

**MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING OF QUALIFIED PROPRIETORS of the NORTHERN
DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD held on WEDNESDAY 7th MAY 2025 at 2.00PM at THE
BETTYHILL HOTEL**

Present: The Hon Mrs S Lopes (Naver & 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 R Sweeting (Halladale)
Mrs L Lyle (Naver) (via videoconferencing)
Mr V Hackel (Strathy) (via videoconferencing)

In Attendance: Mrs A Nicholson (Mallart)
Mr A Muat (Bettyhill Angling Club)
Mr A Stock (Naver)
Mrs A MacAuslan (Clerk)

Apologies: Mr J Stewart (Borgie)
Mr A Stone (Naver)

1. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8th May 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2024 were approved as an accurate record.

2. ANNUAL REPORT 2024

The Clerk presented the draft annual report which gives a review of the Board's activities during the 2024 season.

The Clerk noted an error under Habitat Issues whereby the final paragraph should be removed. With this change noted, the annual report for 2024 was duly approved and the Clerk undertook to upload the report on the NDSFB website.

3. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

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 2024 financial year with a surplus of £3,487 and with current assets in the bank, the Board's account was showing as £8,971 at the end of 2024.

The Clerk reported that the accounts include The River Borgie as creditors to the value of £1,640.00. This relates to a revaluation of the Borgie's rateable value which was backdated to April 2023 affecting both the 2023 and 2024 assessments.

A Nicolson proposed that the owners/agent for the River Borgie be encouraged to waive this credit with the understanding that the rateable value will be amended for the 2025 assessments. The Clerk undertook to contact the agent for the River Borgie to discuss this.

There being no further comments regarding the accounts, the Chair signed the accounts. The Clerk undertook to forward the signed accounts to Morris & Young.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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

ATM/NDSFB
May 2025