

# Forth District Salmon Fishery Board

Annual Meeting of Qualified Proprietors held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014, 7.00pm

Venue: Harviestoun Country Hotel

## MINUTES

**Attendees:**     **Board Members:** Fen Howieson (Chairman), Craig Gardner on behalf of Les Goodfellow (P), Scott Mason on behalf of Les Goodfellow (P), Mrs F Simpson (P), Tony Cameron (P), Alison Baker (C), Roy Robertson (C), George MacIntosh (C), William Anderson, Lisa Lawson & Kathryn Bontoft (Managed Estates) (C – Co-optee, P – Proprietor or Rep)

**Attendees:**     **Proprietors:** M Baillie-Hamilton (T13), T McKenzie (AL1 & others), M Croy (Len1a), S Duprey (Len1a), M Luti (T12), L MacFadzean (AV1 & others)

**Attendees:**     **Other:** D Adams

Apologies:       Ali Dickson, Joe McGarvie, Scott Nisbett, Mrs C Noblett

**1) New Actions**

Item	Context	Owner
<b>4 – Accounts 2013</b>	<p>The Chairman introduced the accounts and explained some of the issues within the accounts.</p> <p>The Clerk summarised the outstanding debtors and creditors and explained that after many hours spent checking, he was now satisfied that some debtors had been incorrectly listed and would therefore be written off. Others were still being checked and any recoverable debts would be recovered.</p> <p>The Board were satisfied that the accounts were now in order. The accounts were adopted and signed off.</p> <p>S Duprey asked what “cash in hand” referred to. The Chairman explained this was an incorrect entry and was in fact assessment income.</p>	
<b>5 – Annual Report 2013</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>The Chairman gave a brief explanation of the Health &amp; Safety difficulties faced by the FDSFB.</p> <p>The Chairman reported briefly on the poor catches recorded across the district.</p>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>6 – Presentation by RFFT</b>	<p>Alison Baker gave an update on what the River Forth Fisheries Trust have been doing and where the donation from the FDSFB had been spent and its benefits to the Trust. She also gave an explanation regarding SEPA priority listings.</p>	

<p><b>AOCB</b></p>	<p>L MacFadzean noted that Linlithgow Community Energy are building completely new mini hydro schemes. Alison explained that hydro schemes are nearly always developed above salmon runs.</p> <p>M Luti stated that he finds it disappointing that the FDSFB have not responded to or commented on any of the ten hydro scheme proposals on the River Teith or within the National Park.</p> <p>The Chairman explained about the constraints on the Board but advised that that there had been RFFT involvement.</p> <p>D Adams noted that the RFFT had been formal consultees on two occasions with applications in the national park and no response had been submitted. RFFT commented that they did not have the detail to hand at the meeting with regard to these applications so could not comment.</p> <p>M Luti stated that he believes that anyone building a run of river hydro scheme should make annual financial contributions to the FDSFB. M Luti also stated that he was uncomfortable with the cumulative effect of hydro schemes on the Teith and within the National Park.</p> <p>Alison Baker mentioned that SEPA developed methods for the natural downstream movement of gravel past hydro schemes, Alison was not aware whether a formal code was in place.</p> <p>S Duprey asked what happens if gravel is not replaced.</p> <p>Alison Baker explained that the obligation to replace gravel would be on the hydro scheme owners and that SEPA would be responsible for monitoring.</p> <p>M Luti asked if the FDSFB had discussed any proposed hydro schemes.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that the FDSFB had discussed Tony Cameron’s schemes and Ashfield.</p> <p>Tom McKenzie asked if the FDSFB or RFFT had any further heads up on the new legislation so that Angling Associations can be prepared.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that FDSFB and RFFT only know as much as anyone else who has read the reviews.</p> <p>Tom McKenzie stated he was concerned about future policing and monitoring.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that the FDSFB would be responding to the ASFB on the 53 items.</p> <p>Tony Cameron thanked the Chairman and Alison Baker for their hard work and contributions to the FDSFB.</p>	
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**2) Closed Actions**

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<b>2 – Minutes of AGM 2013</b>	The minutes of the meeting of 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2013 were approved by the Board and signed off.	
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