

Friends of Lavell's Lake AGM

Charity Number: 297074

Dinton Pastures on Tuesday 19th January 2016 at 7.30 pm

Present: Fraser Cottington (Chairman), Peter Scudamore (Treasurer), Jane Campbell (Secretary), Les Blundell, Ron Bryant, Bob Bennett, Renton Righelato, Phil Kinch, Simon Bartlam and 12 other members.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from David Williams-Jones, Roger Stansfield, Irene Gilder, Brian Bennett, and Mike Rea.
2. **The approval of the minutes** of the last AGM held January 20th 2015 was proposed by Ron Bryant and seconded by Bob Bennett.

3. 2015 Reports

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Copies were provided. Peter highlighted some points which were:
 - It was noted that the period covered was to Dec 31st 2015
 - Gift Aid submissions are outstanding for 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015
 - Fishing rights income was noted
 - The membership secretary added that there are 450 memberships.
2. **Countryside Service Report:** Simon Bartlam's report was also sent out in advance of the meeting. In addition:
 - Fraser thanked Simon for his hard work and the help he provides to FOLL.
3. **Chairman's Report:** This was sent to all members of the group in advance of the meeting. Fraser added the following points:
 - Website: FOLL hopes its members find the new website useful. Outstanding actions are to setup communication with members based on their personalised interests and to finalise the members' area.
 - Fishing Rights: After one year Twyford and District Fishing Club are keen to extend their agreement with FOLL and may pay more for their fishing rights. FOLL is still to finalise the lease agreement with Summerleaze.
 - Fraser outlined FOLL's plans for further development work on site. A Tesco Groundworks grant has been applied for.

4. Election of Officers

The following officers are remaining in post:

Chairman: Fraser Cottington, Treasurer: Peter Scudamore

Les Blundell and Jane Campbell resigned their posts and were re-elected as follows:

Secretary: Jane Campbell proposed by Fraser Cottington, seconded by Alan Rhymer

Membership Secretary: Les Blundell proposed by Renton Righelato and seconded by Bob Bennett

Other committee members remaining in post:

Les Blundell, Ron Bryant, Renton Righelato, Phil Kinch and Bob Bennett.

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- Teal Hide Replacement: There was discussion which included the possibility of building a second hide, raised to avoid flooding, leaving the original in place as a decoy for our vandals! Simon suggested that DPCS would be involved with any replacement.
- There was also a discussion on the provision of gates for Lavell's car park.
- Renton proposed a vote of thanks to Fraser for his never-ending enthusiasm and commitment.

The AGM finished at 8.05 (yes!) and was followed by refreshments and a very enjoyable talk by our own Les Blundell on 'Spitsbergen - Realm of the Polar Bear'. Les told us of the wildlife seen on his trip, with some scenery, flora and history of the area.

AGM 2017 is at 7.30 on Tuesday January 17th, venue to be confirmed.