

NITH DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF QUALIFIED PROPRIETORS
HELD AT TARF VALLEY CONFERENCE ROOM,
LOCKERBIE ROAD, DUMFRIES
ON
22 MARCH 2019 AT 10AM

PRESENT

Percy Weatherall – Chairman
Raymond Mundle – DGAA
Thomas Florey – Angling Representative
Richard Gladwin – Blackwood Estate
Nick Wright – Closeburn Castle Fishings
Anna Ferguson – Buccleuch Estates
Jim Gregory – Dumfries & Galloway Angling Association
Tom Brown - Netting Representative
Robbie Cowan – Caerlaverock Estate
Wally Wright – Netting Representative
John Charteris - Dumfries & Galloway Council
Peter Hutchison – Douglas Hall Fisheries

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Geoff Walter
Scott Kerr

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Roderick Styles – Clerk
James Henderson – Fishery Director (FD)
Deborah Parke – Nith Catchment Fishery Trust (FB)
David McMichael – Senior Water Bailiff

APOLOGIES

David Kempself
Mike Machin
Peter Landale

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 and objections in relation to the Minutes of the AQMP on 20 March 2018. There were none. The Chairman sought formal approval for the Minutes of these Minutes, which was unanimously given.

2. ANNUAL REPORT 2018

The Chairman referred to the Annual Report which had been circulated and was available on the Board's web site and asked for comments thereon. There were none. The Chairman sought approval subject to ratification of these Minutes at the Annual Public Meeting, which was unanimously given.

3. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The Chairman referred the matter of the Accounts to the Clerk who drew attention to the Clerk's Notes on the Accounts and in particular the sums made by FD and FB in regard to Consultancy income. The Chairman asked for comments – none were forthcoming. The Chairman asked that the Accounts be considered approved subject to final approval at the APM, which was unanimously given.

4. MANAGEMENT PLANS

FD reminded those present of the Management Plan with its six year cycle. The Management Plan had been due for renewal in the previous year but Scottish Government (SG) were intending to draft and finalise an agreed template for the form of a Management Plan to apply throughout the whole of Scotland. The arrival of the template was to have happened eighteen months ago. Simon Dryden of Scottish Government had advised that there was no point in updating the Management Plan until the template was available. SG are still working upon a template and advise that it will arrive imminently. In the meantime, the Board was still utilising its own Management Plan which FD believes adopts best practise. Peter Hutchinson asked if the template will be a compulsory format. FD replied that it would be.

5. A.O.C.B.

The Chairman asked for views on any other competent business. There being none the meeting was formally closed.