

Camel Fisheries Association

Annual General Meeting

Held on 24th April 2010 in Wadebridge Social Club

Present	Tyson Jackson (Chairman)	John Pearce (Vice Chairman)
	Graham Toms (Treasurer)	Jon Evans (Secretary)
	John Bayly	Mark Bolton
	Stuart Fullwood	Chris Janes
	Marc Knight	Ivan Lyne
	Scott Mann	Steve Meeks
	Stephen Pearce	Paul Wallace
	Simon Toms (EA)	
Apologies	Eoin Donnellon	

1.	<p>Welcome.</p> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all members to the AGM, and particularly Simon Toms from the EA.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of the previous AGM held on 29th April 2009.</p> <p>It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 29th April 2009 should be approved.</p>	
3.	<p>Matters arising from the minutes</p> <p>There were no matters arising from the minutes</p>	
4.	<p>Chairman's report.</p> <p>The Chairman said that while the FRA was aiming to increase income through SWW, the CFA had a very limited income within which to manage the affairs of the river. There are generous donations from the members and the clubs, but apart from that, and the occasional pollution event from which compensation funds may be gleaned, there is very little income and our aspirations are, of necessity, constrained.</p> <p>We have to rely on voluntary help which is forthcoming; for example, we have been blessed with the work undertaken by Eoin Donnellon on the website, and with our other major activity, the hatchery programme. There is now a third satellite station at Whitehay, and this keeps the costs down. New satellites are always needed and members were asked to let the committee know of any possibilities. Particular thanks are due to Stephen Pearce for his continuing fishing efforts in support of the hatchery.</p>	
5.	<p>Secretary's report</p> <p>The Secretary reported on the unusually high number of salmon smolts in the</p>	

	<p>river and the first fish had been taken out of season when one smolt jumped into Stan Spry's kayak below Polbrock.</p> <p>He also reported on a number of continuing issues</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stannon Pit, now bought by SWW and we will be involved in the joint habitat management group 2. Spawning beds at Allensford, which have had little visible use by fish. Chris Janes and colleagues have uncovered new gravels below Allensford. 3. Allensford clearance on which Ivan Lyne and colleagues have kept the streams clear of hemlock. 4. Slaughterbridge, which is choked by hemlock and on which Natural England have been less than helpful in facilitating clearance 5. Review of consents and the easing of access for sea trout at low flow periods in the summer at Kenningstock 6. Broodstock programme which did seem to be working very well despite the difficulties on obtaining broodstock last winter. 40,000 fry should be planted out in the summer. It is hoped to start the new programme in October 	
6.	<p>Treasurer's report</p> <p>The Treasurer reported that there was £34,433 in four CFA bank accounts. These funds would be merged during the coming year. Expenditure is much greater than income and he recommended that emphasis be given to fund raising. Otherwise the association would be in danger of running out of money with which to carry out any activities.</p> <p>The accounts were noted</p>	
7.	<p>Website</p> <p>Eoin was developing the website and improvements would be made, much in line with the Fowey site. The links to the webcam at Butterwell are appreciated.</p>	
8.	<p>RFERAC</p> <p>The Secretary reported on the issues that had been discussed at RFERAC meetings throughout the year.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The influence of temperature on salmonid reproduction 2. Hydro power 3. Development of water based recreation and particularly canoeing agreements on inland rivers 4. Water Framework Directive and River Basin Plans 5. Development of a regional hatchery group, now under the auspices of SWRA 6. The Marine Bill, and the need to investigate mixed stock fisheries, and netting licences 7. The future of FERACs and the provision of fishery advice to the EA 8. A funding sub group looking at Grant in Aid for salmonid development (no cross subsidy from coarse angling licences), and the use of non EA data in development of river and catchment plans 	

9.	<p>Marine Bill</p> <p>ST reported that the Camel is a conservation area for three months of the year. Outside this, it is a free for all. There is some concern that sea angling, particularly for bass, may be impacting on sea trout .</p>	
10.	<p>Nets</p> <p>ST reported that any funding that might have been available in the past to buy off the nets for July and August was no longer available. He said that, in his opinion, the most valuable conservation activity that could be undertaken by the CFA would be to find sufficient money (£1,400 per net and there are six licensed Camel nets) to continue the buyout which had been managed with outside funds for the past ten years.</p> <p>JE said that the CFA had agreed to provide £2,000 for 2009 but this had not been asked for. Those funds were still available if the remaining £6,400 could be found from other sources for 2010. There was considerable reluctance from other members to commit funds to buy off the nets when all other conservation work had been undertaken by the rod fishermen, including bag limits, catch and release, hatchery, renewal of spawning areas and control of invasive species.</p> <p>However, it was recognised that the net buyout probably had to be done by the CFA, at least for this year and the committee would consider this further and make the necessary arrangement with the netsmen with the help of ST and the EA.</p>	
11.	<p>Tree Meadow</p> <p>JE said that John Hodge had again kindly agreed to host a CFA benefit day at Tree Meadow. This would be on 23rd May 2010. It was hoped that as many people as possible would come and help raise funds for the CFA.</p>	