

# BDAS Matters

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Spring 2023 AGM Newsletter

Boxmoor & District Angling Society Ltd  
Registered Office : Westbrook Mere, London Road, Bourne End, HP1 2RQ

## Notice of Annual General Meeting 2023

to be held at

**Westbrook Mere, Bourne End**

**Commencing 7.00pm Thursday 13th April 2023. Doors open at 6.30pm**

### AGENDA

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| 1.0  | Apologies for absence                   | Nominations for the post of President or for the Committee must be proposed and seconded in writing and be received by the Secretary no later than Thursday 23rd March 2023.                 |
| 2.0  | Minutes of the previous AGM             |  |
| 3.0  | Matters arising                         |  |
| 4.0  | President's report                      | Motions from members for consideration at the AGM must reach the Secretary no later than Thursday 23rd March 2023.   |
| 5.0  | Treasurer's report                      | They must be in writing and be duly proposed and seconded (Rule 16). Under the constitution no resolutions can be accepted from the floor (Rule 16).   |
| 5.1  | Election of auditors                    |  |
| 6.0  | Secretary's report                      |  |
| 7.0  | Bailiff's report                        | Only registered shareholders, ie Senior Citizen Members and Senior Members paying an annual subscription, Officers, Committee and Vice-Presidents, are entitled to vote on company business. |
| 8.0  | Fishery Management reports              |  |
| 9.0  | Match report                            |  |
| 10.0 | Presentation of prizes                  | Junior Associates are entitled to attend the AGM and speak, but may not vote.  |
| 10.1 | Clubman of the Year award               |  |
| 11.0 | Election of Officers and Committee      | Guests or visitors are allowed to attend only with the written permission of the Secretary.  |
| 12.0 | Any other business not requiring notice |  |

*This Newsletter contains officer reports for 2022-23 and important news for rejoining your club. Please read it all*

# Boxmoor & District Angling Society Ltd

Minutes of the 95th Annual General Meeting 2022

Westbrook Mere, Bourne End, Hemel Hempstead

Thursday 14th April 2022

THE meeting started at 7pm. More than 20 members were present, including committee members and bailiffs. Vice-chairman Mark Feander took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 1.0 Apologies for absence

Dave Rawdings

## 2.0 Minutes of the 2022 AGM

The minutes had been circulated to all members in the notice calling the meeting. They were taken as read and proposed by Alan Cripps. Seconded by Roy Fisk. Adopted.

## 3.0 Matters arising

None

## 4.0 President's Report

The President's Report had been recorded in the AGM Newsletter already circulated and was taken as read.

## 5.0 Treasurer's Report

Peter Colverd reported

Set of accounts presented to the members of the club.

No questions from members. All happy with the report.

## 5.1 Election of Auditors

Robert Lewington of 45 Eastfield Avenue, Watford WD24 4HH, was proposed by Gary Cullum and seconded by David Wiltshire, approved unanimously. The Auditor continues to take no fee for his work and thanks were recorded for him also.

## 6.0 Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report 2021/2022 was before the meeting as recorded in the BDAS Newsletter. Taken as read.

## 7.0 Bailiff's Report

Included with the notice calling the meeting, it was taken as read. The President thanked Mark Feander and his team of bailiffs for the work they do for the club.

## 8.0 Fisheries Management Report

The Fisheries Management Report was published in the newsletter and taken as read. This included reports from Westbrook Mere, Durrants Hill Fishery and Pixies Mere.

## 9.0 Match Report

Gary Sykes gave his match report and thanked everyone for attending the matches. Any new faces would be welcomed. The match lists for the coming season have been published in the current newsletter and were on the new website.

## 10.0 Presentation of

GS then presented the prizes for the season's matches.

## 11.0 Election of Officers and Committee

*President*

Alan Cripps

Proposed by the chairman, seconded by Roy Fisk. Adopted

*Treasurer*

Peter Colverd to continue as Treasurer for the new season. All members and committee members thanked Peter for his service.

*Secretary*

Lindsay Stonebank

Proposed by Dan Kite, seconded by Alan Cripps. Adopted.

Current Secretary Dan Kite will step down as Secretary, as per his announcement in the club's newsletter. Lindsay to start his Secretary role at the April committee meeting.

*Committee members*

Aidan Duncan, Mark Feander, Dave Rawding, Gary Sykes, Stuart Sheppard, Lindsay Stonebank, Peter Colverd and Dan Kite.

Proposed by Roy Fisk, Adopted.

