

**MINUTES of MEETING of THE RIVER UGIE DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD held at Broad House, Broad Street, Peterhead on Thursday, 15th May, 2014 at 3.00pm**

**Present:** Joseph Yule (Convenor)  
Alexander Buchan for Score Group plc  
David Low Mandatory for I J Booth  
William Stephen for Ugie Angling Association

**In Attendance:** D. McLean for Bruce Milton, Clerk to the Board

**Apologies:** Alexander Buchan for Lunar Fishing Company Limited, Upper Proprietors

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**MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting on 28th November 2013 were taken as read. These were proposed by D Low and seconded by W Stephen.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES**

**Riverbank destruction by Livestock**

It was noted that riverbanks are still being destroyed by farmers allowing cattle to graze right up to the water's edge and that this was particularly bad at Stonemill and an area from the Meetings – Johnstones. The Bailiff had reported this problem to SEPA but they were not taking any action. A Buchan (Score) suggested that Scottish Water should also be made aware that cattle are entering the river upstream of their public water extraction point. The Convenor instructed the Clerk to write to SEPA with the Board's complaint and ascertain what powers they have to resolve this issue.

**Fish Counter**

The Convenor advised that arrangements had been made to lease a fish counter which is presently being installed and that it was hoped this would be up and running by 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2014. The device has two electrodes one which counts all fish passing and one which counts only salmon, and will be sited at the weir upstream of the Chainey Brig. A Buchan (Score) suggested, that if netsmen would agree to restrict fishing for a limited period, then it would be interesting to compare data of that limited period with a similar period of unrestricted fishing. The Convenor explained that the main thrust of the project is to determine how many fish are in the river and once that data is available then to decide how best to effectively manage the resources. A discussion followed on how frequently the results would be posted and it was agreed data would not be released instantly to prevent a huge inrush of anglers descending after a run of fish being shown on the counter.

## DRAFT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MAY, 2014

There was placed before the meeting a Draft Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet at 31 May, 2014 prepared by the Clerk, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes. The Clerk explained the income and expenditure for the year as detailed in the Draft Accounts, and that, subject to Board approval, these would now be sent for examination and final preparation by Messrs Bain Henry Reid. It was pointed out that the Clerks work had increased following introduction of the new Fisheries Act resulting in a modest fee increase. Approval of the draft accounts was proposed by D Low and seconded by W Stephen.

## FINANCE AND RATES

The Board considered the projected income and expenditure for the year to 31 May, 2015. The Clerk explained the projected figures showed expenses remaining the same as last year. J Yule advised that the lease of the fish counter was to be £1000 p.a. and it was hoped this would be the cost inclusive of vat but that was still to be ascertained. J Yule proposed that the rates be pegged at the same as last year and this was seconded by D Low and agreed unanimously. A copy of the projected income and expenditure showing these amendments is attached to these minutes.

## REGISTER OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

The Clerk explained that to comply with the new ACT it was necessary to keep a register of member's relevant financial interests and make it available for public inspection. Relevant financial interest was defined as: -

- (a) any interests of a pecuniary nature that could be affected by a decision of the Board, or the holding of which could otherwise have a bearing on or otherwise influence a member's view on any matter being considered by the Board, and
- (b) includes such interests held by a member or by another person with whom the member has a personal or business relationship.

The Clerk agreed to gather details for this register.

## AOCB

### Website

The Convenor noted that the website was now up and running and that the Board was fully compliant with the new ACT.

### Lease of Counter

The Convenor agreed to ascertain the exact cost, including VAT, to lease the fish counter.

## NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Annual Meeting of Proprietors and Board Meeting was set for Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 at 3.00 p.m. There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.

*Joseph B Yule*

**River Ugie District Salmon Fishery Board**

**Profit and Loss Account**  
**and**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 May 2014**

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**Profit & Loss Account for the year ended 31st May 2014**

2013

		<u>Income</u>	
15,482		Rates	15,481.80
-		Donations	-
<u>2</u>		Bank Interest	<u>2.41</u>
15,484			15,484.21
		<u>Expenditure</u>	
	9,500	Bailiff's Retainer	9,500.12
	500	Telephone	500.00
		- Rent	-
	358	Insurance	358.30
		- Advertising	119.45
	360	Accountancy fees	360.00
	2,400	Clerks Fee	2,640.00
		- Bank Interest	-
	62	Bank Charges	59.41
	1,510	Population Survey	-
	594	Miscellaneous	591.00
	<u>7</u>	Depreciation	<u>-</u>
15,291			14,128.28
<u>£ 193</u>		<b><u>Net surplus (deficit) for the year</u></b>	<b><u>£ 1,355.93</u></b>

**Miscellaneous Expenses**

Donation Deveron Board	244.00
ASFB Bailiff membership fee	20.00
ASFB Annual subscription	327.00
	<u>£ 591.00</u>

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**Balance Sheet as at 31st May 2014**

Fixed Assets

Communications Equipment at cost	1,826.00	
Less aggregate depreciation	<u>1,826.00</u>	
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Current Assets

Cash at bank :	Current A/C	4,161.16	
	Invested	2,010.42	

Deduct Current Liabilities

Sundry Creditors	3,012.00	3,159.58
<u>Net Assets</u>		<u>£ 3,159.58</u>

Represented by

Revenue Reserves

As at 31st May 2013	1,803.65
Net surplus/deficit for the year	<u>1,355.93</u>
	<u>£ 3,159.58</u>

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## Projected Income & Expenditure for the year to 31st May 2015

Cash in hand	Current Account	4,161.16	
	Masson & Glennie	<u>2,010.42</u>	6,171.58
<u>Less</u>	Creditors M & G	2,640.00	
	BHR	<u>372.00</u>	<u>3,012.00</u>
			<u>3,159.58</u>

### Expenditure

Bailiff's Retainer	9,500.00	
Telephone Contribution-Bailiff	500.00	
Insurance	370.00	
Advertising	125.00	
ASFB Annual Subscription	365.00	
ASFB Bailiff Subscription	22.00	
Bank Charges	60.00	
Masson & Glennie 2014/15	2,640.00	
Bain Henry Reid 2014/15	372.00	
Lease of Fish Counter	1,200.00	
Depreciation	-	
Donations	-	15,154.00
<u>Balance to be funded</u>		<u><u>-£ 11,994.42</u></u>