

MINUTES
of the Annual Meeting of Proprietors (AMP) and the
Annual Public Meeting (APM) of the
River Cree District Salmon Fishery Board
Held at The Belted Galloway, Newton Stewart
On Wednesday, 25 October 2017 at 6.30 p.m.

Present

(A) Board Members/Mandatories

Jamie Hyslop – in the Chair
Murdo Crosbie
Jim Davidson
Gene Fryatt
Jock Galloway
Norrie McIntosh
George McShane

(B) In attendance

Billy McHarg (Treasurer)
Matthew Pumphrey (Clerk)

(C) Members of the Public in Attendance

Robert Bell
Mark McKie

(1) Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Duncan Baillie, Terence Flanagan, Jamie Ribbens, Ian Service and Steve Smith.

(2) Chairman's introduction

Mr. Hyslop explained that he was standing in as Chairman at the request of Terence Flanagan who was unable to attend due to family reasons. It was unanimously agreed that he should be Chairman.

The agenda for the meetings had been posted on the Board's website and was taken as read.

(3) AMP

(a) Consideration of the Annual Report.

The Annual Report prepared by the Chairman (Terence Flanagan) was duly circulated and Mr Hyslop went through it. On the resignation of Jim Nichol he wanted the Board to express its appreciation of his work as water bailiff. This was unanimously agreed.

On the question of the merger of ASFB and RAFTS, Mr Hyslop asked members to note that Mr Flanagan had been the only person to oppose the merger which he had done largely on the basis that at the time of the vote the two bodies were distinct and had not been subsumed into any FMO orientated union. The fact that FMO's were now not going to be formed in the immediate future had shown how right Mr Flanagan had been.

(b) GFT Appendix

In the absence of Jamie Ribbens, Mr Hyslop went through the Report which had been prepared and which had been circulated. There was some discussion about the prohibition on stocking in the Palnure Burn imposed by SNH. Mr. McIntosh asked whether there was any Appeal process. The meeting agreed that this should be looked into. It was noted that the electro-fishing results for the stocked sites surveyed by GFT had not yet been made available. The meeting agreed that GFT should be asked to produce these results as they were still part of the service provided by GFT notwithstanding the reduction in the donation to GFT.

(c) RCHHT Appendix

Mr Crosbie spoke to the Report which he had prepared and which had been circulated at the meeting.

Mr Crosbie said that he was somewhat dismayed by the fact that fishing did not seem to be so popular with the younger generation. He therefore placed special emphasis on the school visits which he had arranged and which were continuing during the next year.

There were no revisions to or questions on the Annual Report. It was accordingly carried forward to the APM.

(d) Accounts

Mr McHarg spoke to the audited accounts which had been circulated at the meeting. He indicated that the position might be less healthy following any further successful Appeal particularly the Appeal by the Angling Association.

There were no revisions to the audited accounts.

(4) APM

The Annual Report and Accounts were considered.

No matters had been proposed for consideration by members of the public.

No questions were asked by either Board Members or members of the public on any matter.

The meeting accordingly closed at 7.05pm