

A meeting of the Fowey Rivers Association
was held on Wednesday 11th July
at the Lostwithiel Social Club

Present

Dr Bill Smith (Chairman)
Rob Williams (LDAC)
Paul Jordan (Treasurer)
Chris Janes (Riverbed management)
Matt L'Estrange (Lanhydrock)

In attendance

Giles Rickard (WRT)

Apologies

John Tisdale, Nigel White,
David White

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2018**

Agreed.

2. **Matters arising**

All the Draynes contracts had been renewed except for Michael Hoskin. This is in hand. Special thanks to Rob Williams and John Hake for all their hard work renewing the agreements for the next 5 years. There was a discussion regarding the removal of hemlock. A special licence is required to move the waste. Rob and Chris were concerned about the increasing bureaucracy needed to undertake any work on the river. The chairman agreed to contact the EA to see if they could help. Giles also said he would try and get exemptions through WRT

Action WHS/GR

3. **Treasurers Report**

The Treasurer provided an update on the FRA and FRA Ltd Finances for 2Q 2018 and year-end of 30.6.18 respectively

Fowey River Association (FRA)

- Current balance £18,367.77
- Sole debtor is FRA Ltd (-£998.49). No change from 30.6.17
- No outstanding commitments
- Draynes Valley Sanctuary costs covered until 2023
- FRA finances are sufficient for 2018-19 work programmes.

Fowey River Association Ltd (FRA Ltd)

- Current balance £178.91
- End of year accounts (to 30.6.18) submitted to accountants for

- preparation of HMRC and Company house returns
- Loss of £1085.58 anticipated
- Awaiting 3Q grant from SWW
- Hatchery costs are controlled and planned activities are within budget

There were no questions arising.

The Treasurer's report was noted and he was thanked for his contribution.

4. **Secretarial Vacancy**

The chairman reported that there had been no volunteers for the vacant secretarial post. After lengthy discussion it was agreed that the chair would write a letter for circulation to the clubs and members in order to encourage younger members to become involved

5. **Net Limitation Order renewal.**

The chairman had contacted Simon Toms. He said that he was just finishing the technical case to support the byelaw - the Order has been drafted and has legal support and confirmation that it is worded correctly. He is hoping to get it out to advert in the next two weeks.

6. **Hatchery update**

The chairman reported that there had been some problems with the dissolved oxygen although this recovered during June. High flows in the ST Neot due to releases have prevented early stocking of 10,000 fry. This could cause some problems later in the summer due to overcrowding. Fry numbers on course to meet the contracted numbers. Low ST Neot flow would be needed for successful stocking out.

7. **WRT reports**

W4G update – Barriers

- WRT are working on a number of sites on the Camel but have also been looking at a number of sites on the Fowey.
 - Members of the National Fish Pass Panel visit last month which was really beneficial.
 - More detail at the W4G fisheries liaison meeting on the 15 August
 - Barriers that are currently being looked at include
1. Bodmin Parkway Bridge Weir – potential for minor repair works
 2. Glynn Weir (on the Cardinham also known as d/s Fletchers Bridge

- and/or Lady's Wood Weir) – detailed design currently taking place
3. Ashford Weir (AKA Kilham) – concept design comprising bypass channel being developed
 4. Treverbyn Weir – a large structure and complex site, still considering options
 5. Other: Palmers bridge cleared in 2017, would benefit from maintenance. Trago – in touch with Trago and initial visual assessment of check weirs

EF Surveys

- Finding good numbers of Salmon on Fowey below Goltiha, Salmon on lowest Cardinham site and more surveys due to take place.
- Still to survey other Cardinham sites where blocker removed.

Habitat works,

- Recent St Neot works complete with more in pipeline for this year and future maintenance of sites all agreed with FRRG. Currently carrying out Aerial Drone Photography of Warleggan sites, work due to start & complete this season. Aerial photography for monitoring purposes to look at regrowth at sites and benefit future works.
- Work planned for the coming season but if Anglers see any major blockers which could be a problem (similar to those on the Cardinham) let us know.

8. **SWRA meetings**

The Chairman reported on the SWRA meeting held on 5th June. WRT gave a presentation on Citizen science Investigations. Volunteers are recruited to monitor water quality using a simple testing kit. There are some volunteers testing the Fowey estuary. Details of the project can be obtained through WRT if anyone is interested. Roger Furniss will be taking over as Chairman at the AGM in April.

9. **Next meetings**

Committee	10 th October 2018
Committee	9 th January 2019

