

HORSHAM DISTRICT ANGLING ASSOCIATION

2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

15 April 2026: Roffey Social & Sports Club, Horsham

1. Welcome

- Club chairman Barry Clark opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

2. Minutes of previous (2025) AGM

- Minutes of the 2025 AGM were not read out at the meeting, as these had been made available to all members beforehand.
- Barry asked if anyone objected to the minutes of the previous meeting not being read. No-one expressed an objection.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

Questions relating to the 2025 AGM minutes: There were no questions

- Minutes of the 2025 AGM were proposed by Matt Howlett and seconded by Graham Boylett.

4. General Secretary's Report on last season

- *The report is available as a separate document.*

Questions: There were no questions

5. Membership Secretary's Report

- *A report submitted by Barry Clarke is available as a separate document.*

Guest Tickets were proposed by the committee to increase to £15.00, concerns were raised by a few members, and it was agreed that we would increase to £12.50, this was voted and agreed by members in the room. Proposed Graham Boylett, seconded by Barry Bicknell.

Junior/Minor single night tickets were discussed, and it was agreed to set the price at £5.00 , proposed by Tony Staples and seconded by Kev Shea.

New membership cards were discussed by Barry and members advised that more details will come when renewals take place.

Price Increases were discussed and agreed by all in the room, the increases are for the ongoing expensive maintenance to help keep our waters pristine.

6. Match Secretary's Report

- *The match secretary role is currently vacant, since Mark Hayley stepped down from the role at last year. Lee Waller is filling in the role.*

7. Treasurer's Report

- *The treasurers report and the club balance sheet for the year ending 28 February 2026 are available as separate documents*

Members asked about surplus and it was advised that it is good practice to have a surplus as its very expensive maintaining the lakes.

- *The club's accounts were proposed by Barry Clarke and seconded by Graham Sitton*

8. Fishery Officer's Report

- *The report is available as a separate document.*

Questions:

9. Head Bailiff's Report

- *The report is available as a separate document.*
- *Question: None*

10. Welfare Officers Report

- *Sally Bicknell was introduced as the new Welfare Officer and this was voted on by the members in the room and Sally will now move the club forward as Welfare Officer.*

11. Election of Officers

Officers as of AGM date

President - Andy McIntyre

Vice Presidents - Colin Martin, Graham Sitton.

Chairman - Barry Clark

General Secretary - Matt Howlett

Membership Secretary - Vacant (*Barry Clark is standing in*)

Match Secretary - Vacant (*Lee Waller is standing in*)

Treasurer - Ray Smallwood

Fishery Officers - Lee Waller, Tom Sayers*

Head Bailiff - Kevin Rice

Welfare Officer - Sally Bicknell

Notes

+ stepping down following AGM

* subject to conformation

- *Current officers:* All were voted in again. Proposed Dawn Clarke Seconded by Graham Sitton

12. Consideration of any other proposals submitted in accordance with the association rules

LIVE BAIT

45) Live bait may only be used if they have been captured from the water being fished. No fish in excess of six inches shall be used as live bait on Association waters.

Any Live Bait being stored must be kept in a landing net or an aerated bucket so as to be returned safely if unused.- Voted and passed, proposed Ian Petch and seconded Graham Boylett.

43) When fishing for Pike, minimum 15 lb line must be used with a minimum 20lb wire trace of at least 18 inches, but 20 to 22 inches preferred. Long reach forceps and long reach side cutters must be carried and used when necessary.

Free Lining of static dead baits is not allowed- Voted and passed, proposed Ian Petch, seconded Graham Boylett.

NIGHT PERMITS

19) A night fishing permit is available to all categories of fishing member over 18 years of age who have been Association Members for one full season, subject to an additional fee.

Members need to select the correct membership category, Adult + Night Permit, Disabled + Night Permit or Over 65 + Night Permit.

New Members who wish to night fish see rule 28- Single Night Tickets.

Night Permits are not available as a separate product.

SINGLE NIGHT TICKETS

28) All categories of fishing member over 18 years of age who are not in possession of a full night permit may purchase a Single-Night Ticket on their Clubmate app for an additional fee.

Single-Night tickets must be paid for in advance , see club rules for further details , **NEW MEMBERS MUST INFORM THE HEAD BAILIFF WHERE THEY ARE USING THE TICKET.**

THIS will allow new adult members to purchase single night tickets. When they purchase this product they will be asked to inform the head bailiff where they will be using the ticket so the bailiff's can check. Kevin will also receive an email when a new member purchases one.

Proposed by Ray and seconded by Ron Tomsett.

Proposed rule change re number of rods being used from Matt Howsham was referred back to the committee for further discussion.

13. Any other business or late proposals at the Chairman's discretion

Changing the club from an unincorporated body to company limited by guarantee was discussed , the reason being that because if we stay the same it leaves us at high risk, changing takes the risk away from trustees and removes them , Roosthole which we own will no longer be held in trust and become part of the new company. **Chris Proposed and Pete seconded , all agreed.**

Ron Tomestt raised the way we do accounting will need to change and the committee will take this forward with a solicitor.

Tony Staples raised concerns regarding Life Time Members as he does not agree with having them due to the loss of earnings to the club and the lack of contribution they provide, a vote took place and was voted 3 for LTM to be removed and 2 for them to remain LTM , Barry (Chairman) did not agree and no further progress was made and it was referred back to the committee for further discussion even though a vote was made to remove them. *THIS IS IMPORTANT AND THE COMMITTEE NEED TO RESOLVE ASAP AND FEEDBACK TO TONY.

Tony also requested a full breakdown of the finances but was only sent a summary, this has been referred to Ray.

Facebook pages were discussed in the room , as having two serves no purpose, Ian Petch will discuss with Tim who runs the old page.

Hook sizes were discussed re barbed and barbless etc and the committee will discuss and clarify as the rules are not clear.

Kev Shea asked if he could join the committee, but Barry said we had a full quota at the moment.

Leigh Place Parking was discussed and it was agreed that the land owner and Billingshurst need to improve the parking as it not in a good condition, the committee will follow up.

Ian Petch raised rigs for perch fishing, Texas Rigs, Carolina rigs etc, the committee will discuss at next meeting.

