

MINUTES OF WRASFB ANNUAL PROPRIETORS' & PUBLIC MEETINGS

HARBOUR CENTRE, GAIRLOCH	PRESENT: Bill Whyte (BW) Chair Mark Williams (MW) Rosie Nicoll (RN) Peter Cunningham (PC) Peter Jarosz (PJ) Clerk	Philip Smith (PS) Donald Rice (DR)
DATE: 28 May 2014		
OPENED AT:14.00 CLOSED AT:17.30		

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Richard Munday, Stephen Bate, Jamie Crawford, Gordon Crawford, John Mackenzie and Hugh Whittle.

2. Comments

There were only four proprietors attending the annual meeting and no members of the public.

3. Accounts 2013-4

PJ reported that copies of the WRASFB accounts (2013-4) had been forwarded to all proprietors by email on 20th May 2014 for their perusal.

In the week between the accounts being sent out and the date of the annual meeting, there were no queries or questions from proprietors regarding the accounts.

PJ then talked through the contents of the accounts and asked for any questions or queries relating to the accounts.

Those present at the meeting did not raise any queries and pronounced their approval of the accounts.

4. Annual Report 2013-4

PJ reported to the meeting that copies of the WRASFB Annual Report (2013-4) had also been forwarded to all proprietors by email on 20th May 2014.

In the week between the Annual Reports being sent out and the date of the annual meeting, there had been a query from a proprietor regarding the statement, in the first paragraph of the report, that "*The WRASFB area was formed on the 24th December 2003 by a designation order which amalgamated the 10 existing District Salmon Fishery Boards of: Kennart, Ullapool, Broom, Little Broom, Guinard & Little Guinard, Ewe, Badachro & Kerry, Torridon, Balgay and Applecross.*"

The same proprietor had also queried the wording in the first sentence of the chairman's report – "*Following the triennial elections in November 2012, The Board found itself in a **position of financial difficulty.***"

BW explained to the meeting that, with regards to the first query, it will now be necessary to amend the statement recording the fact that it was the amalgamation of

three existing fishery boards and 7 district fisheries that formed the current Wester Ross Area Salmon Fishery Board.

On the subject of the second query regarding the statement of the board's financial position following the triennial elections of November 2012, BW gave a precise and detailed explanation of the financial situation following the November 2012 Triennial Elections up to the financial year end (31st March 2013). He further explained the board's approach to structured financial planning stating the reasons for the board to create and hold an agreed "contingency fund".

Those present agreed that the wording used in the first sentence of the chairman's report did, in fact, accurately described the financial situation referred to.

BW stated that both queries will need to be presented again to the board for their approval of the rewording of the first query and their decision regarding the second query.

BW then talked through the rest of the annual report and gave some background information on a number of the items from within the report.

All those present expressed their approval of the report and of the work that the board had achieved within the year.

PC gave a presentation of the scientific work that WRFT had done on behalf of the board in 2013-4.

MW requested a sight of the "Declaration of Interests" book that WRASFB holds for the board members to record any interests that might conflict (at particular times) with their duty as board members. He inspected the book and declared his approval of it.

Signed by the Clerk to the Board:



Dated: 01 June 2014