

Southdown Angling Association

Members of the Angling Trust and Fish Legal

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Dear Member,

Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

Notice is given that an EGM of the Southdown Angling Association (SAA) will be held at:

The Fishermen's Club, Royal Parade, Eastbourne, BN22 7AA

On Thursday 28th July 2022,

Commencing at 7.30pm sharp.

At this EGM the following resolutions shall be considered and resolved by vote:

- A. That the SAA Management Team, in partnership with the Hydneye Community Angling Club (HCAC) management team, be authorised to negotiate and jointly produce all necessary details for a proposed merger between SAA and HCAC to create a new single club; and
- B. To present finalised details to a further EGM, to be scheduled in due course, for the membership to vote on the recommended proposals for enacting the merger.

NOTE: Both the current and future EGMs referred to above will be attended by officers and members of both the SAA and HCAC. The intention is for a single presentation / discussion across both memberships followed by two separate votes of the respected memberships.

The background to this resolution follows.

The HCAC is a relatively new local club to Eastbourne and Hailsham that has waters on the Pevensey Marshes as well as their flagship water, the Hydneye Lake. They have been formed from PACES who previously managed and controlled these waters and have an established management team, many of whom are also members of the SAA.

The SAA was formed from the merger of the Compleat Angler Fishing Club and the Hailsham Angling Association in 1997. It currently has increased membership levels on the back of circumstances associated with the Covid pandemic. Despite this, the management team is significantly depleted that hinders development and basic day to day management. The SAA has waters on the Pevensey Marshes, on the River Cuckmere and two small enclosed waters.

It currently "shares" some of these waters with other clubs based in East Sussex.

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The major perceived benefits of the proposed merger are:

- A. The opportunity to offer better value and a more diverse range of waters to members together with some rationalisation;
- B. The establishment of a stronger management team;
- C. The opportunity to review and update current Constitution and Rules; and
- D. A stronger emphasis on our local area and community engagement.

Subject to the resolution of these EGMs, the merger would develop as follows:

- i. The HCAC and SAA will continue to be run independently for the 2022 to 2023 membership year (SAA's run from 1st May to 30th April) with no significant changes to the SAA or HCAC during this period;
- ii. During this period a sub-committee, formed from the HCAC and SAA, will review the current Constitutions and Rules and identify a route to harmonisation of the same;
- iii. During this same period the sub-committee, formed from HCAC and SAA, will consider the membership structure and fees, waters, asset transfers and other arrangements;
- iv. In early 2023, EGMs will be held to propose all the above changes to enable the new merged club to be in place for the new membership year starting in 2023.

The above timescale is ambitious. If successfully concluded, the merger could take effect from 1st May 2023. If not, HCAC and SAA will continue to operate independently for a further year.

Representatives of both clubs will be present to answer any queries about the proposed merger.

The proposed further General Meeting where the merger plans will be presented for final approval will only go ahead if the votes across both club memberships at these formative Extraordinary General Meetings are favourable.