

**NITH DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF QUALIFIED PROPRIETORS**  
**HELD AT FRIARS CARSE COUNTRY HOUSE HOTEL**  
**AULDGIRTH, DUMFRIES**

on

**23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 at 10.00 am**

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**PRESENT**

Percy Weatherall – Chairman  
Robbie Cowan – Caerlaverock  
Peter Landale – Dalswinton Estate  
Alan Nisbet – Buccleuch Estate  
Nick Wright – Closeburn Castle Fishing  
David Kempself – Dumfries & Galloway Angling Association  
Wally Wright – Netting Representative  
Peter Hutchison – Netting Representative  
Thomas Florey – Angling Representative

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDANCE**

Simon Kelly  
Brian Fox  
John Davidson  
Tom Brown  
Karl Savege  
Mike Machin

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Roderick Styles – Clerk  
James Henderson – Fishery Director (FD)  
Deborah Parke – Nith Catchment Fishery Trust (FB)  
Davie McMichael – Senior Water Bailiff  
Julia Mitchell - Administrator

**APOLOGIES**

John Kingan  
Nick Brown  
Derek Hextall

The Chairman convened the meeting and welcomed everybody in attendance.

The Chairman referred to the Agenda.

**1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Chairman asked for comments on these Minutes. There were none. The Chairman sought formal approval for the Minutes, which was unanimously given.

**2. DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT**

The Chairman referred to the Annual Report and asked for comments thereon. There were none. The Chairman sought formal approval for the Minutes, which was unanimously given

### **ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk referred to the Accounts and his notes thereon in the draft Annual Report, advising that he did not intend to comment on the Accounts unless there were specific questions.

In response to a question the Clerk advised that Corporation Tax was raised on the investment income derived from interest on the Board's deposits held in Building Society accounts. The Clerk had many years previously received confirmation from the tax authorities that this was the Board's only taxable income. The Board's accountants drafted the tax return and submitted the final return on behalf of the Board. Accounts were also formally audited annually.

A query was raised about the nature of the Trust Biologists fees. The Clerk stated that the Trust had been set up and adopted charitable status to avail itself of alternative funding for organisations of charitable status, which was not available to the Board. There has to be a degree of separation in the operations of the Board and Trust and so the Board pays the Trust for its services and at the same time provides agreed grant aid to the Trust to allow it to function. Services rendered relate to research carried out by the Trust Biologist for the benefit of the Board. The Accounts were unanimously approved by all concerned.

### **3. MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR AND THE NEAR FUTURE –** (reference the draft annual report and Fishery Management Plan)

JH referred to the Annual Report where completed work against each prescription is detailed as well as being in detail in the quarterly report. He concluded that they continue to work diligently at each prescription.

### **4. A.O.C.B.**

No items were raised.

The meeting thereafter closed.