

Nith Catchment Fishery Trust

Meeting No. 19

6pm Monday 10th February 2014

Blackwood Office, Auldgirth

Present

Percy Weatherall - Chairman
Jim Henderson
Andrew Woods
Thomas Florey
Peter Hutchison
Robert Schiller

In Attendance

Debbie Parke - Fishery Biologist

1. Apologies

Ronald Clark
David Kempell

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as true and accurate.

3. Matters Arising

The actions from the last meeting were reviewed.

Action points	Action by	Action completed
Bring ideas of future funding sources to next meeting	All	See meeting minutes
Include training for Trustees in governance and look into courses	DP	Training options being explored with OSCR and The Hub
Summary of FMP to be compiled	JH/DP	Summary produced and distributed
Prepare paperwork for change in constitution at next AGM	DP	Changes made by Robert Young, Fish Legal
Email dates for AGM and funding meeting	DP	Distributed to Directors
Book venue for AGM	DP	Auldgirth Inn – 6pm pre meeting 7:30pm - AGM

The potential to have one annual report between the Board and the Trust was discussed. The cost of printing was discussed and the possibility of having it as an e-document. It was agreed that it

should be discussed further during the year and that the legal obligations of running a charity had to be kept in mind. It was generally felt that it was better to keep the two documents separate.

4. Funding

Andrew Wood outlined the plans to hold a fundraising dinner event for the Trust and presented some options to be considered. JH raised the possibility of using a tracking project to attract donations. The following items were discussed:

- Aim of night – raise money to fund a salmon tracking project
- Speech – a light hearted talk. Speaker to be agreed.
- Brief talk about the aim of the project by the Chairman
- Type of event - Black tie
- Timescale – October Friday 24th provisional date
- Venue – Easterbrook Hall
- Commitment
 - 30 tables and a commitment from each trust director to sell tickets.
 - Aim to have 20 tables signed up so can confirm and announce at the AGM on 24th March
- Costs – circa £45 per person – 10 people per table = £450 per table
- Music – Ceilidh band

Actions - JH to put together a brief about the project and send to AW. AW put together brief for event to distribute to Directors.

It was decided that it was vital to have critical timelines i.e. the AGM, so that decisions could be made whether to go ahead or not.

Other Funding

DP stated that we had been invited to join CRIB 2, a second project targeting invasive species and improving biodiversity. The project was discussed and it was agreed that we should pursue it further.

The Northern Periphery Project was discussed and JH updated the Directors on the latest meeting regarding tracking Nith sea trout in the marine environment. Essentially we want to know if Solway sea trout head north out of the Solway and go into aquaculture territory and this project will assist us in answering this question.

5. Changes to constitution

DP explained that following the decision in the last meeting to charge a membership fee and an application to Dumfries and Galloway Common Good Fund for funding to treat the invasives species within the Dumfries Burgh Water, it was necessary to change the association of articles in the following places

- Article 8 – to include membership charges
- Article 72 – to include financial protocol for a minimum of two signatories

Robert Younger from Fish legal had drafted the changes that would be required and the directors discussed those changes. It was agreed that the Trust did not have the resources available to

administer the membership fees and not to proceed with those changes. It was agreed by all Directors to proceed with the changes to Article 72. A special resolution is to be drafted for the AGM on the 24th March.

It was agreed that we would not have a membership fee but the members should be approached for donations.

6. A.O.B

The crayfish report produced by DP was discussed and JH updated the directors on progress with Scottish Water to access the discussed water treatment facilities at Lochfoot. To date there has been no response from Scottish Water. SNH and SEPA have been provided with a copy of the report and asked for comments. Andrew Wood enquired if he should speak to Paul Wheelhouse and it was thought that it would be good to speak to him about the work the Trust is doing if given the opportunity. There was concern regarding the liability of the Trust if work was carried out upstream of Cargen Glen Fish farm to prevent the spread of crayfish downstream and was not successful. There was also concern that crayfish would be transferred by Cargen Glen Fish Farm during transport and whether the severe flooding would have carried the crayfish further downstream.

Meeting closed 19:45

Actions resulting from Trust Meeting No. 18

Action points	Action by	Action completed
Bring ideas of future funding sources to next meeting	All	
To sell 20 tables for the Dinner event before AGM	All Directors	
All Directors commit to selling tickets	All directors	
To produce a brief for the event	AW	
To produce a brief of the tracking project	JH	
Proceed with CRIB 2	DP	
Have a special resolution drafted for the AGM on 24 th March	DP	

Signed.....

Date.....

EPK Weatherall, Chair