

Minute of Annual Meeting of Qualifies Proprietors held on 25 November 2015

Location: Falkirk Business Hub, 45 Vicar Street, Falkirk FK1 1LL

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Apologies:</b>
Fen Howieson (Mandated Cambusmore) (FH)	Aly Dickson (Lanrick) (AD)
Tony Cameron (Leny) (TC)	Scott Nisbet (Anglers Rep) (SN)
Fiona Simpson (Mandated Crown Estates) (FS)	
Craig Gardner (Mandated Stirling Council) (CG)	
Roy Robertson (Anglers Rep) (RR)	<b>Not Present:</b>
George Macintosh (Anglers Rep) (GMc)	
<b>In attendance:</b> Alison Baker – Clerk to the Board (AB) Lee Fisher – Superintendent to the Board (LF) William Anderson – Financial Advisors (WA) Tommy McDermott – Minute taker	
<b>Proprietors from the following fisheries:</b> Loig (Allan). Allan (Allan), Stirling (Forth), Blair Drummond (Teith)	
<b>15 members of the public</b>	

The meeting opened at 6.00pm

Ref	Item	Action
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Introduction</b>	
	The minutes reflect the discussion held at the Annual Meeting of Qualified Proprietors held on 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2015.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Minutes of AMQP 2014</b>	
2.1	The minutes of the previous meeting noted all parties present however not all present were Qualified Proprietors. It was agreed to amend the previous minutes to note: Proprietors: M Baillie-Hamilton (T13), T McKenzie (AL1 & others), M Croy (Len1a), S Duprey (Len1a), M Luti (T12), L MacFadzean (AV1 & others). Not all are Proprietors as registered on the Valuation Roll. Whilst it is accepted that these attendees have some interest in these fisheries, the Clerk to ensure that the legislation in respect of 'qualified proprietors' and mandating is adhered to in future.  A note was added for the notification of Proprietors for 2015 AMQP stating that proprietors who wished for someone else to represent them should provide a mandate.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Matters arising from the previous minutes</b>	
3.1	5 – Annual Report 2013: The Chairman explained that the Annual Report was still in draft as the accounts had not been finalised. He advised that as the accounts had now been approved, the Annual Report would be finalised and uploaded to website. Completed and closed.	
	<b>Agenda items</b>	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Accounts 2014</b>	
4.1	The accounts for 2014 have been completed and signed and are within the Annual Report. Copies were available at the meeting. The Clerk provided further detail by way of a presentation showing how the income and expenditure had been made and also how this	

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	related to the River Forth Fisheries Trust income and expenditure. It was seen that there was a very slight underspend for 2014.	
4.2	No comments were received in relation to the accounts.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Annual Report</b>	
5.1	Copies of the report were available at the meeting and had been lodged on the website.	
5.2	The Chairman introduced the report and commented on the following: Catch returns – these were the worse for many years but there was an expectation that 2015 would not see a reduction of catches. Governance - The report outlined the FDSFB compliance with the Code of Practice and there were no issues to report. Triennial elections – it was confirmed that these would take place in May 2017. No comments were received in relation to the Report.	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Any Other Competent Business</b>	
6.1	Allan Water Angling and Improvement Association (AWAIA) raised the issue of Ashfield Weir and its impact on the fishery. The Clerk confirmed that investigations had been undertaken on the fish kill below the weir but that there was inconclusive evidence of any direct impact of the weir on that incident. She confirmed that SEPA had confirmed that they would not review the CAR licence on this basis. AWAIA expressed dissatisfaction at the approach from SEPA. The Clerk confirmed that dialogue would continue with SEPA to raise the matter further up the Agency.	<b>AB</b>
6.2	Tony Cameron thanked the Chairman and Alison Baker for their hard work and contributions to the FDSFB.	

Meeting closed at 6.20pm