

Friends of Lavell's Lake EGM Meeting

At Dinton Pastures on Tuesday 15th May 2014 at 7.30pm

Present: Fraser Cottington (Chairman), Renton Righelato, Peter Scudamore (Treasurer), Brian Bennett, Jane Campbell (Sec), Les Blundell, Phil Kinch

Plus eleven other members.

1. **Apologies:** received from six members.
2. **Minutes of last meeting and matters arising:** There were no matters arising and the minutes were approved.
3. **Amendment to Constitution:** A quorum was present. The committee is very grateful to the members who attended. A vote (18 for, 0 against) passed the following amendment to the constitution. Changes will be lodged with the Charity Commission.

Action: Jane

Update first paragraph of clause 2 (Objectives) from

"To improve, protect and preserve for the benefit of the public the countryside and wildlife at Lavell's Lake Conservation Area and to advance public education in the conservation of the countryside and wildlife."

to

"To improve, protect and preserve for the benefit of the public the countryside and wildlife at **Lavell's Lake and surrounding area** and to advance public education in the conservation of the countryside and wildlife."

The EGM was closed and the committee meeting opened.

4. **Action Update:** Outstanding actions not covered by the agenda were discussed.

Minute Point (May)	Action	To be done by	Date completed/notes
5	Distribute list of outstanding members	Les	Outstanding
9	Website – produce site map	Jane and Peter	Outstanding
10	Grants – Proposal and Waitrose scheme. Provide successful BOC application to Phil.	Phil, Jane and Renton	Waitrose and Asda schemes applied for
AOB 3	Map	Jane	Done

Actions Outstanding from March meeting

Minute Point (March)	Action	To be done by	Date Completed and notes
4	Fit camera, requires rechargeable batteries	Fraser and Peter	Requires rechargeable batteries and charger – Peter to purchase.
8	Obtain quotes for MAC notice boards	Fraser	Outstanding
9	New logo: decide on artist	All	Ian Lewington has agreed to provide a bittern logo by September.

5. Treasurer's Report:

- a. **Balances** - HSBC £10,153.50; National Savings £5407.82; Cash -£3.46; PayPal £121.28
£4 was collected at the Sunday walk and a £20 donation will be received from the Brownies for Fraser's walk.
- b. **Gift aid** – Our gift-aid submission is still pending. Peter has almost finished one of two spreadsheets required and he promised that the first two years (2010 and 2011) of data will be uploaded to the HMRC website by the 20th July. 2010 is now the earliest year we can claim for.

Action: PS

6. Membership Report:

Membership		Total Members
Lifers	57	57
Life family	20	40
HON Life FAM	1	2
Individual	167	167
Families	84	168
Corporate	1	1
Honorary Life	0	0
Total	330	435

7. **FOLL Relationship with DPCS** – The message drafted by Renton and Fraser was sent to Chris Buggy who has agreed to attend our next meeting at which we will discuss how we can work together towards 'the bigger picture'.

It was again noted that we greatly value Simon's input at our meetings and hope he can continue to attend.

- 8. Grants and Projects** – Phil spoke to the Earley Charity who in principle will support some funding which, due to the area of benefit, is thought to be in the region of 20%. Renton believes it should be possible to obtain more than 20%.

Simon raised safety concerns about raising the footpath which if flooded may be a risk and require handrails.

It was agreed a sub-committee comprising of Phil, Fraser and Renton would meet to progress a proposal which will be ready by the next meeting in September.

Action: Phil, Fraser, Renton

- 9. Lea Farm summer work:** Lee Proctor is available at the end of August so subject to weather conditions and water levels this work should take place. **Action: Fraser**

- 10. Fishing:** A meeting will be held on July 22nd with Jane, Fraser and Les plus Ian Crook and one other from Twyford and District Fishing Club. **Action: Jane, Fraser, Les**

- 11. Work parties and walks** – an email has been sent with details of the next work party. The Aug 10th walk will be led by Peter and Fraser, September by Fraser.

AOB

1. Simon will be making a donation for which FOLL is grateful.
2. Fraser thanked Ron and Alan for building Betty's memorial bench. Fraser will send wording for the plaque/s to Ron and suggested adding a dedication to Gordon Newport. Stainless steel or aluminium was suggested as an alternative to bronze. **Action: FC**
3. Simon will book the Emmbrook room for future meetings. Jane to send him dates. **Action: JCC**
4. It was noted car parking charges now apply from 6am – 10pm.
5. Fraser asked when the car park meadow would be cut. 'Tomorrow' was the answer!
6. Crassula control was discussed. Agreed to spray the scrape annually when it is dry. Fraser will ensure this is added to the programme of work. **Action: FC**

Next meeting: Embrook Room, Dinton Pastures, 8.00pm on Tuesday September 16th 2014

Actions from July meeting

Minute Point (July)	Action	To be done by	Date completed/notes
3	Submit constitution change	Jane	
5b	Gift Aid submission	Peter	
8	Grant proposal sub-committee to meet	Phil, Fraser and Renton	
9	Book Lea Fram summer work	Fraser	
10	Meet with Twyford Fishing Club	Jane, Fraser and Les	

AOB 2	Provide text for bench plaque	Fraser	
AOB 3	Simon to book Emmbrook room for meetings	Jane	
AOB 6	Crassula control to be added to our programme of work	Fraser	

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