

WARDS 84 AC AGM - 28th March 2023 (7pm, Fox Inn Bransford).

Present: C.Harris (Treasurer), P.Houlding (Secretary), L.Elsworth (Match Secretary).

Apologies: D.Hartwell, N.Cox.

David Hartwell tendered his resignation after 25 years as club secretary. Life membership has been conferred on him for his services to the club.

Secretary's report:

Membership that was on the decline prior to Covid has held up well and we have maintained around 100 members over the last 2 years. It should be noted that we are still losing some 50 members each year. This floating membership seems to be becoming the norm with little loyalty to any particular club. To try and improve matters we have introduced 100 carp into Wards Pool to improve the catch rates.

We have signed a new 3 year lease with Bloor Homes for Grove Farm Lake. They have fulfilled their promise to put concrete slabs into all the pegs.

Match secretary's report:

Summer League won by Mick Weston.

Acorns Charity Match won by Leon Elsworth.

Seniors Match won jointly by Mick Weston and Peter Houlding.

Winter League won by Chris Harris.

Treasurers report:

It has been another stable year for membership with increased numbers holding at around 100 for the third year running. This, along with the sale of around 50 day and guest tickets, gave an annual account surplus of £900, which allowed the club to purchase carp for stocking into Wards Pool ahead of the new club season. Our thanks go to Alan's Tackle and Worcester Angling Centre for continuing to promote the club by selling memberships over the counter, and also selling day tickets for the River Teme at Bransford.

Rents remained at previous levels and are not due to increase this year. There was a slight increase in Angling Trust membership fees (+4%). After many years of producing valuable income for the club, the 100 Club was closed down in August 2022, due to dwindling numbers which made it unsustainable allowing for the administration costs and efforts required to run it.

Due to difficulties encountered in obtaining account authority for the incoming treasurer to the long-standing club account with Santander, a new Treasurers account was opened with Lloyds Bank in July 2022, to which the majority of funds have now been transferred.

The account audit was carried out on 14th March 2023 by Leon Elsworth and Peter Houlding.

AOB:

None. Meeting closed.