

MINUTES

**of the ANNUAL MEETING of
QUALIFIED PROPRIETORS of
SALMON FISHERIES in the NORTH
AND WEST DISTRICT SALMON
FISHERY BOARD held on
WEDNESDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2019 at
10.00am at MACPHAIL CENTRE,
ULLAPOOL**

Present: Mr R Vestey (Convener)
Mr D Davies (Vice Convener)
Mr A Adamson
Mr A Balfour
Mr C Macleod
Ms K Bontoft (Gualin and Dionard)

In attendance: Mr R Whitson (Clerk, Bell Ingram)
Dr Shona Marshall (WSFT)

Apologies: Mr R Bradford
Mr G Osborne
Mr C Marsham
Mr D Lindsay

The Convener welcomed all to the meeting.

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th OCTOBER 2018

The Minutes of the Meeting of Qualified Proprietors held on 10th October 2018 were considered by Proprietors and signed by the Convener as an accurate record.

2. MATTERS ARISING

All matters arising had been dealt with.

The Clerk advised The Proprietors that in line with legislation the meeting had been advertised on the website, allowing 21 days notice for the public to attend. Also, the minutes of the meeting, the annual report and accounts will be submitted to Scottish Ministers and loaded on the website, all in line with legislation.

3. ANNUAL REPORT 2019

The Proprietors considered the Annual Report.

Over and above what was contained in the Report an application had been received to introduce young stock on the river Inver on behalf of the Inver and Kirkaig Fishing Partnership. This was agreed in principle on the understanding that no restocking would take place without consultation with Shona Marshall.

Although it was due to be considered at the following meeting, Kathryn Bontoft was elected as the mandatory for the Dionard and Gualin Estate vice James Allingham, who has retired. The Clerk will reissue the Annual Report, noting the change.

4. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28th MAY 2019

The Clerk presented the Proprietors with the audited accounts to 28th May 2019. The Convenor signed them as a true representation of the Boards finances for the financial year 18/19.

Of note, the expenditure was down slightly on the previous year principally as a result of a reduction in sundry expenses. The net surplus was up from £2,485 to £3,279.

With regards to the balance sheet, the cash at bank was higher than last year, as were the accruals. The Board's net assets now sit at £12,212 as opposed to £8,933 in the previous year.

There were no comments on the accounts and the Clerk will return these to the Accountants for completion. Thereafter, a copy will be lodged with the Scottish Government.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business, the Convenor thanked the Proprietors very much for coming and closed the meeting.

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