



# **RIVER DOON DISTRICT** **SALMON FISHERY BOARD**

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## **MINUTES**

of

### **Annual Meeting of Qualified Proprietors of the River Doon District Salmon Fishery Board:**

**Thursday 23 March 2023 at 7:30pm**  
**Western House Hotel, 66 Craigie Road, A YR KAB OHA**

#### **1. Persons Present**

<i>Alan Macdonald (AM)</i>	<i>Doonside Estate (Chairman)</i>
<i>Iain K Clark (IKC)</i>	<i>Gilson Gray LLP (Clerk to the Board)</i>
<i>Stuart Brabbs (SB)</i>	<i>Ayrshire Rivers Trust</i>
<i>Struan Candlish (SS)</i>	<i>Ayrshire Rivers Trust</i>
<i>Mark Colman</i>	<i>Smithston Fishings Club</i>
<i>David Gosh (DC)</i>	<i>Doonfoot Fishings, Board Member</i>
<i>Martin Donachy (MD)</i>	<i>Woodlands, Board Member</i>
<i>Stuart Dorward (SO)</i>	<i>Board Member (Salmon Fishers' Representative)</i>
<i>Carlos Van Heddegem (CVD)</i>	<i>Holms Fishing, Board Member</i>
<i>Peter Kennerley (PK)</i>	<i>Auchendrane House, Board Member</i>
<i>Lawrence Dalgleish</i>	<i>Blackhi/1, Rozelle, Board Member</i>
<i>Alan Shannon</i>	<i>River Watch Coordinator</i>
<i>Alan McOowa/1</i>	<i>River Watch Patrol Coordinator</i>
<i>James Andrew</i>	<i>Newmills of Monkwood Beat</i>
<i>Bob Beveridge</i>	<i>MacManiston Beat</i>
<i>Jamie Boyle</i>	<i>Cassilis Estate Beat</i>
<i>Nicholas Phillips</i>	<i>Nether Auchendrane Beat</i>
<i>John M Squire</i>	<i>Holms Fishing</i>
<i>Peter Kennedy</i>	<i>Oonholm Fishing Beat</i>

#### **2. Apologies**

Michael Clark

#### **3. Declaration of Members' Interests**

In accordance with the Board's good governance obligations, the Board has agreed a Meetings Protocol and Policy on Members Interests. All Board Members have signed a Declaration and the Board maintains a Register of Relevant Interests, pursuant to *Section 46E of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003*. All Board Members present were invited to declare new/amend existing interests. The Clerk declared that he has also now been appointed Clerk to the River Stinchar District Salmon Fishery Board. No other interests were declared or amended.

In addition, the Clerk notified those Qualified Proprietors present of the requirements of the Meetings Protocol. It was agreed that those present would each be noted as representing the interests of their Beat or organisation; and any other additional relevant financial interest should be declared under the 2003 Act. No such additional interests were declared.

#### **4. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Approved

#### **5. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting**

None

#### **6. Draft Annual Report re The activities of the Board for the year to 31 December 2022**

A Draft was produced as follows, with a summary of the discussions noted below, as appropriate:

- (a) Chairman's Report – Alan Macdonald, Chairman (AM)
- (b) Report from the Clerk to the Board – Iain K Clark, Clerk to Board (IKC)
- (c) Report on Fishery Assessments – IKC
- (d) Consultation Responses – IKC
- (e) Good Governance – IKC
- (f) Code of Practice – IKC

The Clerk again emphasised its policy of 100% of Catch & Release for Salmon throughout the season.

CVD commented it was important for Qualified Proprietors, particularly Clubs and Associations, to pass these on to their anglers and members

- (g) Scientific Report – Stuart Brabbs, Ayrshire Rivers Trust (SB)

Anyone have any fencing requirements – Trust on behalf of the Board – up to 50% grants towards livestock fencing

- (h) **River Watch Scheme – Alan McDowall and Alan Shannon**

There was a detailed presentation and discussion regarding the new River Watch Scheme, with thanks noted for all those involved, particularly Alan McDowall, Alan Shannon, The Clerk and Martin Donachy, as well as other Board Members, the River Watchers and Police Scotland for their support.

- (i) **Annual Catch Returns – IKC & David Cosh, Board Member**

There was a discussion regarding Catch Returns and an emphasis placed on Owners getting their anglers and Members to give an indication of Rod Effort

**(j) Draft Audited Statement of Accounts to 31 December 2022 - IKC**

The Accounts prepared by Azets were presented by the Clerk. There were no questions arising. Acceptance thereof was:

Proposed: Lawrence Dalglish

Seconded: John Squire

Approved by the Meeting

**7. The proposed activities of the Board for the next year – SB/AM**

This was discussed and the Budget approved, with the details noted in the updated Annual Report to be issued for the Annual Public Meeting.

**8. Any Other Business - AM**

None

**9. Next Meetings:**

(a) Triennial Meeting: 23 March 2023 at 8:30pm

(b) Annual Public Meeting: 20 April 2023 at 7:30pm

The Meeting concluded at 20:22