

Minute of Quarterly Meeting held on 20 March 2018

Location: Falkirk Business Hub, Falkirk

<b>Present:</b> John Mckenzie (Mandated Allan Water Angling Improvement Association) JM Chris Thomas (Co-opted Anglers Rep) (CT) Tony Cameron (Leny) (TC) Fiona Simpson (Mandated Crown Estates) (FS) – Chair Pete Yates (Mandated Cambusmore) (PY)	<b>Apologies:</b> Bob Baird (Co-opted Anglers Rep) (BB)
<b>In attendance:</b> Alison Baker – Clerk to the Board (AB) Lee Fisher – Superintendent to the Board (LF)	<b>Not Present:</b> Scott Mason (Mandated Stirling Council) (SM) Aly Dickson (Lanrick) (AD) Jason Walls (Co-opted Anglers Rep) (JW)  Jonathan Louis – River Forth Fisheries Trust Jo Girvan – River Forth Fisheries Trust

The meeting opened at 6.30pm – **open meeting**

Ref	Item	Action
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b>	
	Apologies were received from BB	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Changes to the Board</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	It was confirmed that Fen Howieson had stepped down from the Board as the mandated representative of Cambusmore. Fen had sat on the Board for eleven years and steered the Board through a number of changes. The Board thanked Fen for his time and contribution.	
<b>2.2</b>	It was confirmed that Peter Yates had been mandated to represent the Cambusmore and the Board welcomed Peter.	
<b>2.3</b>	John McKenzie had agreed to act as acting chairman following Fen's leaving of the Board. The Clerk had asked for nomination for the Chair. John McKenzie had confirmed he was happy to act as the chair. Nominated by TC and seconded FS	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b>	
3.1	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 were agreed to be a true record of that meeting. Proposed by JM, seconded by FS.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Matters arising:</b>	
4.1	3.1 – A meeting is to be set up with AWAIA to agree how the areas will be paid.	
4.2	3.3 – A paper has been produced on the situation in regard to the re-valuation process. The Clerk to continue to monitor changes.	
4.3	3.4 – The Superintendent was in attendance at the meeting.	
4.4	3.6 – the AMQP had been arranged and it was agreed the next meeting would be a public meeting.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Governance</b>	
5.1	PY was asked to sign the registers of compliance and interest.	
5.2	All members in attendance confirmed that they continued to abide by the Code of Practice.	
5.3	The Clerk reported there was still some discussion on the unincorporated status of the Board and that this was something which had been raised at Scot Gov level and would be further discussed with FMS.	<b>AB</b>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Financial Reporting</b>	
6.1	The accounts for 2016-17 was discussed and reviewed and the Clerk to ask Fen Howieson as the Chair at the time of the inspection to sign the accounts. Proposed JM, seconded FS.	
6.2	Due to the delay in holding the meeting because of the 'beastfromtheeast', the budget, levy and funding of the Trust for 2018-19 had been agreed by electronic voting.	

6.3	It was confirmed that Managed Estates were in the process of sending out the invoices.	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Reports</b>	
7.1	The Superintendents report was discussed. No actions.	
7.2	The Clerks report was discussed. No actions.	
7.3	The RFFT update report was discussed. No actions.	
7.4	It was confirmed that the Callander Landscape Partnership had been successful in its HLF funding and the Trust would be delivering the River Restore elements of that starting in the summer. These would include working with the Forth DSFB Superintendent and Cambusmore and Leny Proprietors. This would allow for a greater presence of the Trust on the river Teith delivering a wide range of river and fish related projects.	
7.5	The Clerk confirmed that the Conservation Regulations had finally been passed by parliament.	
7.6	AB confirmed that the second bird count would be going ahead in April.	
7.7	AB tabled an emailed received in respect of the pressure of seals on the Fishery. She stated that she had been in contact with The Spey Fishery Board who run the Moray Firth Seal Management Plan which was the only equivalent area under seal management. The issues were discussed and the Clerk to action a meeting with Director of the Spey who will initially assess the practicalities of delivering such a plan before looking at the evidence and collection of data required. The Clerk to report back.	<b>AB</b>
7.8	TC thanked the Clerk and the staff for organizing the opening day event at Blair Drummond. He stated that he had attended the event in Callander and again been disappointed that the works of the Board and the Trust was not acknowledged. He confirmed that he had spoken with his local councilor and that he would set up a meeting to discuss further the relationship between the Board and the Council and report back to the Board. The Board thanked TC for taking this forward.	
7.9	It was agreed that the Board would hold a similar event next year to allow proprietors to get together with anglers to celebrate the opening of the river. The Clerk to speak with proprietors to agree a venue.	<b>AB</b>
7.10	It was confirmed that the issue with the Trust Biologist and volunteer was still not resolved. The Superintendent to attempt to establish whether the cases were being taken forward.	<b>LF</b>
7.11	TC asked whether the Stirling Council Fisheries Team still did not have warrant cards. LF confirmed that one member of the team had been offered reinstatement of his card (which had been withdrawn by Stirling Council pending another internal matter), and he was told that it would not be re-taken up.	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	
8.1	The Clerk said that she had had a conversation with Craig Somerville as to whether he would sit on the Board as an Anglers Rep. Craig has extensive skills in promoting angling and fisheries and he would be a considerable asset for the development of the angling and the Forth fishery. TC stated that Craig was a tenant of his and therefore expressed a possible conflict. The Board agreed unanimously for Craig to be co-opted to the Board.	<b>AB</b>
8.1	AB confirmed that she had been to a meeting on the Riverside proposals for the Stirling City Deal and had re-emphasised that a barrage would not be acceptable to the Board and Trust.	
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Date of the next meeting</b>	
9.1	The date of the next meeting to be agreed but would include a public meeting	<b>AB</b>

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Distribution:

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