

**Unapproved extracts from Minute of Meeting of Aberdeen & District Angling Association held at the Bothy, Riverside Drive, Aberdeen on Monday 29 August 2022 at 7.30pm**

**Present:**

P Adderton, P Toseland, K Riddell, M Hart, L Baxter, N Taylor, A Mckinnon, K Beaton, M Hourston, A Skakle, C Deboth, D Knowles, K Beaton, R McHattie, A H Hume MBE

**1. Chairman's welcome**

The President welcomed all Management Committee members present.

He reported that a good number of Salmon and Grilse are being caught on Association beats, including 28 so far at Kingcausie.

He also reported the River Don Trust website is in the process of being improved:  
[Welcome to the homepage of the Don District Salmon Fishery Board and the River Don Trust](#)

**2. Apologies:**

R Paterson, M Mulcahy, J Stephen, D Boddie

**3. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 August 2022 was approved subject to the correction that George Clark not present.

**4. Matters Arising**

<b>Grampian Assessors</b>	Paul T reported he was still to here from the Assessor.	Paul T
<b>Pitcaple Beat Upper Limit</b>	Nicky confirmed he had marked the beat limit & would erect a more permanent sign next season should the Association seek another lease.	
<b>River Ythan 2022 Adult Salmon Sampling Programme</b>	This is ongoing	Paul A/ Nicky
<b>Millpond weed</b>	Ash reported on the actions taken so far to tackle this.	Ash

**5. 75<sup>th</sup> Gala Dinner Dance**

<b>75<sup>th</sup> Gala Dinner Dance</b>	Kenny & Ken provided an update.  Guests have been invited. The tickets are on sale. Most Committee members present confirmed they will be attending.	Organising Sub Committee/ All Committee members
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	Marketing up to now has been an email mailshot, posts on FB, & posters put up at Millpond & Somers.  Future marketing will include more details of the raffle prizes.	
<b>75<sup>th</sup> Merchandise</b>	Kenny provided an update.	Organising Sub Committee

## 6. Junior Competition

<b>Item.</b>	<b>Discussion/ Action/s.</b>	<b>Responsible person/s for reporting/ action/s.</b>
<b>ADAA Junior Competition 17 September sponsored by Ardoe House Hotel &amp; Spa</b>	Kenny & Ash gave an update on the organisation of the event so far.  11 youngsters have booked so far. Kenny confirmed 10 to 15 of a number would be okay for organisational purposes.  It was agreed to stop bookings on the 16 September as well.	
<b>Other Junior events</b>	Organising a scout's outing/s at Millpond. Ongoing.  Organising fly-tying classes. Ongoing.	Ash

## 7. Beat Maintenance, grass cutting update

<b>Item.</b>	<b>Discussion/ Action/s.</b>	<b>Responsible person/s for reporting/ action/s.</b>
<b>Grass Cutting</b>	Lewis gave an update of this year's arrangements.	Lewis/ Kenny/ Nicky

## 8. Correspondence

<b>Item.</b>	<b>Discussion/ Action/s.</b>	<b>Responsible person/s for reporting/ action/s.</b>
<b>Conservation of salmon –</b>	An email about this was received & circulated on 11/8/22. This was noted.	

<b>Assessment for the 2023 fishing season</b>		
<b>Freshwater Pearl Mussel Survey</b>	An email about this was received & circulated on 11/8/22. This was noted	
<b>Funding Available to Fishing Clubs for Invasive Weeds Removal</b>	An email about this was received & circulated on 12/8/22.  Paul A reported he would be progressing this.	Paul A

## 9. AOCB

<b>Item.</b>	<b>Discussion/ Action/s.</b>	<b>Responsible person/s for reporting/ action/s.</b>
<b>High Water Temperatures</b>	It was agreed that future decisions to do anything about this, including closure, should consider advice from governing bodies.	All Committee members
<b>Catch &amp; Release Guidance</b>	Alastair reported despite the recent communications to members about this he had witnessed two salmon or grilse being returned at the Powberry Pool on the opposite bank with their heads downstream.	
<b>Improved access at Banchory Devenick, Powberry Pool</b>	Ash offered to investigate potential options such as the use of posts & ropes.	Ash

Date of next meeting: Monday 3 October 2022

There being no further business the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the President for chairing the meeting.