

A meeting of the Fowey Rivers Association
was held on Wednesday 27th January 2010 at Lostwithiel Social Club

Present

Bill Smith (Chairman)	Anthony Fortescue (President)
Roger Brake (Treasurer)	Chris Janes (Riverbed management)
Stuart Fullwood (Bodmin AA)	Matt Lewis (Lanhydrock)
Roger Furniss (SWRA and Glynn)	Jon Evans (secretary)

Apologies

Jeff Eliot (Wainsford)	John Pearce (Bodmin AA)
Tyson Jackson (Water resources officer)	Godfrey Tucker (Vice Chairman)
Dave Johns (Liskeard)	Arthur White (Liskeard)
Roger Lashbrook (Commercial interests)	Rob Williams (River Co-ordinator)
Ivan Lyne (Bodmin AA)	

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2009

The minutes of the committee meeting held on 21st October 2009 were agreed.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

1. Canoeing. The Secretary reported that he had met Richard Hobba and agreed that there should be an agreement between him and the anglers which would be based on the Waveney pattern but with minor amendments to recognise a single minimum water level, a new spate level agreement, and using the Wainsford camera as the gauge. This had been proposed to Mr Hobba but no reply had been received. The Secretary agreed to follow this up.
2. Newsletter. The newsletter had been published and distributed to the Liskeard, Lanhydrock and Lostwithiel clubs as well as the Newbridge and Glynn syndicate members. Copies would be sent to the FRA members who were not fishermen when the papers for the AGM were distributed. The cost of 600 copies had been £138 less £50 for Roger's Tackle Shop advertising.

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3. Finance

The Treasurer tabled the accounts showing the balances and income and expenditure for the year to date. He said that the hatchery cost for the full year was likely to be of the order of £10,000 although this would be offset by a contribution from SWW and the Camel Fisheries. There is £9,235 on current account and £15,439 on deposit.

He hoped that the Standing order forms would bring in significant income and members representing their clubs at the FRA were asked to act as strong advocates for the FRA funding needs at their club AGMs.

The accounts were noted.

4. **Hatchery**

Jon reported that the hatchery had worked well and that there were now 30,000 Fowey eggs and 40,000 Camel eggs in trays. The first eggs were hatching and many were eyed.

He also reported that SWW now seemed to accept that there had been consequential impacts on the St Neot which had not been recognised at the public enquiry. This was being validated by consultants for the EA and it seemed likely that these additional impacts would be demonstrated and would have to be compensated for financially by SWW. This would enable long term arrangements to be made for security of tenure and security of operation of the hatchery because the St Neot could only be sustained by hatchery fish.

5. **2009/10 projects**

Roger Furniss proposed that the FFRG should be asked to support a survey of juveniles at 50 sites throughout the Fowey catchment in order to provide the base data from which decisions about remediation and stocking could be taken. It was agreed that this should be done but that because there was no meeting of FFRG currently arranged, the FRA should go ahead and seek subsequent reimbursement from the SWW mitigation funds currently held by SWW. The cost if this was to be undertaken by WRT would be £5,000. Roger Furniss agreed to follow up with Dylan Bright. WRT had accredited staff and therefore the results should be acceptable to the EA for their planning also.

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The study should also indicate what additional studies the FRA should be undertaking such as walkover surveys of all side streams based on a standard methodology to elicit useful quantitative results. The WRT report format should be similar to that used by the EA teams for their surveys. This would indicate the numbers of different fish species and their relative densities in specific locations.

It would be helpful if our own volunteers were to be trained to undertake future studies although such work would still need accredited supervision if the results were to be accepted by outside agencies.

It was suggested that the installation costs of the webcam, when invoiced, should also be charged to FFRG.

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The AGM should be used as a source of information about known problems that could be addressed and resolved with project money. This might include trash dam removal, spawning gravel cleaning and recruitment, coppicing and other projects particularly on streams that had received no attention for many years such as the Cardinham.

6. Annual General Meeting

The President agreed that the AGM should be held at Boconnoc. The date is 21st April 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

It was agreed that the Secretary of the SWRA should be invited to address the AGM, and he agreed to do so.

It was agreed that a compilation DV D should be put together to demonstrate the work that had been undertaken in the past and might be undertaken in the future. It was suggested that Mike Bryant should be asked to do this. Topics might include Draynes clearance, Maidenwell spawning beds, Hatchery management (Mark Bolton), Lamprey spawning at Butterwell.

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It was also agreed that a hospitality budget of £200 should be voted for the AGM.

7. SWRA

Roger Furniss presented a report on changes at the SWRA. He said that, on the retirement of Humphrey Wood, he would be standing as Chairman of the SWRA subject to the approval of the AGM at the end of March.

It was also noted that Arthur White would be retiring as Treasurer at the AGM. A successor was being sought for the Treasurer and the Secretary.

The principal speaker at the AGM would be Dr Ronald Campbell, the scientific Director of the Tweed Foundation, and he encouraged members to attend.

8. Dates of 2010 meetings

AGM	21 st April 2010
Committee	21 st July 2010
Committee	20 th October 2010