

Minutes

Client: Beauly District Fishery Board
Project: Annual meeting of Qualified Proprietors
Venue: Lovat Arms Hotel, Beauly
Our ref: 111/33
Date: 28 June 2016
Present: J Miller (Chair); F Spencer-Nairn
In attendance: C Conroy (Ness & Beauly Fisheries Trust); P Pacey (Beauly Angling Club); A Campbell (Clerk)
Distribution: All Proprietors

Description	Action
1 Apologies	
1.1 Apologies were received from the following proprietors: Lady J Whitbread (River Glass Syndicate) G Purdie M Spencer-Nairn Lovat Highland Estate Ltd N Fraser	
2 Minutes of Meeting of Qualified Proprietors 30 June 2015	
2.1 The minutes of the meeting of Qualified Proprietors held on 30 June 2015 were approved as an accurate record.	
3 Matters Arising	
3.1 There were no matters arising.	
4 Annual Report	
4.1 Copies of the Board's Annual Report had been circulated to proprietors prior to the meeting.	
4.2 In relation to Section 4 of the report – fish counter data – P Pacey queried whether the increase in fish counts could potentially be attributable to sea trout rather than salmon using the fish pass. J Miller replied that, whilst this was theoretically possible, it was thought the fish counter was only triggered by fish over a certain size, ruling out most sea trout, and that the fish counts had been validated in the past. It is also generally believed that sea trout do not tend to migrate above the dams.	

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4.3 C Conroy confirmed that he was currently involved in Marine Scotland's working group looking at the potential use of fish counter data in relation to conservation plans. As part of this, the group is looking to investigate the variation in size ranges of sea trout across the country with a view to determining whether an adjustment to fish counter data is required to reflect potential sea trout numbers.	
4.4 The annual report was accepted by those present and the Clerk was asked to publish the report on the Board's website.	Clerk
5 Annual Accounts – Year ending 31 December 2015	
5.1 A draft set of accounts had been circulated to proprietors prior to the meeting.	
5.2 In response to a query raised, the Clerk confirmed that the increase in accruals was due to the late request for contribution to night watchman costs and also to an increase in the accrual for accountancy fees from Saffery Champness. The Clerk also confirmed that the annual accountancy fee was in the region of £1,200 and that the figure of £1,900 showing on the accounts was due to an under accrual relating to the 2014 accountancy fee.	
5.3 The accounts were approved by those present. The Clerk was asked to arrange a final audited set of accounts for publication.	Clerk
6 AOCB	
6.1 There was no other business.	
7 Date of next meeting of Annual Proprietors	
7.1 It was proposed that the next meeting for qualified proprietors be held on 6 June 2017 . The Clerk was asked to circulate this proposed date amongst proprietors to confirm their availability.	Clerk