to thank those who have contributed in one way or another throughout the year. Bailiffs, working parties, those who assisted at the junior festival. I would like to also register a vote of thanks to the management committee for the enormous amount of effort they have put in throughout 2006. Some years ago a name popped up for the role of Secretary of our Association, Mr Roy Garton I have to say Roy has been the find of the decade, his work as Secretary is tireless, extremely well documented, he also supports working parties, stocking and netting events, attends bailiffing problems. You name it Roy fits the bill. I think he is one of the best Secretaries I have seen and I find it very appropriate to lavish praise on him in this forum. Can I ask that you the Members register your thanks with a round of applause for Roy. Apart from the news about Fred 2006 has been another good year for our club. I will be giving a detailed report on what we have been doing during 2006 at the end of the formal business. There will also be time allocated to questions from the floor.

## APOLOGIES.

Mr. R. Terrace

## MINUTES OF THE 2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Minutes were passed as a true and correct record. Proposed by M. Fox and Seconded by J. Simpson

## MATTERS ARISING

None

## TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer, Mr. H. M. Arathoon gave details of this years accounts. Income had decreased by £14000 compared to 2005 however a one off payment from BWB of £15000 for our 3 Year Plan had been received in 2005. Subscription Income had dropped by £5336 and this was particularly disappointing and match income was down £1863 . Expenditure in the last financial year was down £9707 at £54103 and the surplus before taxation was down slightly at £21025 (£289019 in 2005) The Treasurer went on to say that the last payment had been made on Little Billinge and this water was now ours/The Chairman asked if there were any questions to the Treasurer or the Auditor from the Floor. No questions were forthcoming and the Chairman asked that a Proposal be made to accept the Treasurer 's report and Balance Sheet. This was Moved by R. Meggs and Seconded by T. Fallows. All were in Favour.

## HONORARIA FOR 2006

The Management Committee recommends that the Honoraria for the Club Officers and Officials be increased in 2006 by the rate of Inflation (2%) with the exception of the Club Secretary to the following amounts;

	PROPOSED FOR 2005	PAID IN 2005
Chairman	£261.37	£256.25
Treasurer	£522.75	£512.50
Secretary	£3500.00	£2306.25
Match Secretary	£784.12	£768.75
Maintenance Manager	£784.12	£768.75
Head Bailiff	£731.85.	£717.50
Junior Official	<u>£522.75</u>	<u>£512.50</u>
Total	<u>£7106.96</u>	<u>£8148.25 *</u>

\* includes £2306.25 for the Assistant Secretary

The Chairman stated that these increases were in line with inflation and in the case of the Secretary reflected an increase in the amount of work he was doing and the increases would be voted on individually

	PROPOSED	SECONDED
Chairman	M. Fox	T. Fallows
Treasurer	T. Fallows	S. Brown
Secretary	S. Slater	J. Martin
Match Secretary	S. Gibson	F. Slater
Maintenance Manager	T. Fallows	M. Fox
Head Bailiff	S. Brown	F. Slater
Junior Official	T. Fallows	S. Brown

There was a majority in favour on a show of hands for all these increases in Honoraria

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were nominated for election as Officers of the Association

Chairman	Mr. R. Moores
Hon. Secretary	Mr. R. Garton
Hon. Treasurer	Mr. H. M. Arathoon
Match Secretary	Mr. R. Meggs

The Chairman stated that the position of President would remain vacant until the Management Committee had time to agree a suitable replacement for Fred Egerton. On being put to the vote the above Officers were duly nominated and it was Proposed by T. Fallows and seconded by J. Glithero that they were elected en bloc. On a show of hands all Members were in favour of the above nominations

## ELECTION OF OFFICIALS

The following were nominated for for election as Officials of the Association

Maintenance Manager	Mr. J. Aston
Senior Bailiff	Mr. M. Fox.
Junior Official	Mrs. C. Jones.
Communications Officer	Mr. S. Slater

On being put to the vote the above Officers were duly nominated and it was Proposed by T. Fallows and seconded by N. McComb that they were elected en bloc. On a show of hands all Members were in favour of the above nominations

## ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following have been nominated for election to the Management Committee for a period of 2 years

Mr J. Simpson

On being put to the vote the above Committee Member was duly nominated and it was Proposed by C. Jones and Seconded by J. Glithero that J. Simpson be duly elected and on a show of hands all Members were in favour

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### **Management Committee**

