

**NESS DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD**  
**Minutes from Annual Meeting of Qualified Proprietors**

**Time:** 14:00

**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**Location:** Press & Journal Boardroom, Inverness Caledonian Thistle Football Club

**Present:**

Michael Martin: Dochfour, Mandate (MM) Chairman  
Alexander Patience: Netsman, Co Option (AP)  
Angus MacGruer: River Oich, Proprietor (AM)  
Gordon Armstrong: Ness Castle, Mandate (GA)  
Graham Mackenzie: Co-Option (GM)  
Neil Cameron: Ness & Beaully Fisheries Trust (NBFT), Co-option (NC)  
Ryan Rutherford: Ness Castle, Mandate (RR)  
Walter Mackay: Angling Club, Co Option (WM)

**In Attendance:**

Alastair Stephen: SSE (ASt)  
April Conroy: Board Secretary (AC)  
Chris Conroy: Chief Executive/Clerk (CC)  
Dr Diego del Villar: NBFT Senior Biologist (DV)  
Iain McMynn: SSE (IM)  
John MacColl: Head Water Bailiff (JM)

**Observing:**

Dougie McDougal, Netsman

**Apologies:**

Bob Morgan: River Gary, Mandate/Alternate (BM)  
Janet Campbell: Highland Council, Mandate (JC)  
Eric Craig: Angling Club, Co Option (EC)  
David Sutherland Ness Castle Lodges, Proprietor (DS)  
Andrew Steel: SEPA (AS)  
Ben Leyshon: Scottish Natural Heritage (BL)  
Melanie Smith: UHI Rivers and Lochs Institute (MS)  
Stephen Gray: Glen Moriston Estate, Mandate (SG)

**1. APOLOGIES**

Michael Martin (MM) introduced the meeting and noted apologies as above.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

MM invited comment and approval of the minutes from the 2017 Annual Meeting of Qualified Proprietors held on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017. No comments were raised. The minutes were proposed for approval by GM and seconded by NC.

## **3. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

## **4. 2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

MM invited comment and approval of the 2018 Annual Report.

CC confirmed that all proprietors had been sent a link to a draft version of the report, with no comments received to date. He noted that a few minor corrections have been made to spelling and grammar, but no material changes had been made since the draft was circulated.

CC reported that approximately three quarters of the printing costs would be covered by the generous and continued support of sponsors Strutt & Parker, Ness Castle Lodges and CBEC Ecoengineering.

No comments were raised. The Annual Report was proposed for approval by GA and seconded by GM.

Thanks was given to CC for compiling the report.

## **5. ACCOUNTS TO YEAR ENDING 15 MAY 2018**

MM invited comment and approval of the Annual Accounts to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018. No comments were raised. The accounts were proposed for approval by NC and seconded by GM.

## **6. AOCB**

AOCB was invited.

CC confirmed that the Annual Report would be presented at the forthcoming Annual Public Meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019. No further items were raised.

The meeting closed at 14:10