

**MINUTES of THE COMBINED ANNUAL MEETING of QUALIFIED PROPRIETORS of
THE RIVER DEVERON DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY and ANNUAL PUBLIC OPEN MEETING
held at THE GORDON ARMS HOTEL, HUNTLY on Thursday, 8th SEPTEMBER 2022 at 5pm**

Present: **Andrew Allwood** (Muirsek), **Jim Cruickshank** (Laithers, Carnousie, Ardmiddle, Inverkeithny Glebe, Inverkeithny, Upper Netherdale, Lower Netherdale, Laithers Estate), **R Shields** (Avochie), **Rory Cooper**, **J Gardiner** (Marnoch Lodge, Mains of Auchingoul), **Frank Henderson** (co-optee represents salmon anglers), **Richard Breakell** (Salmon Anglers), **M Hay** (Edinglassie), **R Laign** (Invermarkie), **Mr Higgins** (Castle Fishings, Lower & Upper Coniecleugh),

Also in attendance: **Mrs S Roebuck** (Clerk to the Board); **R Miller** (River Director); **M Walters** (River Operations Manager), **K Muller** (Project Officer).

Members of the public including members of the Deveron, Bogie and Isla Rivers Charitable Trust, Ghillies, Estate Managers and Anglers.

Apologies for Absence: **C R Marsden** (Duff House); **Matthew Marsden** (Duff House), **Bob Copland** (River Deveron), **J Player** (Upper Inverichnie), **D Borthwick**, **Gordon Morison** (Mountblairy, Bognie), **J & S Harvey** (Cairnborrow, Blairmore), **DTSW** (Castle fishings), **Belcherrie Farms** (Lynebain), **& Mrs D A Sharp** (Corniehaugh), **I Hofman** (Lesmurdie).

Chairman: Mr Andrew Allwood welcomed Proprietors, Mandatories, Ghillies, Members of the Deveron, Bogie and Isla Rivers Charitable Trust and other members of the public.

Minutes of last Annual Meeting: Having circulated the minutes in advance for the last meeting held on 9th September 2021, it was proposed that they be taken as read and were unanimously approved.

2022 Proposed Activities

- The Sonar is in position in Montcoffer and producing data. The final location has been determined.
- The Pit tag arrays are set at Avochie and the Cabrach. The tags are small and allow not only to see or monitor fish coming but would allow to monitor fish coming back in.
- Tributary restoration has started, and The King Edward Dam is scheduled to be removed.
- The Glen Keith fish pass is drawn up and designed. There is a time scale to complete this and the funding has been provided by Chivas. Mr Allwood thanked Chivas Regal.
- The bid for the Scottish Invasive Species Initiative is in hand and we are hopeful that the work will be approved with an extension for the future.

Annual Report & Accounts: Mr Allwood presented the accounts to the meeting. An abbreviated version of the Board's Accounts is included in the Annual Report for the Board and Trust which had been circulated in advance to all proprietors and interested parties. Mr Allwood asked if there were any questions. No questions were raised and so the Accounts and Report were adopted.

AOCB – Tom Ingleby Map Mr Shields has asked for the Tom Ingleby Map to be updated and has kindly offered to cover the costs.

**AOCB – Ghillie
Representative**

Mr Allwood welcomed any volunteers for the future. Mr Jamie Mair (The Wrack) asked for his name to be put forward.

**Future of the
Board/Trust:**

A presentation was given by Mr Marcus Walters during the Annual General Meeting of the Deveron, Bogie, and Isla Rivers Charitable Trust.

**Question & Answer
Session:**

The meeting was closed early by the chairman in respect of the announcement of the sad passing of Queen Elizabeth II. A minute's silence was observed.

Thanks:

Mr Allwood thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting closed:

At 6:00pm, followed by refreshments.