



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

Time: 14:00

Date: 12th December 2019

Location: Telford Board Room, Inverness Caledonian Thistle Football Club

Present:

Angus MacGruer: River Oich, Proprietor (AM)
Graham Mackenzie: Co-option, Ness District Anglers (GM)
Janet Campbell: The Highland Council, Mandate (JC)
Michael Martin: Dochfour, Mandate (MM)
Gordon Armstrong: Ness Castle Lodges. Mandate (GA)
Ryan Rutherford: Ness Side, Mandate (RR)
David McDonnell: Tomdoun, Mandate (DM)

In Attendance:

April Conroy: Board Secretary (AC)
Chris Conroy: Chief Executive/Clerk (CC)
Iain McMinn: SSE (IM)
Alastair Stephen: SSE (ASt)

Observing:

Harry Fraser, Inverness Angling Club (HF)
Billy Orrock, Inverness Angling Club (BO)

Apologies:

David Sutherland: Ness Castle
Paul Williamson: River Garry
Steven Gray: River Moriston
Graeme Sutherland: Netsman
Andrew Steel: SEPA
David Haas: The Highland Council
Melanie Smith: UHI Rivers and Lochs Institute
John MacColl: Head Water Bailiff

1. APOLOGIES

MM introduced the meeting as chair. CC 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 13th December 2018. CC noted that these minutes had previously been approved at the March 2019 board meeting, to allow them to be published as soon as possible after the meeting. No comments were raised.

3. MATTERS ARISING

MM invited any matters arising. None were raised.

4. 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

CC presented a draft copy of the Ness District Salmon Fishery Board 2019 Annual Report.

ASt commented on the quality and scale of the information within the report and applauded CC for compiling this. MM expressed thanks to CC.

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 sponsorship would be sort to help with printing costs, as has been the case in previous years.

The 2019 Annual Report was unanimously approved.

5. ACCOUNTS TO YEAR ENDING 15 MAY 2019

MM invited approval of Account to year ending 15 May 2019. No comments were raised. GA formally proposed the accounts for approval and this was seconded by GM.

6. AOCB

CC notified all present that the Annual Public Meeting would be held on the evening of Thursday 16th January 2020 and noted that the public speaker would be Mark Bilsby from the Atlantic Salmon Trust. No further items were raised.

The meeting closed at **14:30**