



**Cymdeithas Genweirwyr Eog
a Brithyll Cymru^[SEP]
Welsh Salmon and Trout Angling
Association**



*President: Mr. Cliff Harvey Secretary; Mr Simon Jones: Treasurer: Cheryl Bulman
Chairman: Mr. Paul Edwards Assistant Secretary; Mr Bob Mayers.*

**Notice of Executive Committee meeting to be held at 10.30am
on Sunday 18th February 2024 at The Crown, Rhayader**

Agenda

1. Members present and apologies
 - 9 members of the committee must be present to be quorate
2. Minutes of meeting held on December 3rd 2023
3. Matters Arising
4. Proposals from AGM to amend lough style trial competition rules
 - Two proposals were made for consideration by the Executive which are below
 - Proposal 1 – that the draw be made prior to the competition day by the Competitions Secretary, independently witnessed by an individual not competing in the competition and posted immediately prior to the competition at the venue
 - Proposal 2 – that any competitor may be drawn with any other competitor regardless of an individuals club membership
 - To be proposed by Matthew Pate, Manager of the Bank team
 - That the Executive reviews the system of registering for all trials and to develop a common system across all trials
5. Complaint by Secretary of Irish Disabled Team
6. Survey to all clubs in Wales seeking views on future direction of WSTAA (draft tabled on the day)
7. Team reports – verbal
8. Appointment of Welfare Officer
9. Agreement of safeguarding policy (draft attached)
10. Future of coaching arrangements in Wales
11. Correspondence
12. Any Other Business

Proposal 1

Proposals for Seniors Trials 2024

PROPOSE

4 TRIALS, ALL ON SUNDAYS

3 TRIALS SCORE'S COUNTING

C&R ON ALL VENUES

DRAW TO TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO SUNDAY TRIAL

3rd Weekend in April

1st Weekend in June

1st Weekend in July

1st Weekend in October

ADVANTAGES

Keep costs down for the managers / Organisers, in not needing overnight accommodation, and traveling to and fro from accommodation.

C&R fishing ticket is cheaper for competitors

No conferring from anglers on the Saturday to Anglers on Sunday (which can give an unfair advantage to some)

Working anglers who were required to fish 2 Saturdays and 2 Sundays could practice if they want on all the Saturday.

No need to even numbers up on Saturday and Sunday

Same conditions for all anglers fishing on same day

C&R would enable Managers / Organisers and Trialists to leave soon after the fishing had finished.

No unwanted fish to take home / dump in bin

Give Managers / Organisers more time to get the results correct and corrected

Your Name Print Boat no

Boat Partners Name Print

Time 1st Fish Caught ()

TIME 2nd Fish Caught ()

Total Fish Caught ()

Proposal 2

Proposal for Welsh trials

Due to a fall in numbers and setup of the 2 Welsh Teams competing in the Spring and Autumn Internationals and the regression in results over the previous years, I propose that the trials system be looked at to help build on the development of anglers at our reservoirs and give ourselves the chance to build a clear pathway system from youth to senior internationals in order to improve angling ability and develop the contact between WSTAA and our lakes.

I propose for 2 heats, should be finished in each of our remaining three venues, Trawsfynydd, Brenig and Llyn Clywedog. WSTAA should appoint a contact/ambassador at those Lakes to become a point of contact for trials to be held. It should be in the best interest of the fisheries to advertise, recruit and to broadcast the anglers participating in the trials at their lakes. This would also limit the amount of travelling required for WSTAA officers during the year.

Participants should be allowed to enter any reservoir trials as they wish, but should only qualify to the grand final from one reservoir's top 16 result.

Example:

If an entrant qualifies from 2 heats on Brenig and 2 heats from Clywedog in the top 16, their top score will count, however the 17th person will qualify at the lowest scoring venue.

The matches should be catch and kill two fish and then to catch and release. 2lbs should be awarded for every fish caught and released that measures.

Over the two heats from each venue, the top 16 from each venue will go into the grand final fished on either Llyn Brenig, Llyn Trawsfynydd or Llyn Clywedog at the end of the September of every year to alternate takings at each venue and to limit the stress of stocking heavily before trials and competitions.

The grand final could be fished over one or two days, depending on reviews and discussions.

Positives

- Less travel expenses
- More income for our reservoirs
- Less accommodation costs
- Fish different, the same venue on different times of the year
- Recognise the talent pool in each region and able to develop this further
- Each participant can enter as many venue heats as they want
- As there are two heats rules out any flukes
- More income will be generated to WSTAA
- Less pressure on WSTAA officials with travelling over the country.
- More incentive for reservoirs to advertise and to organise competitions rather than leave it to the governing body.
- Would allow and give focus for reservoirs to develop a pathway system to ensure longevity from youth system to Senior Internationals.

Negative

- Not all anglers will fish the other two venues

- The camaraderie within the trials will disappear
- Potential for them and us kind of scenario. However, the body should reinforce how professional it runs by everybody coming together in a grand final which should be fished.

Captaincy proposal

A captain should be based on merit, character and experience and not based solely on the number of caps as voted by the team members rather than based on the 5 cap rule. A captain should also take charge of three mandatory squad days with every member of each team attending to participate in it. The inter teams competition should NOT count as part of the 3, but should also be mandatory for team members regardless.