

**MINUTES of 2020 AGM**  
**THE DEVERON, BOGIE and ISLA RIVERS CHARITABLE TRUST**  
**OPEN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**via video conferencing using MS Teams on Thursday, 10th SEPTEMBER 2020, 5pm**  
**Following the RDDSBF Annual Meeting**

- Present:** **Trust Officers:** J Cruickshank, A Allwood, R Shields, R Cooper, F Henderson.  
**In attendance:** R Miller (River Director); M Walters (River Operations Manager), Mrs S Roebuck (administrator); Board Members of The River Deveron District Salmon Fishery Board; proprietors and members of the public; Dr Colin Bull (Principal Investigator of the Atlantic Salmon Trust)
- Apologies for Absence:** D Borthwick
- Chairman:** Mr Cruickshank welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Minutes of last Annual Meeting:** Having circulated the minutes in advance for the last meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019, Mr Cruickshank proposed that they be taken as read and this was unanimously approved.
- Financial Report & Presentation of Accounts:** Mr Cruickshank presented the accounts to the meeting and pointed out that an extract of the figures had been included in the Annual Report which had been circulated in advance to all Proprietors and other interested parties. The Accounts had been approved by all Trustees.
- Mr Cruickshank explained that year ending 2019/20 was a successful year for the Trust as it made a profit but emphasised that due to the impact of the pandemic in the last 6 months, this year's figures might look unsatisfactory. The Trust was denied access to some funds and has projected a recording of a deficit.  
Mr Cruickshank welcomed any questions. None were forthcoming.
- Re-election of Officers/Chairman:** R Shields, F Henderson, J Cruickshank, D Borthwick and R Cooper, being eligible put themselves forward for re-election. Mr Cruickshank proposed that they be re-elected en bloc. This was approved and carried.
- Mr Andrew Allwood was also elected to a Trustee at the earlier meeting combined with the River Deveron District Salmon Fishery Board, 10<sup>th</sup> September, 3:30PM
- J Cruickshank and R Cooper put themselves forward for re-election of Chairman and vice Chairman. The was unanimously approved.
- Re-election of Accountant:** Mr Cruickshank proposed that Cathedral Accountancy be re-elected as Accountant for the ensuing year. This was approved.
- Meeting closed** At 5.30pm to be followed by a talk from Dr Colin Bull, Principal Investigator of the Atlantic Salmon Trust.

**Talk by Dr Colin Bull**

Dr Colin Bull expressed it was a pleasure to be able to join the meeting and to get a chance to speak to all present. He also explained that the Atlantic Salmon Trust are delighted to be working with the Trust, specifically Mr Miller and Mr Walters and is delighted about the partnership the AST and the Trust are developing. Dr Colin Bull expressed his personal thanks and thanks from the AST team to the excellent work and continued efforts that the Trust are doing on the ground.

Dr Colin Bull's involvement as a principal investigator is to tie together all the existing and new information to clarify the reasons for the variation in salmon survival across the life cycle. During his talk, Dr Colin Bull outlined the things AST is involved in, their future and how that relates to the Deveron.

Furthermore, Dr Bull explained that the AST was looking to build on the results of the Missing Salmon project and was keen to work more closely with the Deveron Trust in future. Adopting new technology which could potentially enable us to track salmon throughout their entire life cycle was put forward as an example. The trustees welcomed the opportunity of closer involvement and were enthusiastic about the potential benefits.

Dr Bull was thanked for his most interesting talk.

**End of talk and meeting** Meeting closed at 6pm.