

THE MANAGEMENT OF HEATH POND

HEATH POND ASSOCIATION

Agreed by Petersfield Town Council July 2013

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Barry Quinton, Adrian Tipper, David Chambers
Lester Gericke and Dave Doe

Heath Pond Association

Management of Heath Pond, Petersfield

The five people listed below are offering their services to Petersfield Town Council as volunteers to police all angling activities on Petersfield Heath Lake. In return, we ask only that we are reimbursed for any reasonable expenses incurred and that we are exempt from any permit charges.

Mr. Barry Quinton of 1 Queens Road, GU32 3BB Telephone: 01730 262325/07754683222

Mr. Adrian Tipper of 11 Grange Road, GU32 3LY Telephone: 07840848716.

Mr. David Chambers of 67 Highfield Road, GU32 2HL Telephone: 01730 302004.

Mr. Lester Gericke of 55 Highfield Road, GU32 2HN Telephone: 07825426625.

Mr. Dave Doe of 9 Borovere Close, Alton GU34 1LR Telephone 075695958344

1. Policing The Pond (* Denotes additional information in next section)

- a. This will entail regular bailiff patrols around the lake (at least twice a day).
- b. The sale of day tickets and season permits. *
- c. The operation of a telephone booking system for night fishing. *
- d. Dealing with any minor bank side disputes that may occur and ensuring that anglers behave appropriately at all times. *
- e. To liaise at all times with the Town Council on all matters relating to the lake, bank side and surrounding vegetation. *
- f. To liaise with the Friends of Petersfield Heath and Grounds Maintenance contractors.
- g. To closely monitor dissolved oxygen levels in the lake and keep a close eye on the water condition in general. *
- h. To carry out an effective fishery management program to ensure that fish stocks are maintained at a realistic level. *

2. Additional Notes

- a. All monies from the sale of permits will be handed to Petersfield Town Council. These will be collected from bailiffs by Mr. Barry Quinton who will be responsible for paying in at an arranged date.
- b. The telephone booking system will be operated by Mr. Adrian Tipper. Anglers will be able to book their night's fishing between the hours of 10.00 to 20.00. This service would require the purchase of a prepay mobile phone.
- c. At times, bailiffs may have to deal with a variety of problems including disputes between anglers and/ or members of the public. Also there may be times when an angler who is

breaking the rules, has to be expelled from the Pond. Should there be any threatening behavior towards bailiffs, then the Police will be called to deal with the situation. Links have already been established with the local constabulary and the PCSO and they have stated that they would be on hand and only too pleased to assist.

- d. Discussions would be held with the Town Council on any matters arising, such as the need to carry out any remedial works to the bank side or adjacent vegetation, before any such work is undertaken. The role of the liaison officer would be taken by Mr. David Chambers.
- e. To monitor the levels of dissolved oxygen we will require a test kit. With regard to general water quality, our eyes are our best asset. This and other fishery management issues will be undertaken by Mr. Lester Gericke.
- f. We will endeavour to monitor the fish population by appropriate means.
- g. Predator fish, i.e. perch, to be introduced to aid a natural balance of fish stocks.
- h. Dispute resolution in the final instance to be the responsibility of the Town Council

3. Night Rules

- a. Only 50 night season permits will be issued for the first year.
- b. Only 10 permit holders will be allowed to fish on any one night + bailiffs.
- c. Only anglers over the age of 18 will be eligible for a night season permit.
- d. Anglers may book no more than 7 days in advance.
- e. Booking will be for 24 hours (for any additional hours anglers must contact the night bailiff after 12 noon on the same day).
- f. Night permit holders will provide a passport photo for their membership card.
- g. All other Petersfield Heath rules will apply.
- h. Guest tickets only available from the night bailiff with his permission; monies to be collected the same night by a bailiff.

