

Dear Members

The final date for any proposals from members for the AGM has now passed and this year there were no official proposals received.

Despite the relaxation of the Plan "B" restrictions, with the Omicron variant of Covid still circulating in large numbers, it has been discussed at Committee level and agreed, that to protect our members safety, the AGM will now not take place on 17th February as previously notified in the December newsletter. A provisional date for the AGM has been re-arranged for Thursday 23rd June at the same time and venue notified in your December newsletter. A full agenda will be issued nearer the time once it is established that this revised date is viable when hopefully the latest strain of the virus will have run its course.

For the first time in the history of the club, the Committee opted to drop the official close season in 2021 and adopted a more flexible approach to closing the lakes when the fish were actually spawning or essential on site works were needed. The Committee would like to see this introduced as a permanent change in the rules but with the AGM being deferred until the Summer, it is their intention to adopt a flexible close season again in 2022 on an experimental basis and if it again proves successful, will be raising this as a Committee proposal at the AGM whereby a 2/3 majority of attendees will enable this to become a permanent change from the 2023 season.

Unlike 2021, the flexible closure will not enable members to continue fishing after the usual closing date of April 14th unless they have already confirmed and paid for their renewals prior to that date. It is the intention of the Committee to issue renewing members with a new key for the 2022/3 season and therefore the current gate keys will not work after 14th April. Members are therefore strongly urged to get their renewals in as early as possible this year so that they are in possession of their new books and keys before the above date as they may otherwise not be able to access the complex if the site remains open, until the Membership Secretary is able to process their renewals which tends to be slightly delayed if she is trying to process large volumes of renewal paperwork right at the end of the season.

As always, your understanding and acceptance of the above is greatly appreciated by the Committee and you are reminded that despite no official AGM proposals being received, any member can raise questions for discussion by the Committee at their monthly meetings at any time over the course of the season by sending them to the Secretary by email or post as detailed in your membership books. In the meantime, the Committee wish you all a very happy and hopefully healthy new year. Please do continue to enjoy your fishing, but also keep yourselves safe and well.