

Unapproved extracts from Minute of Meeting of Aberdeen & District Angling Association held at the Bothy, Riverside Drive, Aberdeen on Monday 3 October 2022 at 7.30pm

Present:

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

1. Chairman's welcome

The President welcomed all Management Committee members present.

He advised that John Stephen has notified him that unfortunately because of health issues he would not be able to be active in management tasks just now. He also confirmed that Ken was willing to take on his Convenor duties just now but that no one has been identified or offered to take on doing the newsletters so far.

He also congratulated all those involved in organising the successful ADAA Junior Competition held 17 September sponsored by the Ardoe House Hotel & Spa.

He also reported that he & Lewis had met an Engineer responsible for developing the Cordyce School site & that they anticipated little effect on the Lower Parkhill fishings.

2. Apologies: M Hart, R McHattie, M Mulcahy, J Stephen, M Hourston, D Boddie

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 29 August 2022 was approved subject to the correction in respect of the catch & release item. The pool in question was the Pumphouse Pool.

4. Matters Arising

Grampian Assessors	An email from the Assessor was received 7/9/22 confirming receipt of the data.	Paul T
Dee & Don DSFB Triennials	Paul A confirmed he has been elected to both the Boards. Alastair expressed his disappointment that not more Committee members had been identified or who were willing to stand for election.	Paul A
River Ythan 2022 Adult Salmon Sampling Programme	This is ongoing	Paul A/ Nicky
Future Junior events previously identified	Organising a scout's outing/s at Millpond. Ongoing. Organising fly-tying classes. Ongoing.	Ash

Funding Available to Fishing Clubs for Invasive Weeds Removal	An email about this was received & circulated on 12/8/22. Paul A reported he was progressing this.	Paul A
Three Trees down on River Ythan on adjacent bank from Ardlethen below Ebrie burn.	Paul A confirmed these were scheduled for removal before the end of the season.	Paul A
Improved access at Banchory Devenick, Pumphouse Pool	Alex will consider this when he does his beat survey before commencement of the new season.	Alex

6. 75th Gala Dinner Dance

75th Gala Dinner Dance	<p>Kenny & Ken provided an update.</p> <p>Unfortunately, ticket sales have been poor. It was agreed reluctantly to cancel or possibly postpone the event.</p> <p>The Organising Sub Committee members will now take the necessary actions to notify members, invited guests, the Beach Ballroom, Band, Somers, & so on & arrange refunds for the tickets sold (with exception of Lord Provosts whom Paul A will contact direct).</p> <p>Various suggestions were made about what to do next, including what to do about the raffle prizes. It was agreed the Organising Sub Committee consider this & report further.</p>	Organising Sub Committee/ Paul A
75th Merchandise	Kenny provided an update.	Organising Sub Committee

7. Membership Development

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		reporting/ action/s.
Membership Development	<p>Papers prepared by Paul A, Ash, Robert, & Davie circulated prior to the meeting were discussed.</p> <p>Paul A also circulated a list of what he considered to be the benefits of joining the Association & suggested this could be included as a flyer in a magazine such as the Trout and Salmon. This received positive feedback. Some Committee members also identified further benefits:</p> <p>Membership open to all regardless of location.</p> <p>Various lower, middle, & upper beats available generally meaning that productive fishing is available in all water conditions.</p> <p>Paul T also reminded those present that a similar list had been agreed previously that is included on the website & a similar list is included in, for example, the Benefits of Joining Leaflet that was approved a few years ago.</p> <p>It was agreed initially that a Membership Development Sub Committee chaired by Ash be set up to consider possible initiatives to recruit new members. As well as Ash it was agreed the other Sub Committee members be Matt H, Robert, & Ken.</p> <p>Paul T will set up a group email address for the Sub Committee accordingly.</p>	Membership Development Sub Committee/ Paul T

8. Beat Maintenance, grass cutting update

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Grass Cutting & Beat Maintenance	Lewis gave an update of this year's arrangements.	Lewis/ Kenny/ Nicky
Erection & maintenance of Benches	Richard & Nicky will progress this in close season.	Richard/ Nicky
Ardlethen pipe	Paul A will telephone Sepa	Paul A

9. Correspondence

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Electrofishing and School Visits	An email was circulated about this on 23/9/22. Paul A will report further as this item progresses.	Paul A
Don Conservation Code 2023	An email was circulated about this on 26/9/22. This was noted.	
Press release about the Nature of Scot Awards 2022	An email was circulated about this on 2/10/22. This was noted.	
Dee New Seal Scaring Initiative	Paul A gave a verbal report of correspondence only he had received about this. This was noted	
Redd Count	Paul A gave a verbal report of correspondence only he had received about this. He advised there may be an opportunity for members to be involved with this.	Paul A

10. AOCB

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AGM 2023 Venue	It was agreed to try to book Aberdeenshire Cricket Club on 18/1/23.	Paul T
Seal Siting	Kenny advised that he had reported a siting recently & was advised by the Dee Bailiffs it was the same seal that went back downstream when scared but then headed back upstream later. Those present again expressed their frustration about the current situation.	
Photo of Brown Trout	Ken circulated a photo a member had asked him to circulate for Committee members attention. This was noted.	

11. Date of next meeting (special) & agenda items for next regular meeting:

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Special Fishings & Rules Meeting 24/10/22	<p>Paul A reported that the Finance Sub Committee had agreed that a more business like & structured approach needed to be put in place for finalising the Fishings & Rules for next season.</p> <p>A process was agreed & Paul T will detail this when he issues the agenda.</p>	Paul A/Paul T
Agenda items for next regular meeting 7/11/22:	Paul A reported he had identified the following as requiring discussion & actions agreed upon at the next regular meeting on 7/11/22:	
Catch Returns Reporting		
Website		
River fly partnership		
Dee/Don redds visit		

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