

Forth District Salmon Fishery Board

Minute of Quarterly Meeting held on 21st February 2017

Location: Forth Valley College, Stirling Campus

Present:	Apologies:
Fen Howieson (Mandated Cambusmore) – Chairman (FH)	Bob Baird (Co-opted Anglers Rep) (BB)
Tony Cameron (Leny) (TC)	
Fiona Simpson (Mandated Crown Estates) (FS)	
Scott Mason (Mandated Stirling Council) (CG)	
Chris Thomas (Co-opted Anglers Rep) (CT)	
Jason Walls (Co-opted Anglers Rep) (JW)	Not Present:
John Mckenzie (Mandated Allan Water Angling Improvement Association) (JM)	Aly Dickson (Lanrick) (AD)
In attendance: Alison Baker – Clerk to the Board(AB)	

The meeting opened at 7.00pm – the meeting was a closed meeting due the sensitivity of the discussion and no members of the public were present.

Ref	Item	Action
1.0	Apologies for absence	
	Apologies were received from BB	
	TC commented that it had been agreed that the Annual Report would contain a register of attendance at meetings. AB to action.	AB
2.0	Minutes of the last meeting	
2.1	The last meeting was held Wednesday 25 th November 2016, the date of the meeting at the top of the minutes needed to be corrected to 2016. Otherwise no comments had been received. Minutes proposed by JM, seconded by TC and accepted as a true record.	
3.0	Actions form the previous minutes	
3.1	10.1 - AB confirmed that she would set the dates for the meetings for the forthcoming year. <i>Actioned.</i> AB to confirm venues – where possible Forth Valley College was considered an appropriate venue – subject to room sizes for open meetings.	AB
	Agenda items	
4.0	Assessments 2017	
4.1	AB explained the current financial reports from Managed Estates and the forecast for the year end.	
4.2	The budget for 2017-18 was presented and agreed.	
4.3	A query was raised about the boats and their declared value. AB confirmed that this was something she was were looking into and if the option to sell the FishSport came available she would report to the Board but there was general consensus that assuming a suitable price could be negotiated it should be sold.	
4.4	SM raised a query about the use of the FDSFB vehicle by the RFFT. AB explained that she had responded to his email but had not received a request for further detail to be provided. SM confirmed that no further information was required.	
4.5	AB recommended that the existing rateable values were used rather than the new one's subject to the 2017 revaluation. This would allow for any appeals to be made and this was in line with other areas throughout Scotland. The new rateable values were not yet confirmed although one or two new values had been added to the SAA website.	
4.6	The request for the donation of £60,000 for the River Forth Fisheries Trust was discussed. AB outlined the outputs from RFFT to allow FDSFB to comply with its statutory remit with confirmation that the overall benefit was just under £100k. SM objected to the donation on the basis that there was an ongoing investigation. No further information could be provided in this matter with no detail or timings. Other board members agreed that the donation should not be held up and that without the RFFT support it could not discharge its remit. A vote was taken: 6 votes for the donation, 1 against. The request for the donation by RFFT was agreed.	
4.7	It was agreed that the poundage for the assessment would remain unchanged at £1.60/£1.	
4.8	AB confirmed that she would instruct Managed Estates to send out the invoices on behalf of the Board. The invoices would be dated 1 st April or as close as possible. Proprietors would be	AB

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	given 3 months to pay with interest being charged thereafter – this charge to be clearly stated on the invoice. The Board requested sight of the invoice template for comment. AB to circulate.	
4.9	TC raised the concern that proprietors would have to pay rates on sporting rights as well as the salmon levy, which affect the ability of proprietors to pay.	
5.0	Governance	
5.1	Complaint received from John McKenzie in regard to Scott Mason. Board member's attendance only – AB left the meeting. Matters arising from this part of the meeting dealt with by the Convener direct with the Board Members.	
10.0	Date of next meeting	
10.1	The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 16 th May. Venue to be agreed. Currently to be a Quarterly Meeting followed by a Public Meeting	AB

Meeting closed at 9.00pm