

MINUTES of ANNUAL MEETING of QUALIFIED PROPRIETORS OF THE RIVER UGIE DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD held at Broad House, Broad Street, Peterhead on Thursday, 8th November 2018.

Present: J. Yule (Convenor)
D. Low Mandatory for I. J. Booth
A. Buchan for Lunar Fishing Company Limited
A. Buchan for Score Group plc
W. Stephen for Ugie Angling Association
D. Will Bailiff

In Attendance: T. Horne for Bruce Milton, Clerk to the Board

Apologies: None

Before the below agenda was dealt with the Board were addressed by Karen Muller from the Scottish Invasive Species Initiative who has been conducting Surveys on the River Ugie. K Muller advised that the findings on the River were not too bad and there were 3 main species found Hogweed, Himalayan Balsam and Japanese Knotweed. K Muller's main aim is to get people trained up on how to deal with the invasive species. K Muller also informed the board that there are training programmes available and are also free to help eradicate the invasive species that were found. K Muller advised she is hoping to get land owners on board with the project as this is a preferred option. J. Yule recommended that the Angling Association be made aware of the project and training available. D Will offered to help with this issue and to also make the Angling Association aware regarding this. The other issue K Muller reported on was American Mink. D Will noticed there was a reduction on this as he has only seen one this year. K Muller advised the board in order to help this there were mink raft's available if anybody wanted to help with the American Mink. K Muller also informed the board that there would be school visits happening over the winter hopefully get some more volunteer's that way too. K Muller handed leaflets with information for people looking to get involved and also provided her contact details if there were any other questions or if there are volunteer's willing to get involved to contact her.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read as proposed by A Buchan (Lunar) and seconded by W Stephen and were carried unanimously.

CONVENER'S REPORT

The Convener noted no members of the public had attended and proceeded to read his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

BAILIFF'S REPORT

The Bailiff read out the report he had prepared and a copy is attached to these minutes.

ACCOUNTS

The audited accounts for the year ended 31st May, 2017 were received and adopted on the proposal of A Buchan (Lunar) and seconded by A Buchan (Score). A Buchan (Lunar) brought up the rates that were being charged and this need to be looked at in more detail in the next meeting before rates are distributed. T Horne advised she would prepare a detailed projection for different rateable values to see the comparison and how it will affect the income of the board.

CLOSURE

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 4.50 p.m.



Joseph Yule
Convenor