



**RIVER LOSSIE DISTRICT SALMON FISHERIES BOARD**  
**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Qualified Proprietors**

Held at Pitgaveny.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023 at 3pm.

**Present**

Crinan Dunbar (Chair) (CD), Bill Fraser (BF), Fred Rhind (FR), Poppy Houldsworth (PH), Mark Laing (ML), Tomas Christie (TC), Tim Atkinson (TA)

**In attendance** Clare Walker (Minutes) (CW), Robert Laughton (RL), Sean McLean (FDSFB Water Bailiff) (SM), Alister Taylor (FDSFB Water Bailiff) (AT).

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Apologies:</b> CD opened the meeting and welcomed those present. Apologies were received Mark Houldsworth, and Edward Crookes and Rebecca Russell. CD introduced Tim Atkinson, factor for Kellas Estate and mandated representative for Vivienne Jurgens.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023.</b> Minutes were approved. CW to publish on the FNLRT website.	CW
<b>3.</b>	<b>Matters arising not on the agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RL has not received any further news in regard to works proposed to Cloddach Bridge following the funding announcement earlier in the year. It was decided not to apply for a licence to move fish upstream given the high water meant that fish passage was unlikely to be hindered. CD believes that the council are currently commissioning an options appraisal for the Bridge.</li> </ul>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Financial</b> <i>Approval of Draft Accounts</i> – CW circulated the draft accounts prior to the meeting. The accounts include an annual report which is updated with the Board’s activities over the financial year. This has mostly been updated but still required a season update from the EAA. The financial accounts were approved and, once the season update to the annual report is added, CW will circulate this to the Board over email. <i>Assessment for 2023-24</i> – CW circulated a draft budget and levy proposal. It was agreed to set the levy at £1.15 to the pound for 2024. This was not unanimous, BF and FR voted against, but the motion was passed. This is projected to result in a deficit for the LDSFB of approximately £330. It was acknowledged that there will be a need in future years to consider how the LDSFB raises funds. BF and FR made clear the financial position of the EAA would not be able to sustain the club at its current membership level. A number of suggestions were made for how the EAA might increase ticket sales and source other funding and it was agreed to arrange a separate meeting to go through these with the EAA. <i>Banking Mandate</i> – The LDSFB banking mandate requires an additional signatory from the Board, TA kindly volunteered to be added to the banking mandate. CW will contact RBS.	BF/CW            CW/CD  CW/TA
<b>5</b>	<b>2023 Season Update - Director’s Report</b>	



<b>10</b>	<b>Dates for 2024 Meetings</b> March 26 <sup>th</sup> 2024 – LDSFB AGM June 25 <sup>th</sup> 2024 – LDSFB Board Meeting November 26 <sup>th</sup> 2024 – LDSFB Annual Meeting of Qualified Proprietors	
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With no further business CD closed the meeting at 16:40.