Following on from last year. This Association cannot continue with the same few people doing all the work. Some Members of this Committee putting in endless hours work for you the Membership. The workload has to be shared and distributed more evenly. We have seen additional Members coming forward onto the Committee during 2006 but it is very difficult getting people to commit some time to the running of this Association. Change in any committee is vital to allow new ideas to come forward. It is also needed to allow people to step down when they feel they have done their term in office. here are several Committee Members who have without any stretch of the imagination done their bit for Northwich Anglers Association. You will always find me very supportive of any Committee Members because I know how much work these people do for you the members. Please give this some serious thought.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Continued)

### **Junior Festival**

We continue to organise this event but attendance is very poor and we are looking at other ways of doing something for the juniors. I would also like to thank Christine for all her good work during 2006, Christine does not only run the festival, she supports the bailiffs, working parties all the netting and stocking work we are doing and she is a close link with the Environment Agency.

### **Membership and entrance fees**

We are maintaining our level of membership and doing things that we hope will develop our membership base. Stocking, family cards, reminders,

### **Matches**

Thanks to Bob Meggs for all the work he does for the matchmen, we do need some ideas here as match income has slipped a little.

### **British Waterways**

We continue to have issues with BWB over Hulse Island, Lock Repairs, Lockkeeper. I am sure they will continue through 2007.

### **Trent & Mersey Canal Rents**

Following our success in negotiating a significant reduction on the Weaver rents we hit British Waterways with a take it or leave it option on the Trent & Mersey Canal, I think we secured about a 50% reduction. These are not easy discussions and they take many months but I think Hugh our Treasurer plays a pretty hard game here.

### **Shipbrook Lakes**

An enormous amount of effort here but it looks like we are going to get started soon, We are just about to sign some documentation for funding from the Environment Agency and we are looking at developing the site in two stages. We are still working on securing other funding for the second half of the work.

### **Vale Royal Locks.**

The locks will be repaired British Waterways will require the island for this works, no fixed date yet but they are indicating work may begin in 2007. We have yet to agree the contract for the use of our land. Although inconvenient to Members we will use the next opportunity to gain significant financial benefit for Northwich A. A. British Waterways are being very difficult, they think we should let them use it for nothing, but that is not our intention.

### **Moorings on Hulse Island.**

We agreed a temporary lease with British Waterways @ £3000 per annum. Moorings will be removed when the locks are repaired

### **Netting and stocking policy**

Following advice from the Environment Agency the Committee have pursued a policy of reducing the number of carp in some waters in introducing a strategy of stocking where fish stocks have been found to be low.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Continued)

### **Little Billinge**

Please remember we have only just completed the purchase of this water so timing was important, we don't stock other people's waters for them. Until recently you could hardly catch regular course fish in this water, but now catches are really on the increase, tench, crucians, roach, they are all on the increase without any stocking. We have however removed about 80 large Carp from this small water. When we first netted this water about three years ago there was very few regular course fish, We have run the nets through this water several times now and we see regular coarse fish stocks really increasing, the nets are now bulging

### **Eyres Pit**

When we first put a net through this we had no regular course fish in it, we believe it to be void of anything other than Carp We have now netted it two years on the run to remove Carp and we are seeing regular course fish returning Following advice we have also ordered about £8,000 worth of regular course fish for this water, Crucians, Tench, Bream and Roach.

### **Little Oaks**

Stocked with £2,500 worth of regular course fish including Roach to 8ozs, Chub, Perch and Bream

### **Vale Royal Pool**

Netted two years on the run to remove Carp water to be stocked with additional regular course fish to include Crucians Tench and Chub. All in all we will have spent £12,500 on stock fish when the programme is complete during the 2007/2008. We will continue to with our policy of stocking with regular course fish in this water.

### **Working Parties**

The last two years have been very successful with working parties and I thank everybody who has assisted for their support Generally done a lot of work on most waters but we will be paying special attention to Eyres pit again this year. Eyres Pit - Lots of work done in 2006 to the stages and banking on the old Railway side. A fence has now been placed around the pool and flag iris have been planted between the stages. Fish shelters from cormorants have been installed and in 2007 more work on the railway side and additional fish shelters are planned Working parties will take place every weekend in April 2007 and everybody is welcome.

### **One final thank you**

Like to end by giving a big thanks to everybody who has contributed to the continual success of this club without their effort this club would not exist.

**There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.00pm**