*Vice-President*

Bill Rawlings

Proposed by Pete Campkin, seconded by Gary Cullum. Adopted.

## 12.0 Any Other Business

(a)

The Committee has discussed increase costs of upkeep and materials for all three lakes.

The Committee has discussed increased membership options with the members present at the AGM and an unanimous agreement has been passed to increase prices as per below.

- Senior Membership subscription fee will rise from £65.00 to £95.00 per season.
- Concession Membership subscription fee will rise from £35.00 to £65.00 per season.
- Subscription fee only includes days only fishing as per the normal club rules.

- Night fishing ticket will stay the same at £125.00 per season.
- Work Party waiver will stay the same at £50.00.

Proposals finalised and adopted. Price increases will come into effect with the new season in 2023/2024

(b)

Daniel Kite to take over as Membership Secretary as from the April 2022 Committee Meeting.

End of meeting. The meeting closed at 19.33hrs.

## President's report 2021/2022

WELL, another year has passed. I turned 60 – wow, how did that happen! When my dad took me to a lake in Hemel some 50 years ago, who knew I would still be involved in running it this many years later?

Once again, I would to take the opportunity to thank the Committee and bailiffs, and other volunteers who have helped keep the three lakes running this year.

Lots of hard work goes on without the members even knowing sometimes. Including people working in horrendous conditions trying to save fish or, indeed, fix burst pipes! It's all in the life of fishery management .



ALAN CRIPPS  
President

This past year we again saw record temperatures, and a low oxygen event at Durrant – something in those 50 years I have never seen before! Global warming seems to be impacting everywhere .

The other two lakes have continued to fish well, with an investment for the future with new oxygenation equipment sourced and fitted at the Mere.

Once again, the forward thinking of the Committee should be applauded. We're certainly in a better place than many other clubs.

*Enjoy your fishing  
Tight lines  
Alan Cripps*

## Carp Care

**Landing nets** Arms to be a minimum of 42 inches

**Unhooking mats** Flat mats have to have a retaining flap (aqua combi mat) and are to be of a certain size (1200mm W x 50mm H x 700mm D)  
Carp cots are to be encouraged

**Weigh slings** Weigh slings are to have 2 top support bars, ie rigid

**Carp care kits**  
Kryston Klin-ik shield gel

Carp care kits sold by fishing manufacturers (Nash, Korda etc)

The following topical Koi products are far superior: Kasuri, Anti-bac and Roccal Wound Cleaner, NT Labs, Ulcer Swab, Propolis (available from Holland and Barratt)  
The following are instructions for using Propolis:

- Carefully dry the wound as much as possible.
- Spread Propolis onto the wound and put some water on the area.
- Slowly lower the fish back into the water. A waxy waterproof seal will form around the wound.
- Be careful to protect the gills and eyes.

# Westbrook Mere management report

HAVING taken over this role back in the late summer, I've been busy looking at what needs doing, what's urgent and what can wait. Also, discussions within the management committee as to what we want, or need, to do.

So, these are my plans for Westbrook mere going forward. Starting at the boathouse going towards Snooks, we need to reduce the height of the bushes, to about 4ft and then cut annually to that height in the autumn, as well as remove the vegetation hanging in the lake. We need to remove some of the saplings along the way. Bigger trees will be left and dealt with later. This should help with casting and landing fish.

Then there is the bank work to be completed on the first 10 swims, before moving to other swims, and all of this is dependent on finances being available.

I am also looking at improving the inlet from the river so that it doesn't block so easy and maintains good water quality. The list of jobs goes on and on.

As you can see if you've been to the Mere, recently we have been clearing the scrub between swims and regular mowing should help with maintenance, but only time will tell.

I'm not trying to turn the lake into a garden but merely try to reduce the amount of labour needed to maintain the lake in order to give us the best chance of catching fish and not getting caught on overhanging snags. Please remember to only fish from dedicated swims.

*Tight lines – Bons*

*David Wiltshire, Westbrook Mere manager*



MARK FEANDER head bailiff

## Head bailiff's report

who have recently joined :

- Gates must be locked when arriving and leaving. This also goes for otter gates being closed at all times!
- Dip tanks are provided, please make sure you use them on all our water.
- You must have a carp care kit and adequate unhooking mat (sizes are stated in club rules please make sure you read them).
- The halfway rule must be obeyed if you have a fellow angler opposite to you.
- Toilets and shower are provided at Westbrook – please leave them as you find them. Doug does a brilliant job keeping them clean for all of us.
- Scanners are located in the clubhouse to scan fish. These enable us to monitor fish growths,

but please return them after your session ends.

