

**Minutes of a Meeting of
The Ythan District Salmon Fishery Board
held on 19th January 2021
by an online meeting due to Covid restrictions**

1. Present

C. Wolrige Gordon	Esslemont
P. Anderton	ADDA – Machar Pool
R. Coutts	Newburgh A.C.
M. Stewart	Haddo House Angling Club
J. Pirie	Ardlogie
A. Paterson	ADDA – Ardlethen & Methlick

2. In attendance

J. Urquhart	Dee District Fishery Board, Biologist and SLA Administrator
J. Kerr	Don District Salmon Fishery, Superintendent
A. Klopper	RYT Director
M. Andrew	Clerk to the Board

3. Election of Chairman

The new Board members elected C. I. Wolrige Gordon as Chairman of the Board unanimously.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the Board meeting held on 28th January, 2020 had been circulated and were unanimously approved.

5. Matters arising from the General meeting

The Board agreed with what had been discussed.

6. Rive Ythan Trust matters – request for financial assistance

It was agreed that the Board should continue to contribute to the work of the Trust in relation to the anticipated spraying of invasive species above Gight, at the Tarty burn and in the water of Cruden system. It was noted that part of this was being carried out through Karen Mullers' SISI project.

7. Accounts and setting the rates for 2021

The accounts which had been audited by Messrs. J.M. Taylor were approved.

The Clerk reported that due to successful appeals the overall rateable value of the District had fallen by nearly 15% and that it would therefore be necessary to increase the rate in the £ charged in order to maintain sufficient income to operate the Board by at least that percentage. The Clerk proposed an increase to £1.12 in the £ (which is a 15% uplift) and this was accepted and approved by the Board.

8. Any other competent business

None