

DEE (KIRKCUDBRIGHT) DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD

Chairman	Treasurer	Clerk & Secretary	Legal Adviser
J.P.H. Ingall	Mrs. P. Campbell	Mrs. A. Ingall	Gavin Scott,
Airds House, Parton, Castle Douglas.	12a The Crofts, Kirkcudbright.	Airds of Kells Farm, Mosssdale, Castle Douglas.	Messrs. Gillespie, Gifford & Brown. Kirkcudbright.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the above Board held at the Ken Bridge Hotel on Monday 15th April 2013

Present: James Ingall, Chairman; Anne Ingall, Clerk; Pat Campbell, Treasurer; Graeme Dickie, Scottish Power; Jamie Ribbens, Galloway Fisheries Trust; Rowan Armstrong, GFT; Graeme Gordon, Kenmure; Shirley Bell, Hensol; Ronnie Wilson, Maryfield; Tim Ewing, Bailiff, Robin Ade.

Apologies: W. Forbes, James Curtis, Stuart Ferns, Richard Agnew.

1. Chairman's Report: James Ingall welcomed all those present and gave a short report on the Board's activities since he had assumed the chair. This report is attached to the minutes.

2. Treasurer's Report: Pat Campbell outlined the financial situation of the Board. She warned that the situation was not good and that things must improve during the next financial year. The Board would discuss the matter further when the election of the new Board had taken place.

Graeme Gordon introduced the subject of the American Signal Crayfish and a discussion followed. GG had mentioned the situation with regard to the New Galloway initiative to control them commercially; this had apparently been vetoed by SNH. After the meeting, GFT had contacted SNH re this matter and their reply has been forwarded to GG.

A general discussion followed. It was agreed that in the absence of a viable method of control, ASC should be contained in Loch Ken by the improvement of any existing barriers to the upper catchment and the Blackwater of Dee.

3. Report from Galloway Fisheries Trust. On behalf of GFT, Rowan Armstrong made a short and very interesting presentation showing what had been done on the catchment during the last year and what the Trust was proposing to do in 2013. Scottish Power's help in various matters was ongoing and much appreciated. Jamie Ribbens gave a short report on the crayfish situation and the eel project. The latter was initiated by Scottish Power and GFT with the Board's approval. A précis of the report is enclosed.

4. Bailiff's Report and Hatchery Update. Tim Ewing gave a very interesting update on all matters concerning the river and the hatchery. 42,000 eggs were obtained between November and January and these have been put out into Upper Ervie, Upper Shirmers, Airie Burn and Blackwater of Dee respectively. It was decided that it would be a good idea to apply for a licence to extend the fishing beyond the end of the season to avoid potentially disastrous delays in obtaining broodstock for the hatchery. The report is enclosed.

5. Election of Board. In the absence of any objections or new names being put forward, the existing Board was re-elected.

Meeting of Re-elected Board

It was agreed that there was no need for a full meeting of the re-elected Board, but the Chairman initiated discussions on two points:-

- a) In view of the financial situation, the Assessments would be raised to 80% for the season of 2013.
- b) The Treasurer's Honorarium would be increased to £400 per annum.

These points were agreed by the Board and the Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.