

The Annual General Meeting of the Fowey Rivers Association was held on Wednesday 17th April 2013 at Boconnoc

Present

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| Anthony Fortescue (President) | Bill Smith (Chairman) | Rob Williams |
| Fred Tolman | Roger Furniss | Barry Pearn |
| James Ashby | Dave Johns | Jonathan Price |
| Bill Eliot | Paul Jordan | Mick Smith |
| Robin Bradley | Richard Grieve | John Tisdale |
| Godfrey Tucker | Giles Rickard (WRT) | Justin Ruscombe-King |
| Simon Toms (EA) | | David Pilkington (Speaker) |

Apologies

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| Tyson Jackson | Neil Yeandle | Jon Evans (Secretary) |
| Roger Brake (Treasurer) | Chris Marwood | Jonathan Price |
| Adam Price | | |

1. Minutes of the 2012 AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on 20th April 2011 were agreed.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes

3. Chairman's introduction

The Chairman welcomed members to the AGM. He thanked Anthony Fortescue for once again providing the hospitality of Boconnoc for the AGM.

He reminded members of the notable events of the past year including

1. High water for much of the summer which curtailed sea trout fishing. However the EA recorded catch of 90 was regarded as much lower than reality. **Simon Toms** agreed to check.
2. The salmon catch was also low with very few late fish or summer grilse.
3. The counter figures were 1508 salmon/large sea trout (probably 1,000 salmon) and 6,790 sea trout – both lower than recent years.
4. The third year of juvenile surveys and an excellent WRT report on the three years has identified which areas need action on the 'Defend/Repair/Attack' principle. This was complemented by the walkover surveys which require completion.
5. The habitat improvement in the Draynes Valley lost momentum because of the high water but Rob Williams is confident that it will resume in 2013.
6. Most sanctuary areas had been renewed.
7. The EA and SWW have accepted the need for a permanent solution to the loss of natural salmon production in the St Neot and have made a bid for funding as

part of SWW's future programme to be approved by Ofwat. The Chairman paid tribute to Simon Toms (EA) and Neil Whiter (SWW) for progressing this.

8. He thanked the following:
 - Jon Evans for his work as Secretary during a year of health difficulties;
 - Roger Brake for his work as Treasurer;
 - Roger Furniss for his work on the Colliford/St Neot matter;
 - The Committee for their support;
 - Eoin Donnellon for his work on the website
9. He regretted the decision by Restormel AC to withdraw from FRA membership and expressed the hope that this would be temporary.

The Chairman's report was noted. There followed a discussion on future hatchery possibilities which include bringing Colliford Hatchery out of mothballs, a site downstream, e.g. Craigshill Wood, or making a formal arrangement to use Justin Ruscombe-King's hatchery at Boscastle.

4. **Treasurer's report**

In the absence of the Treasurer the Chairman presented the accounts for the year 2012/13. The end of year balance was £17,300 (previous year £22,500) with a further £6,000 held by SWW awaiting claim for specific work. One notable item of income was £3,500 from the Camel FA in respect of historic costs of Wainsford Hatchery.

It was agreed that the accounts should be adopted.

5. **Secretary's report**

In the absence of the Secretary the Chairman presented his report with the following highlights not reported elsewhere:

- Following the decision at the 2012 AGM the new company was incorporated on 13 June 2013 with Messrs Smith, Brake, Evans and Williams as Directors.
- The first tranche of SWW funding for Park Pit has been agreed for landscape improvement, tree planting, wildlife surveys, and overshading and gravel depletion in the Trenant Stream.

6. **Election of Officers**

Godfrey Tucker stood down as Vice-Chairman. The meeting thanked him for his work, especially on organising the Sanctuary.

Roger Brake is moving to Hampshire but will remain as Treasurer until then.

With the exception of the above the Officers and Committee were reappointed en bloc.

7. **Keynote speaker**

After the traditional beer and pasties, attendees were treated to an entertaining talk by David Pilkington on 45 years as a river warden