

NESS DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD ANNUAL MEETING OF QUALIFIED PROPRIETORS MINUTES

Time: 14:00

Date: 12th December 2013

Location: Kingsmills Suite, Inverness Caledonian Thistle Football Club

Board Members Present:

Michael Martin: Dochfour, Mandate (MM) (Chairman)
Andrew Duncan: Ness Castle, Mandate (AD)
William Armstrong: River Oich, Mandate (WA)
Ken Gowans: Highland Council, Mandate (KG)
Bob Morgan: River Gary, Mandate/Alternate (BM)
Ryan Rutherford: Ness Side, Mandate (RR)
Alan Scott: Angling Club, Co Option (ASc)
Alexander Patience: Tenant Netsman, Co Option (AP)
Angus MacGruer: Loch Ness Anglers, Co-Option (AMcG)
Graham MacKenzie: Anglers, Co-Option (GMcK)
Neil Cameron: Ness & Beaully Fisheries Trust (N&BFT), Co-option (NC)

Non-Voting Attendees:

Chris Conroy: Director/Clerk to the Board (CC)
April Conroy: Secretary to the Board
Alastair Stephen: SSE, (ASt)
Bob Olivant: SSE (BO)
John MacColl: Head Bailiff (JMcc)
Keith Williams: (N&BFT), (KW)

Public Observers:

Mike Campbell (President Inverness Angling Club President)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the following qualified proprietors or their representatives:

- Nigel Fraser, Dochfour
- Duncan MacDonald, Borlum (Loch Ness)
- Ian Shepard, Lovat Estate, Beaufort (Loch Ness)
- Annie Girvan: River Moriston, Mandate

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the 2012 AGM were circulated and MM asked for comments. AD proposed that the Minutes were approved and this was seconded by GMcK. The meeting approved the minutes from the 2012 AGM. No matters arising.



4. 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman (MM) referred the meeting to the Annual Report which had been previously circulated (appended). CC explained that the report was more comprehensive with a professional printing finish and that the printing would need to be subsidised through advertising. AD relayed an offer from David Sutherland (Ness Castle) to subsidise printing this year in return for placing an advertisement in the report. This was approved. It was agreed that further advertising should be sought next year.

The report was approved by the meeting. MM thanked CC for the substantial effort he had put into this professional report.

5. ACCOUNTS TO YEAR ENDING 15 MAY 2013

The Chairman (MM) referred the meeting to the Accounts for the year ending 15 May 2013 (Appended). MM advised that the accounts had been circulated and approved at the previous Board Meeting. There were no questions and WA proposed that the Accounts were approved. This was seconded by NC. The accounts were approved by the meeting.

5. AOCB

CC proposed that the Public Meeting be held on 23rd January 2014 at 19:30. The Board was asked to propose a venue. The Millburn Academy was suggested and approved. Two provisional speakers were confirmed as Tony Andrews, Atlantic Salmon Trust and Eric Verspoor, Rivers and Lochs Institute.

AOCB was invited. No further items were raised.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 14:25.