

Subject: Beauly District Fishery Board - Annual Meeting of Qualified Proprietors
Date: 12th June 2018
Location: The Lovat Arms Hotel, Beauly
Attendees: J Miller, F Spencer-Nairn, M Spencer-Nairn, N Barker & C Conroy (Ness & Beauly Fisheries Trust), P Pacey (Beauly Angling Club), A Campbell (Clerk)
Apologies: G Purdie, N Fraser, Lovat Highland Estate Ltd, Lady J Whitbread

MINUTES

ITEM	ACTION OWNER
1.0 Minutes of Meeting of Qualified Proprietors 6th June 2017	
1.1 The minutes of the meeting were approved as an accurate record.	
2.0 Matters Arising	
2.1 There were no matters arising.	
3.0 Triennial Board Election	
3.1 The Clerk outlined the rules for election of the new Board. Under the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003 an election of a new Board shall be held 3 years from the previous election, which last took place in June 2015.	
3.2 In accordance with the terms of the Act, all members of the previous Board present offered their resignation.	
3.3 The Clerk confirmed that Qualified Proprietors entered on the Valuation Roll could stand for election. Representatives would be elected from amongst the upper proprietors and from amongst the lower proprietors.	
3.4 The Clerk confirmed that candidate/mandatory proposal forms had been circulated to all proprietors. Included on those forms was a proposal that the new Board should comprise of a maximum of 6 places for elected representatives. A total of 7 responses had been received from proprietors, with no objections received to the proposed number to be appointed to any new Board. It was agreed by those present, that any new Board should comprise a maximum of 6 elected representatives, to include the Chair and in addition, a co-opted representative of local anglers and a co-opted representative of Ness & Beauly Fisheries Trust.	
3.5 The Clerk confirmed that there was only one lower proprietor entered in the Valuation Roll (Lovat Highland Estate Ltd). No candidate had been proposed for election.	
3.6 The Clerk confirmed that proposed nominees for election from amongst the upper proprietors were:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jock Miller (Mandatory, Beauly Fishing Syndicate, Lower Beauly)• Frank Spencer-Nairn (Culligran)	

- Michael Spencer-Nairn (Struy)
- George Purdie (Upper Glassburn)
- Victoria Morley (Mandatory, Balmore)

3.7 The upper proprietors present voted unanimously in favour of electing the above nominees. The Clerk confirmed they were duly elected. Jock Miller was proposed and unanimously approved as Chairman.

3.8 The Clerk confirmed that an invitation had been sent to Beaulieu Angling Club to nominate a representative of local anglers for co-option to the Board. The Club had confirmed they wished to re-nominate Paul Pacey as representative. It was unanimously agreed by those present to co-opt Paul Pacey to the Board.

3.9 It was proposed by Jock Miller that Neil Cameron be co-opted as representative of Ness & Beaulieu Fisheries Trust. This was unanimously agreed by those present.

3.10 It was agreed by those present that any meeting of the new Board should require a quorum of five.

3.11 It was confirmed that the first meeting of the new Board would take place immediately following the meeting of Qualified Proprietors.

4.0 Annual Report

4.1 A draft copy of the annual report had been circulated to proprietors prior to the meeting. Proprietors were asked to revert to the Clerk with any comments on this draft by Monday 18th June, following which the Clerk was asked to publish a final copy of the report on the Board's website. **Clerk**

4.2 Ness & Beaulieu Fisheries Trust was thanked for its contribution to compiling the annual report.

5.0 Annual Accounts – Year ending 31 December 2017

5.1 A draft set of accounts had been circulated to proprietors prior to the meeting.

5.2 The Clerk confirmed that the contribution to netting annual buyout costs had increased due to the timing of payments, with 2 annual payments occurring in the one financial year.

5.3 The annual accounts were unanimously approved by those proprietors present. The Clerk was asked to arrange a final audited set of accounts for signing and publication. **Clerk**

6.0 Date of Next Meeting

6.1 It was proposed that the next meeting of Qualified Proprietors be held on 11th June 2019 at 2pm. The Clerk was asked to confirm this proposed date and time with those new Board members not present. **Clerk**