

COFTON LAKE CONSERVATION LTD

Minutes of 8th AGM held on Sunday 28th April 2013

Present: Diane Carr – Chairman/Director
Sue Garvey – Treasurer/Director
Colin Jones – Director
Irene Barclay
Paul Whitby
Dave Townshend – Director/White Swan Piscatorials
Geoff Smith – Director/White Swan Piscatorials
Apologies: Graham Herbert – Accountant
Katie and Mark Bradley
Dr. John Owen
23 Members present

1) Introduction – Diane Carr – For the benefit of new members the committee were introduced and the minutes taken at last year's AGM accepted, approved and signed.

2) Financial Report – Sue Garvey

We ended last year with £16,308 held in the Cofton Lake Conservation account at Lloyds Bank, Longbridge. Subscriptions received for the year were £1973 and we received £7.00 interest.

The funds, as you know, are to cover the cost of ground and boundary maintenance etc., and also our annual insurance, and anything else that may unexpectedly crop up in the future. The cost of grass cutting has fortunately stayed the same for this year at a cost £47 per cut.

The subscription payments received so far are considerably better than last year, although we are still outstanding several payments. This makes very hard work of something which should be so simple.

Finally, I would like to thank all of those who gave donations in addition to the £12 maintenance subscription.

3) Resignation and Reinstatement of Directors and Committee Members – Diane Carr – As called for in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors and Committee members are required to resign from office at the AGM. All were willing to stand for a further term. As there were no objections from the floor, this was passed and accepted.

4) Trees/Hedgerows – Colin Jones – Colin thanked the Fishing Club members for their work during the year felling dead trees and keeping pathways clear. Colin pointed out that the committee had no objection to people backing onto the lake clearing brambles and nettles but on no account should anyone cut trees without prior agreement from the committee.

5) Fishing Club Report – Dave Townshend - The Fishing Club are having their annual maintenance day on 19th May. Any volunteers willing to help would be most welcome. They are planning on building a disabled fishing pitch but as yet the exact position has not been agreed. One of the islands has now been re planted and once this is established work on the remaining islands will be carried out.

6) Chairmans Report – Diane Carr – Now that the bridge/boardwalk and jetty are complete, all future expenditure will be used for general maintenance. Wade Muddleton from Worcestershire County Council has kindly agreed to walk around the lake with the committee pointing out which areas need attention and also which trees need to come down. During the long winter some trees are now in a poor condition and some are actually dangerous. Although the area is to be kept as natural as possible there is a great deal of maintenance work to be done. Three quotes had been received from three local tree specialists and it was suggested that the land around the lake be split into sections and maintenance on each section be carried out on a 1 day per month basis. It was reported that someone had given out the gate number to a non member who was found trespassing. The number is changed on 1st January each year and must not be given to non members. 8 houses backing onto the lake do not own a share. Letter to be sent asking if they would like to purchase a share in the near future. One more bench needs to be installed near to jetty 7 – Anyone wishing to donate a bench please get in touch with a committee member.

Annual subs are needed to pay for Insurance and general maintenance and a phone call to be made to our Solicitor asking what can be done about members who do not pay subs over a period of say 5 years – Can their ‘share’ be re sold. The venue for the next AGM to be changed next year for various reasons, location will be announced in the Newsletter which comes out in December.

The Chairman closed the meeting and thanked Graham Herbert for acting as our Accountant, Simon Munn for hosting the web site, Colin and his son for building the Jetty, the Fishing Club for their hard work and the rest of the committee and all members for their continued support.

NEXT AGM – Date and venue to be announced in the next Newsletter.

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