

**MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING OF QUALIFIED PROPRIETORS of the NORTHERN  
DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD held on TUESDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2018 at 2.00PM at  
the BETTYHILL HOTEL**

**Present:** Mr Toby Ward (Halladale) (Convener)  
Mr A Adamson (Kinloch)  
Mr J Stewart (Borgie)  
The Hon G Lopes (Naver)  
Mrs S Lopes (Naver)  
Lord Iliffe (Naver)  
Mr S Green (Naver)  
Mr J Gray (Naver)  
Mrs M Philpot (Naver)  
Mr D Buchan (Naver)  
Mr A Nicholson (Mallart)  
Mr J Mackay (Armadale)

**In Attendance:** Mr A Muat (Bettyhill Angling Club)  
Mrs A MacAuslan (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Mr T MacDonnell (Kinloch/Wildland)  
Mr P Gwynn (Naver)  
Mr V Hackel (Strathy)  
Mr T Chetwynd (Loch Choire)  
Mr D Hurst-Brown (Halladale)

**1. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were approved as an accurate record.

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**3. ANNUAL REPORT 2017/2018**

The Clerk presented the draft annual report which gave a review of the Board's activities during the 2017/2018 season.

Under the Flow Country Rivers Trust heading, the Clerk informed the meeting that she proposed to include a description of the LEADER application by the Environmental Research Institute to examine new ways to provide continuity in the provision of scientific advice and support to river interests in the North.

There being no further comments or requests to alter the report (with the exception of the update noted above), the annual report for 2017/2018 was duly approved.

#### **4. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2017**

The Clerk drew Proprietors' attention to the audited annual accounts circulated with the meeting papers and prepared by Morris & Young in Perth.

The Clerk confirmed that the Board had finished the 2017 financial year with a net deficit of £2,922 and with current assets in the bank, the Board's account was showing as £10,450 at the end of 2017.

There were no further comments regarding the accounts and the accounts were duly signed by the Chairman.

#### **5. ELECTION OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD 2018-2021**

The Clerk explained that the old Board had now stood down and outlined the procedure for the election of the new Board which would hold office for three years to September 2021.

The Clerk explained that the outgoing Board comprised ten Upper Proprietors and two Lower Proprietors however eleven nominations from Upper Proprietors (either in their own name or as Mandatories) had been received for this election term and three nominations from Lower Proprietors. The Clerk noted that Mr Toby Ward of the Halladale was nominated as both an Upper and a Lower Proprietor but could only be elected in one section. The Clerk reported that Lord Iliffe had raised a motion via email prior to the meeting to increase the number of Upper Proprietors to eleven, explaining that he felt that representation from all fisheries on the Board would be beneficial. The motion had received approval by various other Proprietors via email. No counter motions were made and the Clerk confirmed that the new Board would therefore comprise of eleven Upper Proprietors and two Lower Proprietors.

The Clerk noted that the following Upper Proprietors were duly elected to the new Board: Mr Andrew Adamson, Mr Jim Stewart, Mr Derek Buchan, Mr Jim Gray, Mr Sebastian Green, Lord Iliffe, The Hon. George Lopes, Mr Andrew Nicholson, Mr Vanya Hackel, Mr David Hurst-Brown and Mr Toby Ward.

The Clerk noted that the following Lower Proprietors were duly elected to the new Board: Mr Philip Gwyn and Mr James Mackay.

#### **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no further business raised, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.