

Lochaber Fisheries Trust Ltd
Minutes of AGM , 5th June 2009, Torlundy

Present

Viv de Fresnes (VdF), Chairman

Grace Henderson (GH), Vice-chairman

Sandy Grierson (SG), Treasurer

Barbara Collins (BC), Company Secretary

Simon Boulton (SB)

Diane Baum (DB)

Lucy Smith (LS)

Apologies

Donnie MacBeth

Minutes of Previous AGM

Minutes of the AGM on the 27th June 2008 were accepted with no matters arising

Chairman's Report

Lochaber Fisheries Trust has enjoyed another year of growth and consolidation building on the solid foundations provided by the continued hard work of Diane and Lucy.

Lochaber has been without a Regional Development Officer (RDO) since Tony Donnelly left at the beginning of the year, the Trust has picked up some of the work load with regard to post smolt sampling and fish farm site visits. It is vital that this work continues as we are starting to get some good data with regards to correlation of lice burdens between the farms and wild fish. To this end the Trust have submitted a proposal to the Scottish Government that we fulfil the role of RDO for Lochaber, whilst still supporting the need for RDO's in other regions. We feel there are now good lines of communication between all the major stakeholders in Lochaber and bringing another personality into the equation could possibly have negative results. There will be a meeting in June to try and reach an agreement to this effect.

A lot of work went into drawing up very good management plans for all the major catchments in Lochaber. It can be viewed on the RAFTS website, www.rafts.org.uk and it is well worth looking at.

Lucy has continued to work hard with the Salmon in the Classroom project over the past year which has included some of the more remote primary schools in Lochaber. There has been very positive feedback from the schools about this work. There are some outings planned for the children to see electro fishing in action and also take part in some invertebrate sampling. Thanks to the River Lochy Association for providing some of the salmon eggs for this project.

On behalf of all the Trust Directors I would like to thank Diane and Lucy for all their hard work over the past year, they are chiefly responsible for the healthy position the Trust now finds itself in.

Thanks also to Jon Gibb, clerk to the Lochaber District Salmon Fisheries Board, for his support and ensuring better communication between the Trust and the Board than has been the case for many years.

Thanks to all those who have given financial support, without which a lot of the work could not be done.

Election of Trust Officials

SG proposed VdF as chairman. GH seconded. VdF re-elected as chairman.

GH proposed BC as secretary. SB seconded. BC re-elected as company secretary.

BC proposed GH as vice-chairman. SG seconded. GH re-elected as vice-chairman.

Accounts

SG presented the Trust accounts. SG felt there was confusion caused by the RDO expenses being included with the main Trust accounts. Accounts were approved and signed off by VdF.

Adoption of Bankers

BC proposed RBS as bankers, SG seconded. RBS re-adopted as bankers.

Adoption of auditors

BC proposed Frame Kennedy & Forest as auditors. VdF seconded. Frame Kennedy & Forest re-adopted as auditors.