

Unapproved extracts from Minute of Meeting of Aberdeen & District Angling Association held at the Sportsman Club on 13 April 2023 at 7.30pm

Present:

P Adderton, P Toseland, K Riddell, L Baxter, M Mulcahy, N Taylor, A Mckinnon, R Paterson, A H Hume MBE

2. Apologies:

M Hourston, J Stephen

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2023 was approved.

4. Matters Arising

Pots & Fords page on ADAA website	This is now live: Pots & Fords Angling Association - Aberdeen & District Angling Association (adaa.org.uk)	
Upper Parkhill, North bank	Matt M reported on ongoing discussions with the adjacent landowner about a sheep fence that had been recently erected just upstream of the disused railway bridge. The farmer intends moving it soon.	Matt M

7. Loch of Loirston

Item.	Discussion/ Action/s.	Responsible person/s for reporting/ action/s.
Stocking	Kenny reported that a stocking took place this week at the loch with rainbows & blues. Kenny also clarified that he had investigated the stocking of tiger trout, but the cost was significant. It was agreed to no longer consider that option.	Kenny
Encouragement of members to fish at loch	Kenny reconfirmed the farm side would soon be easily accessible again & that he would be posting a communication to members on the ADAA Closed Group FB as soon as possible. He also will be preparing an article for the June newsletter.	Kenny/ John S/ Matt H

8. Middle Drum

Item.	Discussion/ Action/s.	Responsible person/s for reporting/ action/s.
Middle Drum fishings	<p>Paul A reported on his discussions with the proprietor of the beat & the eventual arrangement agreed.</p> <p>Paul A also confirmed:</p> <p>That the former Ghillie was willing to continue doing grass cutting works there.</p> <p>That the proprietor had requested that the beat be used for Fishdee 24 on 23 & 24 June & that he had agreed to this, rods being booked off accordingly over the 2 days & evenings. That as part of the discussions he had agreed with the proprietor that at least one junior event be held on the beat.</p> <p>It was agreed Ash be the Convenor for the beat with Paul A remaining responsible for all communications with the proprietor.</p> <p>It was also agreed that for season 2024 April be added for evening sessions.</p> <p>There were also some discussions about the existing rules about the number of rods in pools & morning session times, & the relationship with the proprietor for the opposite beat. It was agreed to make no changes meantime & just see if any issues arise as the season progresses.</p>	Paul A/ Ash

9. Membership Development

Item.	Discussion/ Action/s.	Responsible person/s for reporting/ action/s.
Tracker	<p>The latest version was noted.</p> <p>Tracker items that were discussed in detail:</p>	Robert
Preparing a questionnaire to send to members via Survey Monkey	Robert & Paul T gave an update. It was agreed to launch the survey to the membership, Paul A to prepare the covering email.	Robert/ Paul T/ Paul A

<p>Photograph competition</p>	<p>This was launched early April via ADAA FB Closed Group. Some entries have already been received at photo@adaasales.co.uk</p> <p>The monthly winning photo will be decided by the judges early May.</p> <p>It was clarified that it & any other ones decided by judges will then be posted on the ADAA FB sites.</p> <p>It was also clarified that this was in addition to any proposals Management Development Sub Committee members had for encouraging members to post photos directly onto the ADAA Facebook sites.</p>	<p>Matt H/ Membership Sub Committee members.</p>
<p>Promotional Videos</p>	<p>Robert gave an update. It is anticipated the video for Parkhill will be filmed 15 & 16 May.</p> <p>The recording of John S narrating the script will take place separately.</p> <p>Decisions on potential future videos will be taken dependent on feedback on this initial one.</p>	<p>Robert</p> <p>All Management Committee members</p>
<p>Country shows</p>	<p>It was reported that the Association stand at the Farmers Market in the Bridge of Don, Aberdeen in March organised by Ash was popular.</p> <p>The next Farmers Market is 15 April.</p> <p>Ongoing actions to support future shows:</p> <p>Paul A is pursuing adding Ash to the land rover insurance.</p> <p>Robert is working with Ken Beaton finalising the Association banners.</p>	<p>Ash</p>
<p>Member Incentive Scheme</p>	<p>Kenny reported that he had recently been in communication with an ex-member who has now re-joined the Association but of the opinion he should not be eligible for the scheme as this was part of his role of being a Management Committee member.</p> <p>Paul A & Paul T reported similar such communications with persons who had joined.</p>	<p>Paul T</p>

	It was agreed that all Management Committee members be ineligible for the scheme, Paul T to update his scheme procedure/ guidance document accordingly.	
New members feedback Survey	<p>Robert & Paul T gave an update in response to a query by Ash.</p> <p>Paul T also restated that in the standard letter sent to all potential new members after they had paid the joining fee or submitted their DD documentation was the following:</p> <p>“It would also be helpful if you could advise what or who raised your interest in applying to join the Association. Please email the Secretary at secretary@adaasales.co.uk with these details.</p> <p>If it was an existing member, please provide their full name and membership number.”</p>	Robert/ Paul T
Non renewals survey	<p>Robert & Paul T gave an update.</p> <p>Paul A advised it was his experience that such a survey would not likely get a good response rate.</p>	Robert/ Paul T

10. June Newsletter

Item.	Discussion/ Action/s.	Responsible person/s for reporting/ action/s.
June Newsletter	<p>Items agreed:</p> <p>Loch- Kenny</p> <p>Membership Development- Robert</p> <p>Catches- Murray</p> <p>Upper Drum- Paul A</p>	John S

11. Correspondence

Item.	Discussion/ Action/s.	Responsible person/s for reporting/ action/s.
Valuation Notices	<p>Paul T reported these were received 27 March.</p> <p>He further reported:</p> <p>There were changes to the River Dee & River Ythan valuations but none for the River Don.</p>	Finance Sub Committee members

	That he sent a general email to the Grampian Assessor querying this on 1/4/23 but has received no response yet. That if the Association wish to appeal against any of these, we must submit a proposal by 31/7/23.	
River Restoration Walk & Talk at Glen Muick with the River Dee Team - April/May 2023	An email about this was circulated 4 April.	Matt H
Redd and Smolt Reports from 2022	An email about this was circulated 11 April. This was noted.	

12. Date of Next Meeting

Item.	Discussion/ Action/s.	Responsible person/s for reporting/ action/s.
Date of Next Meeting	Tuesday 2 May 2023, Venue Sportsman Club, 11 Queens Road, Aberdeen, AB15 4YL	

13. AOCB

Item.	Discussion/ Action/s.	Responsible person/s for reporting/ action/s.
River Fly training is on 18th and 22nd April	This was noted.	
Upper Stoneywood bank erosion	Paul T reported that Ken B was being proactive in seeking the owner of the bank but so far had been unsuccessful.	Ken B

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