



**Minutes for the Warwickshire Fly Fishers
Committee Meeting 6:30pm, Thursday 14th MaY 2026
at the Wolvey Lodge**

Attendees:

Steve Wilton [Secretary], Joe Taylor [Wolvey Bailiff], Roger Press [Copston Bailiff], Ron Jones [Member Consultant], Scott Liston [Member Consultant], Peter Wright [Fishery Officer], John Whittaker [Membership Officer].

Apologies:

Steve Plowman [Treasurer].

Approval of last meetings minutes:

Club secretary was away for last meeting, no minutes were supplied for approval.

Matters arising from last meeting:

- 3.1 A new limited ticket monitoring spreadsheet was created by SP and uploaded to the shared drive for the bailiffs use.
- 3.2 General resistance is being shown by the committee members for the use of the shared drive. It was felt it was difficult to access and not well laid out and some members cannot access it at all.
SW disagrees that it is difficult to access but does agree it needs a more easier structure for the content. Upon discussion it became apparant that only one member of the committee is actually unable to access the drive. As all members use the same link and password this is a definate anommaly and at our next meeting SW will monitor said user in a test to see the actual error message and resolve any access issue.
SW agreed to look at simplifying the content structure to make finding documents easier and will produce a guide to assist the committee.

3.3 Purchasing Policy:

SP has written a purchasing policy document, this was debated and all present agreed that option 1 of the document was the preferred method. It was further agreed by all present that the Treasurer should have a club debit card for his usage only to pay for items where an invoice cannot be raised by the supplier.

Option 1

The Committee member making the purchase asks the supplier to send a pro-forma invoice to the Treasurer who will make the payment and then advise that committee member that he has done so. The pro-forma invoice must include the bank details of the supplier. The committee member can then contact the supplier to arrange collection or to send the item to the Committee member's address.

Correspondance:

None

Financial report:

Little to report during the month. Two new members joined with the prospect of a further four in May, of who two having already paid. If all outstanding members join, then the total will be 146 which is better than originally forecast. A new membership list will be uploaded onto our shared drive once the two outstanding members have decided whether they wish to join.

The main expenses paid for during the month were a further restocking of £3500 and Copston rent £2443. Strimmer servicing and safety harnesses will be paid for in May but as yet, no invoices have been received.

At the end of the month the balance on the current account was £4195 and on deposit £47112. At this stage we are likely to have at least £1000 more in the bank at the end of February than forecast although this will largely depend on re-stocking costs from October. Membership is almost full with several on the waiting list.

Fishing Reports:

Copston:

A rod average of 3.68 which is dropping off a little now. Fish are topping and taking just below the surface.

The cold NEasterly wind hasn't helped but the water is now warming slowly. A prospective new member has been shown around.

The first workparty of the year had a disappointing turnout- suggestion - a Whatsapp workparty group to be created which will allow members to volunteer and provide data on best times for availability e.g weekdays or weekends.

Wolvey:

Fishing well, 352 fish caught in snipe and 749 from Tern. This shows the stocking plan for the year was bang on.

Snipe Oct 620 , Nov 360, Dec 104, Jan 140, Feb 200.

Tern Oct 420, Nov 240, Dec 160, Jan 140, Feb 200.

Fish are healing from cormorant damage.

Site maintenance has been completed.

Website update:

SW has been sick for all of March so work has been limited, site is progressing .

AOB:

Cormorant activity at Copston:

We have a small number of resident cormorant at Copston, JW to procure another gas gun.

Jake Davoile and firearms license application update:

Jake has had personal issues and therefore unable to make regular updates at the present. JT is in communication with Jake so will progress when appropriate.

Rudd Spawning:

The rudd spawning will reach peak between mid may and July with the eggs hatching within 2-3 days so extreme vigilance is required along with assistance from members. The brushes need to dry for 24hrs to kill the eggs before returning to the water.

Membership funds available for stocking:

The membership fees have given the club £24k, PW will produce stocking plans and disseminate for discussion / approval.

Final Price for trout from Oct:

RP confirmed 20% discount until Oct and will discuss with Berkshire Trout and report back pricing from Oct.

Fishing Etiquette:

JT suggested that members be asked to create a friendly A4 poster detailing correct fishing etiquette as some members need a gentle reminder.

SW will send an email to all members.

It has been noted that some members are using very small and inadequate nets to land fish, we must update the rules and constitution to address this to avoid damaging the fish.

Next Meeting: June 11th at 18:30 .Wolvey Lodge.