

Minute of the 77TH year Annual General Meeting of the Association held in the Aberdeenshire Cricket Club, Morningside Road, Mannofield, AB10 7FB on Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 7.30pm.

Present: Paul Adderton, 58 members of the Association, and Edwin Third from the Dee District Salmon Fishery Board.

1. Welcome to the meeting.

The President welcomed members to the meeting who had managed to attend despite the difficult winter weather conditions.

He also was pleased to report that following numerous meetings with Aberdeen City Council Honorary President Alastair Hume, MBE has got an agreement that the land the bothy sits on will soon become the Associations.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Sandy Bremner, David Kindley, Arpad Kuffler, Ash Mckinnon, Alan Finn, Matt Hart, and John Walker.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the 76th year Annual General Meeting were posted on the Associations website and the link to them included in the AGM Notice:

[aqmminute23.pdf \(adaa.org.uk\)](#)

They were approved on the motion of Lewis Baxter, seconded by Graham George.

4. Matters Arising

The Secretary gave an update on the membership initiatives presented at the 2023 AGM by Management Committee member Ash Mckinnon.

5. Presidential Remarks

The President presented his annual report, key points from this are posted on the website:

<https://www.adaa.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/ADAA-AGM-2024-Presidential-Remarks.pdf>

He also expanded on some items that were in the Annual Newsletter that is also posted on the website:

[Newsletter-ONLINE-2024.pdf \(adaa.org.uk\)](#)

Also, Management Committee member Robert Paterson gave a presentation on the 2023 membership survey, new members, and leavers results, and answered related questions. This is posted on the website:

<https://www.adaa.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Members-Survey-presentation-for-AGM.pdf>

6.1 Amendments to Constitution.

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The Secretary reported that the Committee believes that in the best interests of running the Associations' affairs that the following recommended amendment is necessary:

Proposed change/s highlighted **yellow**:

11. Meeting

3. At all General Meetings, the Chairman, or if he be not present, the Vice-Chairman shall preside. **Thirty-five members (currently Fifty)** shall form a quorum.

Robert Paterson seconded by John Stephen proposed the recommendation be accepted. This was approved.

Item 6.2 Proposed amendment to Constitution:

The Secretary reported that the Committee believes that in the best interests of running the Associations' affairs that the following recommended amendment is necessary:

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4.0 Management

The Association shall be managed by a Committee consisting of a President, Vice- President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, and **twelve (currently fifteen)** Committeepersons, who shall form the "Committee of Management.

The Secretary and Treasurer shall hold office during the pleasure of the Association.

All other officers shall continue in office until the next Annual General Meeting, except that, of the Committee of **twelve (currently fifteen)**, only **four (currently five)** shall retire.

David Knowles seconded by Campbell Pert proposed the recommendation be accepted. This was approved.

7. Finance

The President vacated the chair, and the Secretary/ Treasurer temporarily took the chair for this item.

Referring to the Annual Accounts:

[2023 ADAA Accounts for signing - signed.pdf](#)

The Secretary/ Treasurer presented a report for accounting year 2022/2023.

Following a question about the bothy flood doors, he clarified that the cost was approximately £9000, but that would be reflected in the 2023/2024 accounts.

Following a question about the breakdown of maintenance costs per beat, he clarified that a record of this was kept & that Finance Sub Committee members & Management Committee members regularly monitored this.

The annual accounts were approved on the motion of John Stephen, seconded by Lewis Baxter.

8. Subscriptions

President Paul Adderton and Honorary President Alastair Hume MBE reported why Management Committee members were again recommending that the Senior Citizen subscription rate be 25% less than the Ordinary one.

Alastair Hume MBE recommended this be accepted, on the understanding that the change should be spread over two years to soften the effect.

Alastair Hume MBE seconded by David Knowles proposed the recommendation be accepted.

There were no other proposals.

Following a vote, a this was approved, 35 votes to 9 votes respectively.

