

Subject: Beauly District Fishery Board - Annual Meeting of Qualified Proprietors
Date: 10 June 2021
Location: By Video Conference
Attendees: Jock Miller (JM); Frank Spencer-Nairn (FSN); Michael Spencer-Nairn (MSN); Neil Cameron (NC); Victoria Rotheroe (VR); George Purdie (GP); Tom Waring (TW); Nick Jackson (NJ); Simon Lovat (SL); Ruth Watts (RW); Jim Braithwaite (JB); Alastair Campbell – Clerk (AC)
Apologies: James Matthews

MINUTES

ITEM	ACTION OWNER
1.0 Minutes of Meeting of Qualified Proprietors 4th June 2020	
1.1 The minutes of the above 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 2018.	
3.2 In accordance with the terms of the Act, all members of the previous Board offered their resignation.	
3.3 The Clerk confirmed that Qualified Proprietors entered on the Valuation Roll could stand for election, or nominate a mandatory to stand on their behalf. 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 6 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 from Beauly Angling Club.	
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)• Tom Waring (Mandatory, Lovat Highland Estate, Middle 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 Jim Braithwaite as representative. It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Jim Braithwaite to the Board.

3.9 It was proposed by Jock Miller that Neil Cameron and Nick Jackson continue to be invited to Board meetings as non-voting attendees. This was unanimously agreed by those present.

3.10 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. This was approved for distribution and publication on the Board's website.

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4.2 The Clerk thanked Ruth Watts and Ali Skinner for the contribution to the Annual Report.

5.0 Annual Accounts – Year ending 31 December 2020

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

5.2 TW asked whether there was a fixed contract in place in respect of the financial contribution to the Board from SSE. The Clerk confirmed SSE had not as yet forwarded a draft Agreement, but had confirmed funding for 2021 and would confirm their budget for 2022 in the late summer.

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.

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6.0 Date of Next Meeting

6.1 It was confirmed that the next meeting of Qualified Proprietors be held on 9th June 2022.