

Minute of the 79TH year Annual General Meeting of the Association held in the Aberdeenshire Cricket Club, Morningside Road, Mannofield, AB10 7FB on Wednesday 14th January 2026 at 7.30pm.

Present: Paul Adderton, President, and 62 members of the Association.

1. Welcome to the meeting.

The President welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Kenny Riddell, John Stephen, Alan Finn, and George Boyne.

3. Roll of Honour

The President reported that Management Committee members were sadly aware that the following had passed away last season:

Alec Paterson, Honorary member, former Management Committee member.
Professor John Lewis, former Management Committee member.
Albert (Abbie) Greig, long term member.
Steve (Stevie) Walker, member.

Former long- term members:

Richard Walker, former Management Committee member.
George Copeland

Those present gave a moments silence in reflection.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the 78th year Annual General Meeting were posted on the Associations website and the link to them included in the AGM Notice:

[ABERDEEN & DISTRICT ANGLING ASSOCIATION](#)

They were approved on the motion of Ash Mckinnon, seconded by Lewis Baxter.

5. Matters Arising

None.

6. Presidential Remarks

The President expanded on the items that were in the Annual Newsletter that is posted on the website:

[ADAA-Newsletter-2026-FINAL.pdf](#)

He also reported that the lease for the River Don, Lower Parkhill North ends on 31 March 2026 and that members can fish the beat until that date.

He further reported that if anyone present was willing to volunteer to help out the Association after the meeting they should add their names and contact details to the list held with the Secretary/ Treasurer.

7. Finance

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

Referring to the Annual Accounts:

[ADAA-Final-Accounts-signed-for-web.pdf](#)

The Secretary/ Treasurer presented a report for accounting year 2024/2025.

There were no questions.

The annual accounts were approved on the motion of John Prescott, seconded by Iain Lindsay.

8. Subscriptions

The President reported Management Committee members recommended a minimum £15 increase for Ordinary Members on the basis of projected annual running costs and the RPI rate, and that this was in line with decisions by members at recent AGMs.

There then was a discussion about this.

Various questions were asked:

What are Annual Assessments?

It was clarified these were mandatory and Proprietors are required to pay these to the relevant Fishery Boards.

Note post meeting- The best guidance on this complicated matter can be found on the Argyll District Salmon Fishery Board: Your Levy Argyll District Salmon Fishery Board (dsfb.org.uk)
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Who decided the Senior Citizen eligibility criteria in respect of age?

It was clarified this was decided by members at a previous AGM.

Note post meeting- This was decided by members at the 2020 AGM:

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The President then called for any motions.

Stuart Yeats, seconded by Keith Wilson proposed that the annual subscription rate for ordinary members be increased by £15.

Alan Thow, seconded by Benny Smart proposed that the annual subscription rate remain as is.

A vote then took place, the results as below:

£15 increase- 48

No increase- 12

Abstentions- 2

Therefore the motion proposed by Stuart Yeats and seconded by Keith Wilson was carried.

In respect of Senior Citizens the President confirmed, in line with the decision taken at the 2024 AGM, that the Senior Citizen subscription rate be 25% less than the Ordinary one, on the understanding that the change should be spread over two years to soften the effect, will increase by £25.

Note post meeting- At the 2025 AGM it was reported that Management Committee members were concerned that such an increase for 2025 alone will be too much.

A £15 increase for Senior Citizen Members to take the percentage to 30%, was agreed.

9. Catch Returns Report for Season 2025

Management Committee member Murray Hourston gave a presentation about this and answered questions about it.

He undertook to provide details of unsuccessful salmon fishing effort to member Ernest Mackay Junior.

Murray was thanked again for doing this and his weekly catch returns reports on the Associations Facebook sites.

<https://www.adaa.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/CATCHES-2025-AGM26.pdf>

10. Election of Office Bearers

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

He confirmed that, as detailed in the Annual Newsletter, Paul Adderton has intimated that he intends standing down.

He also confirmed that Vice President Kenny Riddell has advised him that he would be unable to take on the role due to personal circumstances.

He asked if there were any nominations for anyone from those present. There were none.

Honorary President Alastair Hume MBE then reported that Paul Adderton had personally intimated to him that he would be willing to stand for another year if no one else was nominated.

He the proposed, seconded by John Dewar, Paul Adderton for the post of President.

Being no further nominations Paul Adderton was elected.

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

It was then clarified that under the Constitution up to two Vice Presidents could be elected.

There was some discussion about this, but no further nominations were received.

Being no further nominations Kenny Riddell, was elected.

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

Committee elections

The Secretary/ Treasurer confirmed that under the Constitution 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 and recommended to those present:

That places 9 to 12 due for re-election 2026.

They include Nicky Taylor and Murray Hourston who are all willing to be re-elected.

The Secretary/ Treasurer recommended that:

That Nicky Taylor and Murray Hourston be re-elected.

Also Angus Rutherford was co-opted onto the Management Committee March 2025 & is willing to be elected.

The Secretary/ Treasurer recommended that:

That Angus Rutherford be re-elected.

