

North Kildare Trout & Salmon Anglers Association

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday Feb 16th at 7.30pm

Sarsfields GAA Club, Newbridge, Co Kildare

ALL ***MEMBERS*** ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

***ALL MEMBERS ATTENDING A.G.M WILL BE ENTERED INTO A
FREE PRIZE DRAW***

AGENDA

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| 1. Presidents Address | 6. Presentations & Raffle |
| 2. Minutes of AGM | 7. Election of Officers, Committee
& Auditor |
| 3. Correspondence | 8. Notice of Motions |
| 4. Adoption of Sec Report | 9. A.O.B |
| 5. Adoption of Treasurers Report | |

***Notice of Motions must be submitted to the Secretary
Malcolm Kilduff no later than Monday 12th Feb 2024.***

Dear Members, as I sit here typing the Annual Report for 2023 another Winter Storm is blowing hard outside.

I do however draw comfort with thoughts of brighter days ahead and the start of new fishing season on our River.

Like last year I have promised myself to make more time for fishing and I hope you all have similar plans.

In the past Year your Committee have been working hard in relation to the upkeep of our Fishery, clearing deadfall, pruning & cutting back, kick sampling and enhancement of runs.

Along with Our own Competitions a very successful Leinster River Qualifiers was also hosted by Our Club.

We also held another very successful Social Evening, "*Sure it's great to meet and have the Chat*", one attendee was heard saying.

Looking forward to another Successful year for the Club in 2024.

Membership.

Last year was our first year to utilise Clubforce for the purposes of Renewal of Membership & the Sale of New Membership / Day Tickets.

Some of you may have noticed the Addition of a QR code to our signs, this enables people to just scan and purchase Membership or day Tickets. It must be noted that *All Club Rules & Regulations* have to be accepted before purchase is confirmed.

Many thanks to Seamus O Neil & Brian Larkin who monitored Our Clubforce Page and issued all Badges & Cards when Membership was paid.

Our 2023 member ship breakdown was as follows:

Adults: 400 plus (incl Students & Senior Citizen)

Juvenile: 45

Day Tickets 24

AGM 2023.

Regrettably I must report that last years AGM had a very poor turn out from members.

The AGM is of vital importance to any Club, it is where people can express their opinions & ideas and learn about how the Club is developing and growing.

The Committee is asking for a stronger turn out this year and hopefully a few fresh voices will be heard.

At last years AGM Our Chairperson Donal Monahan & Our Secretary John Higgins both stood down from their positions. It cannot be over stated what great servants both of these gentlemen have been to NKTSAA, thankfully both agreed at the time to stay on at committee level and continue to work for the Club.

Minutes 2023 AGM

Apologies were made prior to the meeting by;

President: Mick Deely

Chairperson: Donal Monahan

Secretary: John Higgins advised of late arrival

The meeting began with Eamonn Winders Vice Chairperson welcoming all to the AGM.

The minutes from 2022 AGM were taken as read and with nothing arising from minutes

Minutes proposed: Joe Winder & Seconded by Gary Reville

Adoption of Secretary Report: Proposed Seamus O Neil Seconded Joe Winder.

Correspondence:

There was no Correspondence.

Treasurers Report:

Seamus O Neil presented all present with a detailed report on the Club Accounts which showed the Club to be in a healthy financial position.

Many thanks to Seamus for minding the finances of the Club throughout the year.

Adoption of Treasures report was proposed by: Eamonn Winders & Seconded by Malcolm Kilduff

Seamus thanked Our Auditor Stephen Toft.

Presentations:

Joe Winder our Competitions Committee Secretary gave a detailed account on the success of our new formula Catch & Release competitions and duly presented the Trophies & Cups to all Winners.

Raffle:

I would like to thank Nicky Moore, who was again on hand to take the names of all members attending the AGM as they came through the door. Attendees were entered in a free draw on the night.

Michael Byrne won the top Prize of a night away in Jurys Hotel.

Election of Officers/Committee/Auditor

Chairperson: Eamonn Winder was proposed by Malcolm Kilduff, Seconded by Gary Reville and accepted the role.

Secretary: Malcolm Kilduff was proposed by Seamus O Neil, Seconded by Eamonn Winder and accepted the role.