- Bailiffs numbers are on your club card. If you have any problems on the bank please don't hesitate to call one of us if you need any assistance or you're not sure about anything,
- No wading on any BDAS waters.
- Fish care must be top priority at all times. Retainers may be used for short periods of time to enable you to weigh and take pictures of your catch, but fish may not be retained over night.
- Leadcore or any type of leader may not be used on any BDAS waters.

Please do read your club rules, have a great season and see you on the bank.

**Mark Feander**  
**Head bailiff**

I HOPE that you all had a great Christmas and that this coming season is going to be a good year.

I don't want to drag this short report out, and so there are just a few things to remember for exisiting members and those

# Secretary's report 2021-22

WELCOME to this year's newsletter. It's been a busy year for me stepping into Dan's position as secretary and a huge learning curve.

We have introduced some new faces on the committee and some old faces too. I feel we have the right balance within the committee to continue the great work we all do for the club.

The club has faced some challenges over the past year, but with a strong commitment from the team we have overcome the issues.

Looking at the next season we have many projects planned with potentially completing another section of bank works and swim rebuilds, making sure your ticket money is injected back into the lakes.

I would like to hear from you the members this year looking at your suggestions on things you'd like to see happen within



Lindsay Stonebank  
secretary

your club. Any suggestions you send I will take to the committee and I will return you an answer. Please send any suggestions to [secretary@bdas.org](mailto:secretary@bdas.org).

With young blood on the committee we have some great ideas and a focus to bring the club up-to-date with the website being rebuilt with some more interesting content for you all. We are also looking to move to use more digital platforms to make communication easier, etc.

We are still looking for estate team members for the Westbrook team so please contact myself or Bons if you have the time or skills to assist with the day-to-day running of our main lake.

I hope this season is good to you all and look forward to seeing you all on the bank.

**Many thanks**  
**Lindsay Stonebank**  
**Club secretary**



Durrants Hill Fishery at the height of summer

# Pixies Mere lake managers' report

A GREAT year at Pixies Mere, with lots of projects completed.

The car park and tracks have seen more than 36 tonnes of type 1 laid down, improving the access around the lake and car park areas.

We have widened the track around to the rear car park, making it easier to get round. The rear car park has now been defined by a border of logs.

The container has been moved, giving extra parking.

Swims have been rebuilt and made safe and this is on-going with lots more to do this year.

Marginal planting has started around the bowl area, with reeds and carex being planted.

The toilet has been moved besides the main site office and is emptied and cleaned every month. Please keep this clean as it's for all to use.

Bridges have been repaired and made safe. The gates have been repaired and given a facelift.

As for the fishing, it's starting to show that

the reduction in carp numbers has had a positive effect, with weight gain in the remaining fish and the condition of the carp improved massively. Also, it's good to see many of you fishing for the other species – Pike, Bream, etc.

The club has made the investment in buying 12 complete sets of coarse fishing equipment for the planned youth events to be held at Pixies this year. I think you will all agree that getting more young anglers on the bank is vital for the club's future.

With a busy year ahead and with lots more to do, we will be looking for volunteers to help. We would like to thank the members that gave their time this past year to help and support when it was needed.

We look forward to seeing you on the bank and, remember, Pixies has lots more sport to offer besides the carp and we hope many of you try your hand at some summer Teach Bream fishing with good hits to be had.

*Lindsay, Peter and Scott  
fishery managers*

## Durrants Hill Fishery report

**LAST year started with five large trees coming down around the lake. We had a great response from members to come and help remove the trees and get the lake back open again. Some of the trees had come down and damaged the fence and new dip baths we were installing, which we repaired over the next few weeks.**

**The work party saw a good tidy up on the banks and the donated shed repaired and assembled on the lake. The weed came up steadily over the hot summer. The fish that were caught over the year were all putting on weight and looking lovely. Largest reported fish was a lovely 30lb Mirror caught by Lee Climpson.**

**The end of August saw us having to shut the lake again with some unexpected fish deaths. We have worked closely with Martin Van Heerden from the environment agency on the cause and the best course of action in moving forward. The main thing we established is that there was no virus that could spread to other lakes.**

**We have a few jobs lined up for the next coming year and so look forward to seeing you on the bank.**

*All the best, Aidan Duncan and team*

# BDAS Working Parties 2023

To maintain your membership you must complete at least one work party each season, unless exempted by age or infirmity or if you have paid the waiver.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL WATERS WILL BE CLOSED DURING WORKING PARTIES