Vice President Kenny Riddell proposed an £20 increase for Ordinary Members as per previous AGM decisions (2020, 2015, 2013), that they should be in line with the Retail Price Index (RPI). This was seconded by Murray Hourston.

Paul Adderton also clarified that for Senior Citizens this would be an £30 increase in line with the earlier decision.

There were no other proposals.

Following a vote, a this was approved, 45 votes to 1 vote respectively.

Vice President Kenny Riddell proposed an £5 increase for Junior members. This was seconded by Campbell Pert.

There were no other proposals.

Following a vote, a this was approved, 45 votes to 2 votes respectively.

9. Catch Returns Report for Season 2023

Management Committee member Murray Hourston presented his report:

[Aberdeen and District Angling Association \(adaa.org.uk\)](http://adaa.org.uk)

10. Election of Office Bearers

The President vacated the chair, and the Secretary/ Treasurer temporarily took the chair for this item.

Alastair Hume MBE seconded by Nicky Taylor proposed Paul Adderton for the post of President.

Paul Adderton seconded by Ernest Mackay Junior proposed Kenny Riddell for the post of Vice-President.

Being no further nominations Paul Adderton and Kenny Riddell, were elected.

There were no other nominations for the post/s of Secretary/ Treasurer Paul Toseland duly took on the posts again.

Committee elections

The Secretary/ Treasurer confirmed that under the Constitution, in line with the decision taken earlier, out of the 12 Management Committee members, 4 shall retire annually, in effect every Management Committee member should retire by rotation after 3 years.

Therefore, he reported & recommended to those present:

That Management Committee members in places 1 to 4 are due for re-election in 2024. All are vacant.

Also, John Dewar and Campbell Pert were co-opted onto the Committee in August & September 2023 & are willing to be elected.

There are 6 vacant places.

The Secretary/ Treasurer recommended that:

- That John Dewar and Campbell Pert be elected.
- That the vacancies are filled by seeking nominations at AGM tonight or it is remitted to the Committee to co-opt anyone else afterwards if they feel it necessary to do so.

Alastair Hume MBE seconded by Paul Adderton proposed the recommendation be accepted. This was approved.

Nominations from those present were sought. Paul Adderton seconded by Robert Paterson proposed Gerry Hough. This was approved.

11. Presentation about the Salmon Crisis and what we can do to save them.

Edwin Third from the Dee District Salmon Fishery Board gave an informative presentation about this and answered questions about it.

Edwin was thanked for doing this.

12. AOCB

Kenny Riddell reported that £371 had been raised in the raffle for charity. He and his two helpers, Izzie, and Zoey were thanked for organising this.

Kenny Riddell presented 2023 Senior Club Champion Ernest Mackay Junior the 2023 Senior Club Champion Trophy. Those present congratulated Ernest.

Keith Wilson queried why Beat Convenors did not make more use of volunteers. Maintenance Convenor Lewis Baxter reported that he had only been approached by two members, including Keith, willing to do this on a regular basis. He also outlined the current arrangements, highlighting the health and safety considerations that needed to take place.

Being No further business Paul Adderton closed the meeting.

A vote of thanks to the chairman was proposed.

ADAA Trophy	2023 Winner
POTS & FORDS	MIKE CORDINER
POTS & FORDS RUNNER UP	ERNEST MACKAY SENIOR
JEAN REYNOLDS TROPHY	KENNY RIDDELL
D R WILSON TROPHY	KENNY RIDDELL
MITCHELL SHIELD	ERNEST MACKAY SENIOR
PRESIDENTS TROPHY	ERNEST MACKAY SENIOR
JOHN CAMERON TROPHY	KENNY RIDDELL
SIMPSON PLAQUE	KENNY RIDDELL
MUNRO PLAQUE	RICHARD MCHATTIE
JORDAN CUP	ERNEST MACKAY JUNIOR
JIM & BETTY REYNOLDS YTHAN TROPHY	ERNEST MACKAY SENIOR
LAST FLING TROPHY	ERNEST MACKAY JUNIOR
SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	ERNEST MACKAY JUNIOR