

MINUTES of MEETING of THE RIVER DEVERON DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD
being a Meeting open to the public in terms of the Aquaculture & Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2013
held at CASTLE HOTEL, HUNTLY on Thursday 12th September 2019 at 3.30pm.
This meeting was held in conjunction with that of the TRUSTEES of THE DEVERON, BOGIE & ISLA RIVERS
CHARITABLE TRUST. The minutes cover both organisations.

At the outset the Chairman explained that in terms of the 2013 Act, all Meetings require to be open to the public. An invitation to the public was published on the Board's website along with a copy of the proposed Agenda. Any member who wished to attend was required to inform the Clerk.

Prior to meeting a talk was given by Mr Peter Calburn and Mr Richard Davies from Fisheries Assessment Team, Natural Resources Wales on Fish Counters.

Present: **Malcolm Hay** (B & T), **Mrs J Player** (B), **Frank Henderson** (B & T) (Turriff Angling Association & Turriff Community), **Richard Breakell** (B) (Salmon Anglers), **Jim Cruickshank** (B&T), **Richie Miller** (B and representative of DBI Trust), **Neil Stephen** (Ghillies Rep – DBI Trust)
In attendance- **Mrs S Roebuck** (Clerk to Board and Administrator of DBI Trust);
Marcus Walters (DBI Trust)
{ **B = Board member; T = Trustee or representative**}

Chairman: Malcolm Hay

Apologies for Absence: C Richard Marsden (B), Matthew Marsden (B), David Borthwick (B & T), Robert Shields (B & T), Gordon Morison (B), Rory Cooper (B & T), Andrew Allwood (B).

Minutes of Meeting on 4th July 2019 A draft of the Minutes of the Meeting had been sent to all Members of the Board and Trust and unanimously approved by those who had attended. The minutes have been published on the Board/Trust's website (www.deveron.org) and signed by the Chairman of the Meeting.
Mr Morison had written to the clerk expressing his disappointment at the rise in the assessment. However, the rate had been agreed by a full quorum at the previous meeting.

Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2013 Mr Hay reported that there were no changes noted to Board Members Financial Interests since 4th July 2019 as applicable to the Board. No complaints against the Board had been received by the Clerk since the last meeting.

Update on Financial Matters Mrs Roebuck reported that bank balances in both organisations were healthy. The next quarterly accounts will be made up to 30th September and circulated in October.

The fund at McInroy and Wood now stands at £133,308.42.

Mrs Roebuck reported that statements will be sent out for the 22 outstanding assessments from 13 proprietors.

Report by Mr Miller on DBI Trust work Mr Miller, Director and Senior Biologist of the Trust, gave a short report as most of his points were included in the Annual Report which had now been circulated to all Proprietors and other interested parties. Mr Hay complimented him on a professional and informative publication.

There was another discussion on Water Quality and actions SEPA are taking towards the previously raised concerns on the level of cypermethrin detected.

Mr Hay enquired on the lower tributaries restoration projects and requested the Trust to produce a base line that can be looked at which would clarify the

existing situation and provide a measure of any ongoing improvement after work has been complete.

Annual Meeting

Mr Hay and Mr Cruickshank went over the process of the AGM and key points to be highlighted.

Next meeting

Next Board/Trust meeting will be on Wednesday 4th December, Castle Hotel at 12noon.

Meeting closed at 4:55pm

Mr Hay thanked everyone for attending. The Annual Proprietors Meeting and DBIT AGM followed.