

**MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING OF QUALIFIED PROPRIETORS of the NORTHERN
DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD held on TUESDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2019 at 2.00PM at
the BETTYHILL HOTEL**

Present: Mr Toby Ward (Chairman)
The Hon G Lopes (Naver)
Mrs S Lopes (Naver)
Lord Iliffe (Naver)
Mr S Green (Naver)
Mr P Gray (Naver)
Mr D Buchan (Naver)
Mr A Nicholson (Mallart)
Mr J Mackay (Armadale)
Mr V Hackel (Strathy) - via Skype

In Attendance: Mr A Youngson (Scientific Advisor)
Mr A Muat (Bettyhill Angling Club)
Mr R Wright (Bailiff, River Naver)
Mr W Grant (Bailiff, River Halladale)
Mrs A MacAuslan (Clerk)

Apologies: Mr P Gwynn (Naver)
Mr J Gray (Naver)
Mr D Hurst-Brown (Halladale)
Mr J Stewart (Borgie)
Mr A Adamson (Kinloch)

1. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 25th SEPTEMBER 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2018 were approved as an accurate record.

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

3. ANNUAL REPORT 2018/2019

The Clerk presented the draft annual report which gave a review of the Board's activities during the 2018/2019 season.

The Chairman gave an update on the fire between the Rivers Halladale and Strathy in May 2019 including recent discussions between the Fire Service and the Northern Deer Management Group in relation to local Estates offering personnel and equipment support. It was agreed that the Chairman would circulate any further update/information on these discussions to the group, for general information.

There being no further comments, the annual report for 2018/2019 was duly approved.

4. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2018

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 2018 financial year with a net deficit of £6,093 and with current assets in the bank, the Board's account was showing as £4,357 at the end of 2018.

The Clerk confirmed that the government grants and project costs noted in the accounts related to both the NEPS 2018 funding and the Armadale Tagging project funding. There were no further comments regarding the accounts and the accounts were duly signed by the Chairman.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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

ATM/NDSFB
September 2019