

**MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING OF QUALIFIED PROPRIETORS of the NORTHERN
DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD held on WEDNESDAY 8th MAY 2024 at 2.00PM at THE
BETTYHILL HOTEL**

Present: Mr M T Ward (Halladale & Chair of Meeting)
The Rt. Hon Lord Iliffe (Naver)
Mr A Nicholson (Mallart)
Mr S Green (Naver)
Mr P Gray (Naver)
Mr D Buchan (Naver)
Mr J Stewart (Borgie)
Mrs L Lyle (Naver) (via videoconferencing)
Mr V Hackel (Strathy) (via videoconferencing)

In Attendance: The Hon Mrs S Lopes (Naver)
Mrs A Nicholson (Mallart)
Miss L Richardson (Kinloch)
Mr A Muat (Bettyhill Angling Club)
Mr A Youngson (Scientific Advisor)
Mrs A MacAuslan (Clerk)
Mr A Coyne (Naver)

Apologies: Mr R Sweeting (Halladale)
Mr A Stone (Naver)

1. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3rd May 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May 2023 were approved as an accurate record.

2. ANNUAL REPORT 2023

The Clerk presented the draft annual report which gave a review of the Board's activities during the 2023 season.

There being no requested changes, the annual report for 2023 was duly approved and the Clerk undertook to upload the report on the NDSFB website.

3. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

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 2023 financial year with a surplus of £2,306 and with current assets in the bank, the Board's account was showing as £5,485 at the end of 2023.

The Clerk confirmed that the outstanding debtors had been resolved. There were no further comments regarding the accounts and the Chairman signed the accounts. The Clerk undertook to get the accounts forwarded to Morris & Young.

4. ELECTION OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD 2024-2027

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 May 2027.

The Clerk explained that the Board's constitution states a maximum number of 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 one nomination from Lower Proprietors. The Clerk noted that the old Board had comprised of 11 Upper Proprietors and 1-2 Lower Proprietors and explained that should the Board agree, this arrangement could continue.

This proposal was agreed by all at the meeting and the Clerk therefore confirmed that the new Board would therefore comprise of eleven Upper Proprietors and one Lower Proprietor.

The Clerk noted that the following Upper Proprietors were duly elected to the new Board: Mr Tim Kirkwood, Mr Jim Stewart, Mr Derek Buchan, Mr Peter Gray, The Rt. Hon Lord Iliffe, Mr Sebastian Green, The Hon Mrs S Lopes, Mrs Lorna Lyle, Mr Andrew Nicholson, Mr Vanya Hackel, and Mr Reuben Sweeting.

The Clerk noted that the following Lower Proprietor was duly elected to the new Board: Mr Andrew Stone.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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