

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
of Urr District Salmon Fishery Board  
held in The Kings Arms Hotel, Castle Douglas  
on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.00 pm

Present

In the Chair: R J Bellamy

Vice Chairman: D J Biggar

Attendees: K Irving  
D Mulholland  
A Armstrong  
B Maytum  
C Marshall  
W Marshall  
B McGinily  
K Gibson  
S Perry  
J Ribbens  
Miss S Graham

Clerk: W G N Gourlay

1. Apologies  
Apologies were received from G Kerr.
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
The Minutes had been circulated to the Board and were tabled for attendees. They were approved.
3. Matters Arising  
Miss Graham advised that she had with her to show all those interested the results of the scale sampling.
4. Chairman's Report  
The Chairman's Report had been provided along with the Minutes of the previous meeting. Mr Bellamy summarised the main points of his report, referring to the work that had been done in the year, the futility of the Wild Fisheries Review, the

lack as yet of provisional rating assessments for the nettings, and uncertainty as to when Scottish Water would complete their work to Dalbeattie Reservoir.

He thanked the Board for their support and paid particular tribute with thanks to Duncan Ferguson who had finally retired.

5. Accounts for the Year to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016

The accounts were circulated. They showed a surplus for the year of £928.00, although the cost of the scale sampling project (approximately £350) did not come in during the year. Assets stood at £10,182.57. The outstanding creditors have been paid and of the debtors, £221.70 has still to be paid.

The accounts were approved on the proposal of K Irving, seconded by B McGinily.

6. Board Elections

The Clerk explained that this year the Board all step down and a new Board must be elected. The retiral of Duncan Ferguson, replacement of T Florey by G Kerr as factor of Auchendolly and disengagement of S Craig had to be taken into account.

The following were elected to the Board:

R J Bellamy  
K Gibson  
W Marshall  
K Irving  
D J Biggar  
G Kerr  
W G N Gourlay

7. Appointment of Office Bearers

R J Bellamy and D J Biggar were unanimously reappointed as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively.

8. 2017 Levy

After some explanation, it was agreed that the Clerk would calculate the 2017 levy poundage such that the gross levy for 2017 would total £5,000. It was accepted that there might be a shortfall or a future refund of levy overpaid if proprietors had appealed successfully, but such shortfall or refunds would not be sufficient to damage the Board's reserves.

9. Conservation Measures

The Chairman departed from the Agenda to discuss the conservation measures to be in place for 2017. There had been no comment or response from any

proprietor to the letter sent out in December.

W Marshall for Dalbeattie Angling Association and K Irving for Castle Douglas Angling Association each reported that their associations had adopted the Board's recommendations as rules which are now shown on their tickets and further agreed that each angler will be limited to 2 salmon or grilse, or 3 sea trout that comply with the rules for retention from the whole river in the season.

W Marshall and Miss J Graham advised that, with thanks to Robin Ade for the use of his illustrations, the new conservation guidance leaflet had been produced and would be circulated. The Clerk was instructed to thank Mr Ade and advise him that Dalbeattie Angling Association would host him for a day's fishing.

Thereafter Mr J Ribbens gave a presentation to explain the background to the Urr's classification as Category 3 in 2016 changing to a Category 2 for 2017, plus pointers as to actions which might be taken by the Board and proprietors/anglers to try to avoid the river slipping back into Category 3 beyond 2017. A copy of the presentation is attached to these Minutes.

10. Any Other Competent Business

None.

11. Date of Next Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.