

## West Wilts Fly Fishers Guild

Meeting Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - 7.30pm Shaw Hotel

### Present:

Jon Jonik, Alan Kerr, Roger Henderson, Tim Pullen, Andy Greatwood, Gerry Barnes, Paul Runygart-Hunt, Malcolm Bond.

Guests: Clive Little, Robin Sewell, Neil Soni.

### 1. Apologies:

Keith Johnston, John Sheppard, Charles Freemantle, Alastair Logan, Robert Eadie, Colin Burbedge, Russell Bond, David Little

### 2. Minutes of November 2018 Guild meeting and matters arising.

Accepted without amendment.

### 3. Review of Guild events:

#### i) Guild Dinner Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov

This had been a very successful and enjoyable occasion. Jon was thanked for organising the evening and Sarah for transforming the room with table and room Christmas decorations. Robert and Mary were thanked for their really excellent table quiz.

#### ii) Christmas Hamper competition Manningford Fishery Sunday 2nd Dec

Fourteen members took part and everyone caught. Congratulations to Alan Kerr who had the heaviest bag at 11lbs and was presented with the Christmas Hamper. 2nd Gerry Barnes - 8.5lbs. 3<sup>rd</sup> Charles Freemantle 8lbs. 4<sup>th</sup> Alastair Logan with 7.25 lbs. Gerry Barnes won the bottle of wine for his 4lbs 4oz Rainbow.

General comments that it had been an excellent Guild day and Manningford Fishery is a very good venue.

### 1. Annual General Meeting Wednesday Feb 13<sup>th</sup>

Jon informed the meeting that the current members of the Committee have agreed to stand for re-election but asked members to consider joining the Committee.

NB - any member interested in joining the Committee to help run the Guild should contact Jon Jonik - email [jfjonik@gmail.com](mailto:jfjonik@gmail.com).

The Guild's accounts are with the Auditor.

Roger will distribute advance notice of the AGM Agenda.

Roger went through the list of Trophy winners (available on our website) to be presented at the AGM

### 2. 2019 Programme

Jon went through the 2019 Programme (available on our website). Points raised:

- The Guild will subsidise the Hawkridge Fishery ticket in June by £10 per member
- The Guild will subsidise the Chew Boat day in July by £10 per member
- Malcolm agreed to arrange a skittles evening in April - dependent on numbers for viability.
- Jon offered to contact Doug Tilley of the EA as a guest speaker
- Jon offered to contact Ian Mock of BART (Bristol Avon Rivers Trust) as a guest speaker
- Other speaker topic suggestions - wild bird photography, shotguns

### 3. Membership renewal process

Alan will email subscription renewal details to all members. Subs are due by the end of February.

They are: Guild only - £40, Joint - £45, Guild and River - £80, Junior (under 18) - Free, Coarse - £60

Membership cards will be distributed at the March meeting

#### **4. AOB**

- i) Alan asked members to send in photos / write-ups for the NEWS section of our website. These could be photos of fish caught, venues etc. or brief descriptions of fishing trip experiences etc. to share with members.

#### **Part 2 - Fly-Tying**

This was the first of two fly-tying sessions which Andy Greatwood has kindly agreed to lead. Several members had brought their fly-tying kits so after the first demos had a go. It was a very informative evening as Andy explained the reasoning behind his tyings (diawl bach, black buzzer and a shipman buzzer), such as the pros and cons of various hooks, and gave tips on fishing techniques. Andy was thanked by members. The 2<sup>nd</sup> session will be on Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Feb after the AGM business meeting.

**Next Meeting and Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 13th February 2018**