
**NESS DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD
MINUTES FROM ANNUAL MEETING OF QUALIFIED PROPRIETORS**

Time: 14:00

Date: 17th December 2015

Location: Telford Suite, Inverness Caledonian Thistle Football Club

Present:

Andrew Duncan: Ness Castle, Mandate (AD) *Acting Chair*
Alan Scott: Angling Club, Co Option (ASc)
Angus MacGruer: Co-Option (AM)
Graham MacKenzie: Co-Option (GM)
Neil Cameron: Ness & Beaully Fisheries Trust (N&BFT), Co-option (NC)

In Attendance:

Alastair Stephen: SSE (ASt)
April Conroy: Board Secretary
Chris Conroy: Chief Executive/Clerk (CC)
John MacColl: Head Bailiff (JM)
Nick Barker: N&BFT, (NB)

Observing:

Kenneth Knott, Forestry Commission

Apologies:

Michael Martin: Dochfour, Mandate and Chairman (MM)
Alexander Patience: Netsman, Co Option (AP)
Annie Girvan: River Moriston, Mandate
Ben Leyshon: Scottish Natural Heritage (BL)
Bob Morgan: River Gary, Mandate/Alternate (BM)
Cllr Ken Gowans: Highland Council, Mandate (KG)
David Sutherland: River Ness, Proprietor (DS)
Ryan Rutherford: Ness Side, Mandate (RR)

1. APOLOGIES

AD welcomed the meeting and noted apologies from MM. AD chaired the meeting in MMs absence. Apologies were noted as above.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the 2014 AGM were circulated and AD invited comments. There were no questions and NC proposed that the Minutes were approved. This was seconded by GM. There were no matters arising.

4. 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

AD referred the meeting to the 2015 Annual Report which had been previously circulated.

CC confirmed that all proprietors have been sent a copy via email of the draft version, with only minor changes suggested to date. CC explained some of the 'Key 2015 Annual Statistics' (Page 8) have also been updated with the very latest information.

A request had been received from board member Cllr Ken Gowans to change the proposed meeting dates for 2016 from those agreed at the September meeting. A number of alternatives were considered, and the following date changes were accepted:

- 28th January 2016 – Public Meeting
- 24th March 2016 – Ordinary Board Meeting
- 22nd December 2016 – Annual Meeting of Qualified Proprietors and December Board Meeting.

The new dates would be updated on Page 56 of the 2015 Annual Report.

AD invited comments. No further comments were raised. ASc proposed that the Annual Report 2015 be approved and this was seconded by ASt.

ASc and ASt both personally noted that the quality of the writing was particularly noteworthy.

5. ACCOUNTS TO YEAR ENDING 15 MAY 2015

AD referred the meeting to the Accounts for the year ending 15 May 2015 (included in Pages 59 to 66 of the 2015 Annual Report). There were no questions and GM proposed that the Accounts be approved. This was seconded by NC. The accounts were approved by the meeting.

GM would like to note thanks to Chris Conroy and the staff of the Board and the Trust. He wanted to acknowledge their good work and the particular additional efforts they have made this year.

6. AOCB

AOCB was invited. No further items were raised.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 14:16