

Minute of the 72nd Annual General Meeting of Aberdeen & District Angling Association held at the New Kings Building, Aberdeen University on Wednesday 16th January 2019

Present: Robert Dey, 85 members of the Association, and Dr Lorraine Hawkins and Edwin Third and from the River Dee District Salmon Fishery Board.

The President welcomed members to the meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Alastair Hume, Jim Phinn, Steven Cooper, Mike Cordiner, John Lewis, and Chris Stuart

2. Minutes

In line with the decision taken at the 70th Annual General Meeting as the minutes of that meeting were posted on the Associations website the minutes were not read out.

The Minutes of the 71st Annual General Meeting of the Association were approved on the motion of David Smith, seconded by David Knowles.

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. Presidential Remarks

The President presented his annual report, which is attached to the Minute.

5. Finance

The Secretary/ Treasurer presented a report for accounting year 2017/2018.

The income and expenditure account and balance sheet, which form part of this Minute, were discussed and queries and the Secretary/ Treasurer answered various questions on it.

He also confirmed the Associations application for a higher interest earning savings account had recently been approved.

The report was approved on the motion of George Clark seconded by David Smith.

6. Subscriptions

Junior members subscriptions

The Secretary/ Treasurer reported that the recommendation from Management Committee members for Junior members is to be zero membership subscription, with an £5 postage fee if paid on-line.

He advised that they have recommended this radical step to try to prise youngsters away from their game consoles and take up the outdoor pursuit of angling.

This will make taking up the pursuit more affordable for youngsters and their families, for example, the cost of a basic fly fishing kit at Somers Fishing tackle in Aberdeen <http://www.grampianfishing.com/> being as little as around the £70 to £100 mark.

He further reported that the number of youngsters taking up the sport over the last few years has steadily declined, for example, the Association had over 50 junior members only 5 years ago, now there is just over the 20 mark.

The Management Committee members believe these youngsters are the lifeblood of the sport and without them membership of Associations like Aberdeen's will steadily decline and will struggle to make their ends meet as time goes by.

This was approved on the motion of Nicky Taylor seconded by David Craik.

Other subscriptions

The Secretary/ Treasurer advised those present that they will have heard the President's remarks about concerns about the long- term future of the Association with reducing membership numbers and the resultant drop in income.

He then asked those present what their thoughts were and any proposals they had.

John Stephen proposed a £10 increase. This was seconded by Benny Smart.

Bob McIntosh proposed an amendment of a £20 increase. This was seconded by Rab Anderson

The amendment was voted on first. There was a large majority in favour. This was approved.

7.1. Guest Speakers

The President welcomed Lorraine Hawkins and Edwin Third from the Dee District Salmon Fishery Board.

They gave a presentation on Fisheries management on the Dee and Don and answered various questions on it.

Those present thanked them for the presentation.

7.2. Conveners Reports

Returns: Paul Adderton presented his report

Entertainments: Paul Toseland reported the 2018 competition winners, details of which are attached to this minute.

The Secretary/ Treasurer announced that the Associations trophy engraver for many years had retired last year.

A decision was taken to just get the Club Champion trophy engraved annually and to retire all the other trophies to the bothy.

All Competition winners from now on will receive a Certificate of their achievement to keep for life.

These were available for collection at the end of the meeting.

8. Election of Office Bearers

The President vacated the chair.

Paul Adderton seconded by Sandy Davidson proposed Bob Dey for the post of President. Being no further nomination Bob was elected.

Bob Dey seconded by Ernie MacKay proposed Kenny Riddell for the post of Vice-President. Being no further nominations Kenny was elected.

Committee elections

The Secretary/ Treasurer advised that:

Out of the Committee of **15**, out of the required **5** positions due to retire there are **2** existing Committee members to retire and they are as follows:

Nicky Taylor
Mathew Reilly

As well as the 3 vacancies for 3 years he further advised that there are also 1 vacancy for 2 years, and 2 vacancies for 1 year.

The outgoing Committee therefore recommends the following:

That the 2 existing Committee members are all willing to stand again and therefore that they be re-elected for a further three years

In addition, he reported that the following persons were co-opted onto the Committee in 2018:

Lindsay Cargill
Craig Murdoch
Benny Smart
Cameron Sutherland
David Knowles

Therefore, for the remaining vacant 6 Committee places the outgoing Committee recommends that the 5 co-opted Committee members be elected to fill 5 of the 6 vacant places.

He then asked if there were any nominations for the final vacancy.

Kenny Riddell and Ernest Mackay proposed and seconded Ernest Mackay Junior.

There were no other nominations.

As there were no further nominations the Secretary recommended that Ernest be elected.

Paul Adderton seconded by Kenny Riddell proposed all recommendations be accepted. This was approved.

9. AOCB

A member enquired about maintenance of the jetties at Parkhill Fishery. The President advised the owner was not interested in repairing them.

A member enquired about marketing the Association. Craig Fleming gave an update on the Loop Aktiv Initiative who have offered to promote the Association free of charge. He also advised that Loop Fishing Tackle also donated 9 rods with matching reels and lines.

Stewart Horne reminded those present there were fly tying classes organised weekly at the bothy commencing tomorrow evening.

John Stephen enquired about the Associations position on Marine Scotland's decision on arrangements for the collection of Scottish Salmon Rod Effort 2019. The President confirmed that the Association will be lobbying to overturn the decision.

Ernest Mackay suggested the rules be reviewed for juniors at Parkhill Fishery to allow the keeping of one fish.

George Boyne reminded those present of the DD Scheme to help spread the cost of membership.

A member enquired about the hut at the Machar Pool. The President advised there was no agreement with the owner of the land yet.

Being No further business Mr Dey closed the meeting.

A vote of thanks to the chairman was proposed.

ADAA Trophy	2018 Winner
POTS AND FORDS	K RIDDELL
PRESIDENTS TROPHY	M CORDINER
JEAN REYNOLDS TROPHY	K RIDDELL
MITCHELL SHIELD	M HOURSTON
JOHN CAMERON TROPHY	E MACKAY JUNIOR
SIMPSON PLAQUE	K RIDDELL
MUNRO PLAQUE	K RIDDELL
JORDAN CUP	K RIDDELL
JIM & BETTY REYNOLDS YTHAN TROPHY	M CORDINER
LAST FLING TROPHY	M CORDINER
SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	K RIDDELL
MORRISON TROPHY	NO CLAIMS RECEIVED 2018
CLARK & WALLACE TROPHY	NO CLAIMS RECEIVED 2018
RATTRAY TROPHY	NO CLAIMS RECEI 2018
A J COUTTS TROPHY	NO CLAIMS RECEIVED 2018
JOHN EWING TROPHY	NO CLAIMS RECEIVED 2018