That there are currently **3** vacancies & 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.

He further reported that the following members had intimated prior to the meeting they were willing to be nominated:

Raymond Thomson and Keith Wilson.

Garry Bennett and Adrian Kukowski then intimated their willingness to be nominated at the meeting.

The Secretary/ Treasurer recommended that:

Raymond Thomson, Keith Wilson, and Gary Bennett be elected, and that Adrian Kukowski be co-opted.

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

10. Bothy Refurbishment Presentation.

Management Committee member John Dewar gave a presentation about this and answered questions about it.

In respect of the existing flood prevention doors he confirmed these had never been tested but that Management Committee members are confident they will prevent the bothy getting significantly affected by a flood.

John was thanked for doing this.

<https://www.adaa.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/AGM-Bothy-update-AGM26.pdf>

11. River Health Data Presentation.

Management Committee member Gerry Hough gave a presentation about this and answered questions about it.

Gerry was thanked for doing this.

<https://www.adaa.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/ADAA-River-Health-Update-AGM-Jan-2026.pdf>

12. Presentation of Club Championship.

In the absence of the 2025 Senior Club Champion Kenny Riddell the President presented Izzie Riddell with the 2025 Senior Club Champion Trophy on Kennys behalf. Those present showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

13. AOCB

Member Dave Cooper asked about what the Association were doing about Goosanders. The President outlined the Fishery Boards control licence arrangements and confirmed that he and another Committee member had control licences.

Member Graham George queried why he had received no reply to an email about his suggestion that the Association change the river seasons on its beats to be ended earlier then the statutory ones.

The Secretary/Treasurer clarified that all correspondence received is circulated to Management Committee members to decide on what to then do and that it was his recollection they had decided that this would be extremely unpopular with members and that no response was required.

Various members present suggested ways volunteers could be organised to help with recruitment and retention. The President confirmed Management Committee members will be considering this in detail.

Note post meeting- after the meeting Paul Adderton thanked Izzie and Lynn for organising the raffle in Kenny Riddell's absence. £454 had been raised in the raffle for charity.

A list of all those that kindly donated prizes is attached.

Being No further business Paul Adderton closed the meeting.

A vote of thanks to the chairman was proposed.

ADAA Trophy	2025 Winner
POTS & FORDS	ERNIE MACKAY SENIOR
POTS & FORDS RUNNER UP	KENNY RIDDELL
JEAN REYNOLDS TROPHY	KENNY RIDDELL
D R WILSON TROPHY	IAIN LINDSAY
MITCHELL SHIELD	KENNY RIDDELL
ARDOE HOUSE HOTEL & SPA TROPHY	ERNEST MACKAY JUNIOR
JOHN CAMERON TROPHY	ERNEST MACKAY JUNIOR
SIMPSON PLAQUE	MIKE CORDINER
MUNRO PLAQUE	KENNY RIDDELL
JORDAN CUP	MIKE CORDINER
JIM & BETTY REYNOLDS YTHAN TROPHY	NO WINNER
LAST FLING TROPHY	ERNEST MACKAY JUNIOR
SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	KENNY RIDDELL

**Aberdeen & District Angling Association
Annual AGM Raffle**

STAR PRIZES TICKETS £5.00

EACH

Prize Raffle

Donated By

**Dinner for 2 & Bottle Wine Worth £75.00
Ardo House Hotel & Spa**

**Selection of Salmon Flies worth £150.00
Somers Fishing Tackle**

**£75 Dinner Gift Voucher
For the Garlogie Inn
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**2-hour Salmon Casting lesson for 2 worth £150.00
TwinPeaks Fly Fishing**

**Full Days Trout Guiding with Kenny Riddell
On the River Don with Lunch Worth £100.00** **Kenny Riddell**

**Full Days Salmon Guiding
River Don at Grandhome Estate Worth £150.00** **Mel Thomson**

**Full Days Trout Guiding with Richard McHattie
On the River Don with Lunch Worth £100.00** **Richard McHattie**

Aberdeen & District Angling Association
Annual AGM Raffle

TICKETS PRICE £1.00 PER STRIP

Prize

Donated By

£20 On-Line Gift Voucher	FlyBox
4 Hour Trout Fishing Sesson	Raemoir
Trout Fishery	
Fly Tiers Tool Caddy	Aberdeen
& District AA	
£20 On-Line Gift Voucher	FlyBox
Bottle Feuerheerd's Red Wine	Isabella
Riddell	
Selection Weighted Nymphs	John
Stewart	
Snowbee Leader Wallet	Glasgow
Angling	
£20.00 Gift Voucher	Somers
Fishing Tackle	
4 Hour Trot Fishing Sesson	Raemoir
Trout Fishery	
Frankie McPhillips Irish Dubbing Box	Aberdeen
& District AA	
£10 On-Line Gift Voucher	FlyBox
Barrio Trout Line (Special)	Mike
Barrio	
Snowbee Net/Wader Bag	Glasgow
Angling	
Mug Warmer Set	Isabella
Riddell	

