

**TAY DISTRICT SALMON FISHERIES BOARD**

**MINUTES FROM VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING held 9:30am Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December  
2020**

**Present:** Iain McLaren (Convener), Simon Furniss, David Godfrey, Claire Mercer Nairne, Steve Mannion, Bob Mason, Jim Perrett (Vice Convener), Alastair Riddell, Alex Stewart, Allister Wallace

**In Attendance:** Dr. David Summers (Fisheries Director), Inga MacGillivray (Clerk to the Board)

1. **Apologies:** David Brown, Tom Monaghan, Cllr. Andrew Parrott
2. **Declarations of Interest:** No interests were declared.
3. **Minutes from meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and Matters Arising**

**Broodstock Fishing**

DS explained that the broodstock fishing had gone reasonably well after a patchy start due to high water levels.

**Road Repairs:**

IMacG explained she would like another quote from a project manager

**ACTION: CMN to give Tayside Contracts details – actioned 8/12/20**

**Stocking Policy**

DS explained he had forwarded the Braan paper to all.

IMacG explained she had looked into possible funding for Braan project from Griffin Wind Farm and the options were micro grants up to £500 or a larger community grant from £500 to £25k but that this had stringent qualifying criteria.

4. **Financial Overview**

IMacG gave a brief financial overview stating that finances were in relatively good shape but pointing out the threats to this which were understaffing, high mileage vehicles and their maintenance costs and the threat of no more hatchery funding from John Apthorp.

5. **AOB**

**Opening Day**

DG asked if anything had been arranged for opening day and after a brief discussion it was decided CMN should organise a pared down event with perhaps the Provost in attendance, some media presence and an appearance by DS

**ACTION: CMN to organise pared down Opening Day**

### **Stocking Policy Consultation**

DS explained that Marine Scotland had issued invites to a consultation on stocking policy last week and given four days to submit any comments. Due to the AGM, he had asked for an extension until tomorrow which had been granted.

SM asked whether there was any merit in him looking into the alleged fact that the hermitage had been illegally blown up many years ago as protesters tried to stop the Duke building the folly. His reasoning was that this would have originally been an area where salmon could pass through before the illegal explosion.

**ACTION: SM to proceed with investigating what happened at the hermitage regarding salmon passage and report back to the Board.**

### **Board Election Recommendations**

The Convener asked whether everyone was happy with the recommendation of two lower and five upper proprietor members on the Board. All approved.

There was a general consensus that less cooptees would be desirable with the best number being between two and three.

CMN advised that it would be preferable to coopt people with professional skills, and JP suggested coopting people who actually knew something about the river.

(BM left the meeting)

### **6. TGA Legal proceedings and Grievance Procedure Update**

The matter was discussed at length with an action being agreed.

*The meeting was closed.*

*The next meeting has yet to be scheduled*