

Minutes
Second Meeting of the River Chess Association
7.30pm, Wednesday
2nd December 2009,
Micklefield Hall,
Chenies, Buckinghamshire

Attendants

David Hyde
Paul Jennings
David Leach
David LeNeve Foster
Phillip Folly
Ken Austin
Norman Bennet
Janet Bennet
Kathryn Graves
Allen Beechey
Robert Sage
Jamie Rankin
David Briggs
Stephen Webster
Angela Colman
Anthony Colman
Geraldine Berry
Richard Berry
Roger Wotton
Jean Pritchard
Roger Lerry

Apologies for Absence

Scott Horton
Richard Jones
Terry Tyler
Eric Holt
Gill Leaper

1. After an introduction by Paul Jennings, the minutes of the previous meeting of 16 September 2009 were presented and approved by the meeting.
2. A discussion was held on the aims of the Association. It was decided that the key aims and objectives of the Association will be as follows:

Protect and Improve the River Chess for Future Generations

Activities

- Environmental Monitoring and Protection specifically looking at

- Water Quality
 - Water Flow Rates
 - Invasive Species
 - Management of Voluntary Resources to meet our aims.
 - Exchange of Expertise and Ideas through seminars, workshops and presentations
 - Public Awareness through presentations and the media
 - Education working with schools
 - Lobbying
3. It was decided that membership of the Association would be informal. This would be reviewed when the association becomes more established.

4. Appointment of Association Officers -

Chairman	Paul Jennings
Association Secretary	Kathryn Graves*
Environment Adviser	Allen Beechey
Resource Manager	Stephen Webster
Education Liaison Coordinator	David Hyde
Public Relations Coordinator	David Le Neve Foster
Research Adviser	Roger Wotton*

* Both Roger and Kathryn came forward post the meeting. Their names will be put forward to be ratified at the next open meeting on 29 March 2010. The committee will report on its activity at the next open meeting.

5. The film "Rivers on the Edge" by Charles Rangely Wilson, sponsored by WWF was shown and generated some useful discussion including some interesting insights from Robert Sage on the efforts of Veolia to manage demand through metering. This effort is being frustrated by intervention from Offwat who want to reduce the reliance on metering in Veolia's development plans.
6. Proposals for future events include a River Chess Association walk and a master class from the Wild Trout Trust on Chalk Stream management. Dates to be arranged.
7. Special thanks to Jamie and Anna Rankin for hosting the meeting at their wonderful home.