Treasurer: Seamus O Neil agreed to continue in his role any was proposed by Malcolm Kilduff & Seconded by Joe Winder

Assistant Chairperson: Seamus Potts was proposed by Joe Winder, Seconded by Malcolm Kilduff and accepted the role.

Assistant Secretary: Joe Winder was proposed by Seamus O Neil, Seconded by Malcolm Kilduff and accepted the role.

The outgoing Committee from 2022 were then proposed on block by Malcolm Kilduff to continue for 2023. This was seconded by Eamonn Winder and all agreed to continue on the Committee.

Newly Elected Committee members for 2023 were,

Warren Price, Proposed Seamus O Neill, Seconded by Eamonn Winder.

Laurence Doherty, Proposed by Malcolm Kilduff , Seconded by Stephen Potts.

Notice of Motions:

There were no Motions presented prior to AGM.

A.O.B: There was a brief discussion on the up-coming Social Evening and all attendees were asked to spread the word about the event.

Just before the meeting Concluded Our outgoing Secretary John Higgins was presented with a Bronze Sculpture for his many years of great Service as Club Secretary and Committee Member.

Eamonn Winder then concluded the AGM by thanking all present for coming and wishing everyone tight lines for the coming season.

2023 COMPETITIONS:

CROWE & MC GLYNN CUPS MARCH 19th

1st Stephen Potts, 2nd Joe Winder, 3rd Seamus Byrne & 4th Laurence Doherty

MC GRATH & BARRY CUPS APRIL 23th

1st James Johnson, 2nd Laurence Doherty, 3rd Seamus Potts & 4th Seamus Byrne

MULVEY & DELANEY COMPETITION MAY 7TH

1st James Johnson, 2nd Joe Winder, 3rd Gary Reville & 4th Robbie Winder

O DRISCOLL CUP PIKE COMPETITION MAY 13TH

1st Tommy Winder, 2nd Seamus O Neill, 3rd James Johnson

MC MAHON & CASH CUPS LOUGH LENE MAY 21ST

1st Joe Winder, 2nd Laurence Doherty, 3rd Seamus Byrne & 4th Robbie Winder

FURLONG & COUGHLAN TROPHY JUNE 11TH

1st David May, 2nd Robbie Winder, 3rd Peter Doherty & 4th James Johnson

DONOHUE & JULY CUPS 2ND JULY

1st Gary Reville, 2nd Seamus Potts, 3rd Robbie Winder & 4th Malcolm Kilduff

AUGUST & GER DUNNE CUP 13TH AUGUST

1st Robbie Winder, 2nd David May, 3rd Joe Winder & 4th Alan Lawless

IRISH ROPES & COX BROTHERS SEPTEMBER 17TH

1st James Johnson, 2nd Gary Reville, 3rd Laurence Doherty & 4th Seamus Potts

DARDIS & BROWN CUPS LOUGH LENE

1st Seamus Byrne, 2nd Donal Monahan, 3rd Joe Winder & 4th Stephen Potts

We had good numbers for all our competitions this year and although they were ran very efficiently by our Competitions Committee, it must be noted that high water on our river particularly in the Months of April & August made their job that little bit harder.

ANGLER OF THE YEAR: Joe Winder

TOP RIVER ANGLER: James Johnson

LONGEST FISH: 43.7cm Seamus Potts

TOP 5 RIVER ANGLERS: 1st James Johnson, 2nd Robbie Winder

3rd Joe Winder, 4th David May & 5th Gary Reville.

These 5 anglers will represent NKTSAA in the 2024 Leinster River Competition.

Leinster Rivers 2023:

NKTSAA hosted the Leinster Rivers on July 16th.

ITFFA deemed the competition a success and thanked NKTSAA for hosting.

A special word of thanks went to Seamus O Neill & Brian Larkin for all their hard work preparing for the event and indeed overseeing the Competition on the day.

Qualifiers from this competition will fish the National Rivers to be held on the Munster Blackwater in 2024. The qualifiers are:

1st Donal Monahan

2nd Peter Doherty

3rd Brian Larkin

4th Gary Reville

5th John Maguire

1st Reserve Seamus Potts

Seamus also recorded the longest fish on the day @39cm

2023 Rivers National:

River Lagan Dromore, June 3rd

Joe Winder, Robbie Winder & Gary Reville Represented Our Club in this Competition.

