

Unapproved extracts from Minute of Meeting of Aberdeen & District Angling Association held at the Sportsman Club on Tuesday 7 February 2023 at 7.30pm

Present:

P Adderton, P Toseland, K Riddell, J Stephen, D Knowles, M Hart, L Baxter, M Mulcahy, N Taylor, A Mckinnon, R Paterson, A Skakle, A H Hume MBE

1. Chairman’s welcome

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting & reported on the River Dee Opening Ceremony. He also commented on concerns about the low number of salmon caught so far for the whole river.

2. Apologies:

M Hourston

3. Minutes

4. Matters Arising

Three Trees down on River Ythan on adjacent bank from Ardlethen below Ebrie burn	Paul A confirmed they were still there & that he had again recently reported the Associations concerns to the Clerk to the Ythan Board & the proprietor of the beat.	Paul A/ Nicky
Upper Parkhill north bank under old railway bridge bank erosion	Kenny gave an update.	Kenny

5. Long Term Business

Item.	Discussion/ Action/s.	Responsible person/s for reporting/ action/s.
Long Term Business	Responsible persons provided updates, if any. The detailed list of these is included with the minutes.	Responsible person/s for reporting/ action/s as per list.

7.AGM feedback

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		reporting/ action/s.
AGM 2023 Feedback	Feedback was generally positive by those present, in particular the raffle that raised £300 for local charities & the presentation by BugLife that has led to approximately 8 or 9 members volunteering to assist them.	

8. Committee roles

Item.	Discussion/ Action/s.	Responsible person/s for reporting/ action/s.
Committee roles	This was discussed & various actions agreed, Paul T to update & circulate the regular document accordingly.	Paul T
Beat Convenors duties	Paul T will recirculate the document prepared by Paul A. It was also agreed Beat Convenors prepare lists of contact details of adjacent landowners etc on their beats & pass them to Paul T.	Paul T/ Beat Convenors

9. Membership Update

Item.	Discussion/ Action/s.	Responsible person/s for reporting/ action/s.
Tracker	The latest version was noted. Tracker items that were discussed in detail:	Robert
Preparing a questionnaire to send to members via Survey Monkey	It was confirmed that the aim is still to issue this to all members in March or April 2023 time once the Committee have approved the details.	Membership Sub Committee members/ Paul T/Paul A/ Kenny

10. Maintenance Updates

Item.	Discussion/ Action/s.	Responsible person/s for reporting/ action/s.
General	Beat Convenors gave updates from their annual pre-season surveys.	Beat Convenors/ Maintenance Sub

Tree at Upper Parkhill Fae Me Well	Possible solutions to this are still being considered.	Beat Convenor/ Maintenance Sub Committee members
Banchory Devenick. Damage to vehicular access track to car park at Waterside Farm	Kenny undertook to organise an external contractor to address this.	Kenny

11. Correspondence

Item.	Discussion/ Action/s.	Responsible person/s for reporting/ action/s.
River Don Opening Ceremony	An email dated 9/1/23 was circulated about this. Paul A confirmed he would be attending.	
River Dee Opening Ceremony	An email dated 13/1/23 was circulated about this. A few Committee members & members attended.	
Planting native trees, Kemnay	<p>An email dated 26/1/23 was circulated about this. Robert gave an update.</p> <p>Lead Business & Community Support Officer, Kemnay Academy, the main contact for this, also circulated the ADAA flyer with colleague's across Aberdeenshire Schools.</p> <p>There is also the opportunity about the possibility of Kemnay Academy include fishing as an activity for the 'Active Boys/Girls' Days' around October time there.</p> <p>Links were also made about the Buglife project.</p>	Robert

12. Proposed Pots & Fords page on ADAA website.

Item.	Discussion/ Action/s.	Responsible person/s for reporting/ action/s.
Proposed Pots & Fords page on ADAA website	At the 2023 P & F AGM Paul T suggested it would be a good idea to have a P & F page on the ADAA website. This was supported by those present.	Paul T/ Matt H

	<p>The proposed content would be the history of the P & F Association, Governance Arrangements for the P & F A, Minutes of the P & F AGM 2023, & ADAA members eligibility criteria & process to apply to join.</p> <p>This was approved.</p>	
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13. Cormorants at Millpond

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Cormorants at Millpond	<p>Paul A clarified that proof must be provided that all non-lethal methods of deterrence had been unsuccessful before it being worthwhile seeking a shooting licence.</p> <p>Ash reported that all measures done so far had been unsuccessful & that he intended to try the following:</p> <p>Erect Scarecrows & regularly move them around the fishery.</p> <p>Erect reflective tape around bushes.</p>	Ash

14. Date of Next Meeting

Item.	Discussion/ Action/s.	Responsible person/s for reporting/ action/s.
Date of Next Meeting	Tuesday 7 March 2023, Venue Sportsman Club, 11 Queens Road, Aberdeen, AB15 4YL	

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Item.	Discussion/ Action/s.	Responsible person/s for reporting/ action/s.
Millpond stocking	Kenny reported that the Fishery was stocked recently.	

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