
**NESS DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD
INAUGRAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Time: 17:10

Date: 19th September 2013

Location: Board Room, Inverness Caledonian Thistle Football Club

Present:

Andrew Duncan: Ness Castle, Mandate (AD)
Annie Girvan: River Moriston, Mandate (AG)
Bob Morgan: River Gary, Mandate/Alternate (BM)
Nigel Fraser: Dochfour, Mandate/Alternate (NF)
Ryan Rutherford: Ness Side, Mandate (RR)
William Armstrong: River Oich, Mandate (WA)
Alan Scott: Highland Council, Mandate/Alternate (AS)
Alexander Patience: Nettsman (AP)
Graham MacKenzie: Angler (GMcK)
Neil Cameron: Ness & Beaully Fisheries Trust (N&BFT) (NC)

In Attendance:

Alastair Stephen: SSE (ASt)
April Conroy: Board Secretary (AC)
Chris Conroy: Chief Executive/Clerk (CC)
John MacColl: Head Bailiff (JMCC)
Keith Williams: (N&BFT), (KW)

Apologies:

Angus MacGruer: Co-Option
Ben Leyshon: SNH
Michael Martin: Dochfour, Mandate
Paul Williamson: River Gary

1. AGENDA

In lieu of an elected Chairman, and as the Clerk of the board, CC called the first meeting of the newly elected Ness DSFB. CC confirmed that Non Board Members were welcome to stay as all Board Meetings are now held in public. CC stated the Agenda:

- 1) Co-opt representatives of salmon anglers and tenant netsmen in the district
- 2) Elect new Convenor/Chairman
- 3) Suggest any other representatives

2. CO-OPTION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF SALMON ANGLERS AND TENANT NETSMEN IN THE DISTRICT

CC advised that as soon after their election as is practicable, the elected representatives of qualified proprietors shall duly co-opt representatives of salmon anglers and tenant netsmen in the district.

He confirmed that following wider consultation, the proposed candidates for election as co-opted representatives of salmon anglers and tenant netsmen for the Ness District were as follows:

Co-optees	Alexander Patience (Netsmen)
	Graham Mackenzie (Anglers)
	Angus MacGruer (Anglers)
	Neil Cameron (Ness and Beaully Fisheries Trust)

CC noted that there is the option to co-opt further representatives at a later date, with Inverness Angling Club expressing such an interest. He asked whether there were any further nominations for consideration. No nominations were put forward.

CC asked whether all qualified proprietors present collectively and unanimously vote in favour of all the proposed nominees. RR proposed and AG seconded. Representatives of salmon anglers and tenant netsmen were duly elected.

3. ELECTION OF NEW CONVENOR/CHAIRMAN

CC advised that as soon as is practicable, the elected representatives of qualified proprietors together with the co-opted representatives shall elect, from among the representatives of qualified proprietors, a convener.

CC noted that only one individual had formally expressed an interest in being elected as Chairman of the Board. This was Michael Martin who has a mandate for Dochfour. CC asked whether there were any further nominations for consideration. No nominations were put forward.

CC asked the elected representatives of qualified proprietors and co-opted representatives present whether they vote in favour of the proposed nominee. GM proposed and AD seconded. CC confirmed that the new Chairman of the Board is Michael Martin and advised that the new board was at this point full constituted.

4. OTHER REPRESENTATION

CC advised the board to consider whether they wish to invite any further representation onto the board as in a non-voting capacity. GMcK suggested Alistair Stevens and Keith Williams remain as advisors to the Board. AD suggested that ASt and KW be invited however asked whether we should defer the others.

BM suggested we continue to invite the Ben Leyshon. AD advised that we might provide an open invitation to SNH and ask them whether their named representative is the best. All agreed. CC suggested that the candidates could be taken into further consideration for conclusion at the next meeting.

With there being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 17.22.