The Competition was run in very difficult dry conditions.

Joe Winder finished 3rd and Qualified to Represent Ireland in the North of England Rivers International on the River Tees.

Lakes:

Donal Monahan & Shay Cash Qualified to Fish the 2023 Inter-Pro on Lough Conn last September.

Shay Cash, Seamus O Neill & Liam Cox will represent NKTSAA after qualifying for the Lakes National 2024 which will be held on Lough Lein Killarney in June.

Well done to the above lads for representing their Club so well.

THE SEASON:

This year the river fished well in certain areas and in some cases even better than previous years however the lower stretches again proved worrying with no real sign of improvement.

SPRING:

Many anglers reported how good the fishing was in the early part of the Season with LDO Hatches again getting us over the first couple of weeks.

April at times was extremely difficult with high water, although some anglers did enjoy the odd day with hatches of Iron Blue that carried on into May.

However, as with previous years the fishing started to become harder, the expected hatches of Olives failed to materialise in great numbers and the general lack of fly life made it difficult to make the fish look up.

But we have to try!!!

Summer:

What summer? Did we have a summer?

The Sedge fishing was good at times with some reporting great sport, however it must be noted the length of hatch has diminished considerably over the years as had the BWO hatches.

Autumn:

August proved very difficult with relatively high water throughout the month. Some anglers did venture out with the Nymph Rod some of whom reported good sport.

I personally had a couple of very productive days with the dry dropper in September.

Dry fly is not my strongest attribute (I put down more fish than I make look up) but I hope with a little bit more patience things will improve for me in 2024 on that front.

Kick Sampling:

Several of Our Committee members again this year carried out kick sampling in pre-determined areas along our fishery.

By scientifically recording their results over the coming years they hope to correlate a comprehensive view on the nymphs and lava on the bottom or river.

I myself spent an evening with the lads down in Morgan O Flaherty's and was astonished by their ability to name and record all the flies from the nymphs & lava they placed in their trays.

There are four areas that will be tested over the years.

1. Athgarvan
2. The Gables Newbridge
3. The Glasshouses Osberstown
4. Lower Morgan O Flaherty's

As with last year the results show that the lower reaches of our Fishery are of greatest concern.

Committee:

I would like to thank all the Committee for their hard work and dedication to the Club over the last year. A Club does not run itself and I have never heard any of these Committee members complain about any job they are tasked with.

I would like to personally thank John Higgins for steering me in the right direction in relation to my Secretarial Duties, Joe Winder who was on hand whenever needed.

Great appreciation must also be given to our Competitions Committee.

NKTSAA 2023 Committee: Chairperson Eamonn Winder, Secretary Malcolm Kilduff, Treasurer Seamus O Neill, Vice Chairperson Seamus Potts, Assistant Sec Joe Winder, PRO Alan Lawless, Donal Monahan, Nicky Moore, John Higgins, Brian Larkin, Gary Reville, James Johnson, Laurence Doherty, Warren Price & Peter Doherty.

Social Evening:

Our Social Evening will be held in Sarsfield's GAA Clubhouse on Sunday Feb 25th @ 3pm.

Please come along and help make it another great evening.

You might even buy some supplies for the coming season along with meet some of our guest fly tiers who will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thanks:

Many thanks to all the landowners and their agents who grant us access to the river.

To Sarsfield's GAA Club who allow us the use of their facilities throughout the year for Committee meetings, AGM, Social Evening and the 2023 Leinster Rivers.

To our PRO Alan Lawless who through our F/Book page keeps all members informed of Club Activities.

A Special word of thanks to Seamus O Neill who looks after all membership tickets distribution as they come in through Clubforce. There is a huge amount of work involved in posting upwards of four hundred tickets to club members throughout the season.

A Final Word:

Though the Club is committed to going paperless with online membership we do acknowledge that some members cannot use this platform. Therefore, a limited number of MEMBERSHIPS can be renewed at AGM.

Wishing all of you Tight Lines for 2024.

Malcolm Kilduff

Secretary

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