4. Petersfield Heath Rules

- a. Bailiffs reserve the right to interpret the rules according to circumstances or anti social behaviour.
- b. Swims must be kept tidy whilst fishing and all litter removed and disposed of appropriately when leaving.
- c. Unhooking mats must be used; landing nets must be a minimum of 24 inches diameter. NO keep nets, sacks, gaffs or tailers to be used at any time. Anglers are advised to carry a carp care kit and disgorger / artery forceps. ALL FISH to be returned to the water.

- d. NO nut baits or floating baits; properly prepared particles only.
- e. NO fishing from boats or by wading. NO boats remote or otherwise. NO fishing from the jetty or signposted areas; fishing from defined swims only.
- f. NO bent hooks or fixed rigs of any kind; only semi fixed or running rigs are permitted.
- g. Only authentic angling shelters to be used.
- h. Juniors under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Anglers over the age of 18 may use a 3rd rod providing they have the correct rod licences and that it does not interfere with other anglers.
- i. NO parking across entrances to the Heath or on grass verges surrounding the Heath. NO unauthorised vehicles anywhere on the Heath at any time.
- j. Anglers must take due care when water fowl are present. The same applies to any rowing boats.
- k. NO fires or barbeques allowed.
- l. Anglers must behave appropriately at all times; anti social behavior will not be tolerated.
- m. NO trees, reeds or other bank side vegetation to be trimmed. If there is a problem, please inform a bailiff.
- n. Anglers may use a maximum of 3kgs of bait. NO spodding between the 1st June and 15th September if water levels are low.
- o. All anglers must be in possession of a valid Environment Agency rod licence.
- p. Audio visual equipment may be used at very low volume or with headphones.
- q. Memberships to run from date of issue to 30th June of each calendar year.
- r. Pike season runs from 1st October to 14th March.
NO pike fishing from 15th March to 30th September

Rules will appear on the reverse of day tickets and day season permits. Night anglers will be issued with a separate rule sheet.

5. Expenses – it is proposed that Heath Pond Association be reimbursed for reasonable expenses or the Town Council provide, for example:

- a. New day permit book to be printed with number sequence and VAT number + night guest ticket box to be added with stub.
- b. Ticket printing cost £180.00
- c. Printer ink £40.00
- d. Diary for night bailiff
- e. Swan crock to aid in animal safety £80.00.

6. Ticket Prices

Day ticket tariffs would be set by the Town Council. However, we would suggest that the following price guide would be satisfactory for the first year given the uncertainty surrounding the remaining fish stocks.

- a. Adult Day £ 5.00
- b. Adult Day season £30.00
- c. Night season £50.00
- d. Junior and concession day £ 3.00
- e. Junior and concession season £22.00
- f. Guest night ticket £15.00

The table below is an example of how money would be recorded and paid into the Town Council office.

Names of members to be added.

Bank Summary

		Barry Q	Dave C	Adrian T	Lester G	Dave D				
May	Week 1	///	///	///	///	///				
	Week 2	///	///	///	///	///				
	Week 3	///	///	///	///	///				
	Week 4	///	///	///	///	///				
	total	///	///	///	///	///				
Ticket numbers	from	////	///	///	///	///				
	to				
Ticket value	Week 1									
	jr	///	///	///	///	///				
	snr									
	Week 2									
	jr	///	///	///	///	///				
	snr									
	Week 3									
	jr	///	///	///	///	///				
	snr									
	Week 4									
	jr	///	///	///	///	///				
	snr									
	Total	£££	£££	£££	£££	£££	£££			
	Totals	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
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7. Constitution

- a. We shall be known as the Heath Pond Association.
- b. We shall operate as a committee of 5 persons where 3 votes for would carry a motion.
- c. In the event of someone leaving, the vacancy is to be filled by another suitable candidate who shall be elected by the remaining committee members.
- d. The committee will meet on a monthly basis.
- e. The committee would reserve the right to amend the rules as they see fit should the need arise.

8. References

Each member of the committee is able to provide excellent references.

- 9.** We are currently working on a solution to the bank erosion on the Sussex Road bank.

We will address the Council members with our ideas at a later date as they are still in their infancy.