DATE	ASSEMBLE	SESSION TIME
April 22nd	Mere	8am to 3pm
April 23rd	Mere	8am to 3pm

*Attend the session that suits you best*

On both dates work might be done at Westbrook Mere, Pixies and Durrants – please be prepared to travel between the waters. The meeting point will be Westbrook Mere. Members will then be sent to different lakes as required.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Members will need to sign in upon arriving at Westbrook Mere. This is proof you've attended a work party. Your membership can be renewed during the work party. Should you decide to do it on the day then please visit the membership team in the committee hut. Cash payments will be accepted at work party dates only.

Renewals will all be done digitally/online. Please fill in the form online and make sure your details are correct. Failure to keep your details up to date via the BDAS Clubmate app may result in your membership being void.. Pensioners and disabled members are not expected to attend work parties, but it would be nice to see you, especially if you can make tea.

Work gloves, wellies, waders, hammers, wire cutters, saws and other tools will come in handy. If you are a carpenter, electrician or roofer, please bring your tools with you. Tea and coffee will be provided, please bring a cup or mug.

Members who cannot make either of the above dates will need to pay the £50.00 waiver. Any member who cannot attend because of illness should produce a doctor's note referring to the reason for not working prior to the work party date and send the note to [membership@bdas.org](mailto:membership@bdas.org)

Those members exempt from working parties, or paying the waiver, should continue to fill out the online form and make payment by BACS. Memberships must be renewed before 1st June 2022. We have a waiting list now and late renewals will be refused.

**Membership renewals can only be done online. Should you struggle to complete the form online, then please email [membership@bdas.org](mailto:membership@bdas.org)**

## Subscriptions for 2023/24

Senior Member	£ 95.00
Senior Citizen/Disabled/Junior Associates	£ 65.00
3 Rod Permit (1/10 to 31/3)	included – please send a copy of both your EA rod licences
Night Fishing Permit	£125 (not available to Junior Associates)
Work Party Waiver	£50.00
Lost Key	£10.00
Administration Fee	£2.00

# BDAS Match Calendar 2023

## June 2023

W Wed 7th	Ken Charge Memorial 1st round	draw 17:15 fish 17.45-20.45
W Wed 14th	Ken Charge Memorial 2nd round	draw 17:15 fish 17.45-20.45
W Wed 21st	Ken Charge Memorial 3rd round	draw 17:15 fish 17.45-20.45
W Wed 28th	Ken Charge Memorial 4th round	draw 17:15 fish 17.45-20.45

## July 2023

P Sun 2nd	Tony Price Memorial	draw 09:30 fish 10:00-14:00
P Sun 16th	Club Trophy	draw 09:30 fish 10:00-14:00
W Sun 30th	Atlas Copco	draw 09:30 fish 10:00-14:00

## August 2023

W Wed 3rd	Over 50s	draw 09:30 fish 10:00-14:00
P Sun 13th	Lovesay Plate	draw 09:30 fish 10:00-14:00
W Sun 27th	Ray Patten Memorial	draw 09:30 fish 10:00-14:00

## September 2023

P Sun 3rd	Boxmoor Trust Cup	draw 09.15 fish 10.00-16.00
W Fri-Sun 8th-10th	Charity Carp Match Ticket ONLY	times TBA
W Sun 17th	Winter cup 1st round	draw 09:30 fish 10:00-14:00
W Sun 24th	Winter Cup 2nd round	draw 09:30 fish 10:00-14:00

## October 2023

W Sun 1st	Winter Cup 3rd round	draw 09:30 fish 10:00-14:00
W Sun 8th	Winter Cup 4th round	draw 09:30 fish 10:00-14:00

W: Westbrook Mere

P: Pixies Mere

## BDAS Match report

THE match fixtures will soon be upon us and, if recent figures are anything to go, by it should be our busiest season yet, with one angler virtually cleaning up leaving the rest of us in his wake. The individual will be identified at the presentation of trophies at the AGM on 13th April.

Individual achievements during the matches in the past season are as follows:

Specimen fish: Steve Tyne – 5lb 6oz Tench

Total bag: Phil Lilywhite – 11lb 12oz

Boxmoor Trust Trophy fished at Pixies Mere.

I would like to say a big thank you to all of those members who took part and a special thanks to Ray Ellis for his help throughout the season with the weighing and running of the last two matches while he was on holiday in America.

*Gary Sykes*

*Match organiser*

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