

Minutes

Beauly District Fishery Board

Project: Annual Meeting of Qualified Proprietors

Venue: Lovat Arms Hotel

Our ref:

Date: 5 June 2014

Present: J Miller (Chair); F Spencer-Nairn (Culligran); M Spencer-Nairn (Struy); N McAndrew (Glass Syndicate);

In

attendance: N Barker (Ness & Beauly Fishery Trust); P Pacey (Beauly Angling Club); A Campbell (Clerk)

Description	Action
1 Apologies	
1.1 Apologies were received from the following proprietors: R Kwint (R Glass); Beaufort Enterprise SA (Upper Beauly Fishing Syndicate); C Pease (Glass Syndicate); R McLeod (Glass Syndicate); Lady J Whitbread (Balmore & Glass Syndicate); I Shepherd (Lovat Highland Estate Ltd – Balblair & Middle Beauly).	
2 Minutes of Meeting of Qualified Proprietors 6 June 2013	
2.1 The minutes of the meeting of Qualified Proprietors held on 6 June on 2013 were approved as an accurate record.	
3 Matters Arising	
3.1 The Clerk confirmed that there were 2 vacancies on the Board arising from the resignation of Mr Michael Bennett, following the sale of his fishing interests and the resignation of Mrs Susie Swift, who had resigned due to a potential conflict of interest in respect of Saffrey Champness' involvement in the Board's auditing obligation.	
3.2 The Clerk was asked to circulate a further request to proprietors for replacement candidates to fill these vacancies until the next triennial election in 2015.	Clerk
4 Annual Report	
4.1 Copies of the Board's Annual Report had been circulated to proprietors prior to the meeting and also placed on the Board's website.	
4.2 The Chairman commented that 2013 had not been such a good year, largely due to a lack of water during the main season. This was due to a dry summer, but was not helped by the prolonged compensation flow in the River Glass arising from SSE's works to the Beauly – Denny power line. The Chairman commented that the counts of fish through the dams had decreased less in percentage terms than the rod catch.	

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4.3 The Chairman informed the meeting that Dr Keith Williams had resigned from Ness and Beauly Fisheries Trust (NBFT) in April 2014. The Trust had decided to create a new post of Director and this was being filled on a part-time basis by Chris Conroy, also Director of the Ness District Fishery Board. Nick Barker had been promoted to Senior Biologist with the Trust and would be assisted by Chris Daphne.	
5 Annual Accounts – Year Ending 31 December 2013	
5.1 A draft set of accounts had been circulated to proprietors prior to the meeting. Mr Callum Macaulay of Messrs. Saffrey Champness was welcomed to the meeting.	
5.2 Following discussion, it was agreed that the itemised expenditure should be amended as follows:- Donations The contribution to the Beauly Fishing Syndicate for Bailiffing costs should be noted under anti-poaching costs. Thereafter, the heading 'Donations' should be amended to read 'Donations – Habitat Improvement Works'. Sundry Expenses The contribution to Ness District Fishery Board towards the annual buy-out of the netting stations on the Firth should be described as such. On page 5 of the Accounts, noting the further costs attributable to the District Fishery Board's remit, the previous year's figures should also be shown.	
5.3 Subject to the above changes, the accounts were approved. The Clerk to arrange a final audited set of Accounts for publication.	Clerk
6 Date of Next Meeting	
6.1 Following discussion, the Clerk was asked to circulate a request to all proprietors seeking to establish the most suitable date for the 2015 annual meeting.	Clerk