

**MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING OF QUALIFIED PROPRIETORS of the NORTHERN  
DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD held on TUESDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2015 at 2.00PM at  
the BETTYHILL HOTEL**

**Present:** Mr Toby Ward (Halladale) (Convener)  
The Hon G Lopes (Naver)  
Mrs S Lopes (Naver)  
Mr J Gray (Naver)  
Lord Iliffe (Naver)  
Mr S Green (Naver) (Mandate - Mr M Stone & Mr P Gwynn)  
Mr J Mason (Naver)  
Mr A Nicholson (Mallart)  
Mr D Lindsay (Kinloch)  
Mr D Hurst-Brown (Halladale)  
Mr J Stewart (Borgie)  
Mr T Chetwynd (Mallart) (Mandate - Lord Joicey)  
Mr V Hackel (Strathy) (via Skype)

Mr J MacKay (Armadale)

**In Attendance:** Mr D Buchan  
Mr M Heeps  
Mr T Clover  
Mrs A MacAuslan (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Mr P Gwynn (Airdeneiskich)  
Mr M Stone (Naver)  
Lord Joicey (Mallart)  
Mr P Butterworth (Rep. Salmon Anglers)

**1. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23rd SEPTEMBER 2014**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**3. ANNUAL REPORT 2014/2015**

The Clerk presented the annual report which gave a review of the Board's activities during the 2014/2015 season.

There being no further comments or requests to alter the report the annual report for 2014/2015 was duly approved.

#### **4. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2014**

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 2014 financial year with a deficit of £7,946 however with current assets in the bank, the Board's account was showing as £11,059 at the end of 2014.

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 2015-2018**

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 2018.

The Clerk explained that the outgoing Board comprised nine Upper Proprietors and two Lower Proprietors however ten nominations from Upper Proprietors (either in their own name or as Mandatories) had been received for this election term. The Hon. George Lopes raised a motion to increase the number of Upper Proprietors to ten, explaining that he felt that representation from all fisheries on the Board would be beneficial, particularly during this time of transition. The motion was approved by Mr D Hurst Brown and seconded by Lord Iliffe. No counter motions were made and the Clerk confirmed that the new Board would therefore comprise of ten Upper Proprietors and two Lower Proprietors.

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

The Clerk noted that she had received two nominations from Lower Proprietors and 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.