

MINUTES OF THE SUSSEX RSA PARTNERSHIP

Time 19.00
Date 25 September 2018
Location Sussex IFCA Offices, 378-380 Brighton Rd, Shoreham, BN43 6RE
Chair Steven Tapp
Present Tony Chant, Graham Furness, Tony Geal, Mark Gillen, Barry Goodhew (Sussex IFCA), Barry Jones, Tim Macpherson, Francis Parfremment, Reg Phillips, Dave Ponsford, John Small, Steve Tapp.

1 Welcome to Members and Apologies

The chair for the meeting, Steven Tapp, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Brett Lomas, Stephen hanks and Steve Green.

2 Minutes of the Last Meeting 4 July 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2018 were agreed.

3 Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

There were no actions arising from the last meeting. Reg Phillips had issued to members a copy of the response by the Angling Trust to the Natural England consultation on Making Byelaws to Protect Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs).

4 Anglers National Line Recycling Scheme Update: Steven Tapp

Steven Tapp updated members on the progress of the Anglers National Line Recycling Scheme (ANLRS), including the very successful Chatsworth show, where a number of good contacts were made. Steven Tapp thanked the Sussex IFCA for their donation of £500.

5 Angling Trust Family Fishing Day Events 2018 Update: Reg Phillips

Reg Phillips updated members on the Angling Trust's Family Fishing Day Events which had been funded by the Angling Trust (£2k) who would contribute again next year though further funding was required. Mark Gillen generously offered to fund one boat next year.

6 Adur World Oceans Day: Reg Phillips

Reg Phillips explained that the Adur World Oceans Day exhibition normally held on Coronation Green, Shoreham, had not taken place for 2 years due to the main organiser, Andy Horton (British Marine Life Study Society) , being unable to manage the event. Reg Phillips asked whether the Partnership would be able to take on the event. To help make a decision Reg Phillips **agreed** to obtain details of the event from Andy Horton.

Secretaries Note: Information on the Adur World Oceans Day 2016 can be found at <https://www.glaucus.org.uk/AWOD2016.htm>

7 Resolving Conflict Between Different Members of Our Angling Community: Reg Phillips

1. Port regulations/SHACO

Reg Phillips explained that angling on the west arm of Shoreham harbour was now managed by a community group called Shoreham Harbour Arms Community Organisation (SHACO). The group had been set up in response to those fishing on the west arm at night failing to comply with the requirement to only use 'blue headlights'. A gate had been installed which would be paid for by the subscriptions of the community group's members. Only group members would have access through the gate to the arm at night. This had proved successful in ensuring compliance with the requirement to use 'blue headlights' and a similar gated system was to be installed on the east arm paid for by the port authority. Management would be decided after a consultation exercise.

2. Bass regulation and enforcement

Barry Goodhew explained that in response to anglers' concerns the Sussex IFCA had checked compliance with the bass regulations at Shoreham west arm, Newhaven and Brighton. Over 160 anglers' catches had been inspected and just one undersized bass had been found. The Partnership thanked Barry Goodhew for these inspections.

3. Community tolerance, good practice and communication

A discussion took place on the use of bright lights to attract and catch large numbers of small fish, which was of concern to some members. Recent checks by the Sussex IFCA had shown virtually no breach of the bass regulations. There was a concern that those no longer able to use bright lights at Shoreham would simply go elsewhere. Mark Gillen suggested that the Partnership might be able to support the Littlehampton Harbour Waterfront Festival in 2019. Angling would be possible away from moorings along the waterfront.

8 Update on Byelaws: Barry Goodhew

Barry Goodhew explained that the byelaws for Pagham Harbour MCZ had been ratified and were now in place, though the Sussex IFCA website had yet to be updated.

9 Any Other Business

Tony Chant reported that the Bognor Regis Amateur Angling Society (BRAAS) was moving towards catch and release for the annual bream festival.

10 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be either before or after Christmas. The Secretary **agreed** to carry out a poll to decide the date.

