

**TAY LIAISON COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD IN THE ROYAL DUNKELD HOTEL
ON TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2009.**

ATTENDEES.

Chairman	T Black, Crianlarich Angling Club.
Vice chairman	A Clark, Strathmore Angling Improvement Assoc.
Recorder	A Stewart, Killin Angling Club.
Secretary/Treasurer	R Stewart, Aberfeldy Angling Club.
Members	G McIntosh, Strathmore Angling Improvement Assoc. H Shearer, Glen Lyon Riparian Owners P Greig, Dunkeld and Birnam Angling Assoc. J Jeffrey, Stanley and District Angling Club. D Twigg, Loch Tay Users Assoc.

MINUTES

The chairman asked that the minutes of the meeting on 13 January 2009, be taken as read, this was adopted by A Stewart and seconded by A Clark.

MATTERS ARISING.

A Stewart stated that the old minutes on the web site have been removed and the new ones uploaded. A Stewart then spoke on the Tay Plan, which had been circulated, to board members but not to other organisation or to the general public. The secretary stated that he had neither received an acknowledgement nor reply to his letter dated 14.01.2009, to Dr Summers at TDSFB, regarding this matter.

The secretary stated that all management plans will shortly be published and can be found at <http://www.rafts.org.uk/projects/fisheriesmanagementplanning.asp>.

A Stewart asked for more photographs for the web site

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE AGM

The list of riparian owners, who have failed either to submit updated proposal forms or who have over a period of time have failed to submit annual returns, was discussed at some length. From an initial list of 31 separate beats the number was reduced to 5, who have done nothing to open up their fishing, after repeated attempts by the TLC to have them do so, and a further 6 or 7 who have as yet failed to submit forms.

After a lot of discussion and consideration, it was agreed that the secretary should prepare a letter for approval by the committee prior to it being sent to the few erring riparian owners concerned. The chairman expressed his thanks to all the clubs who had made efforts to have the matter resolved and for the work this had entailed.

SECRETARY'S UPDATE.

The secretary stated that he had received an email from Folko Boermans, the director for the BBC programme Landward, seeking contacts and fishing tales for a programme they are planning on the River Tay from its source at the Connonish Burn to its arrival at Dundee. After discussion it was agreed that the secretary email the BBC with information and contacts from the TLC.

The secretary then read a letter from East Loch Tay Angling Club, in which they state that they have supplied all the details of riparian ownership around the loch they could muster, but do not know who actually owns some of the frontage these days. The letter went on to state that they patrol their banks highly efficiently, and the fact that one angler in a boat held an ELTAC permit had nothing to do with him renting a boat from someone else. The letter also stated that they were working on a pike permit, although there are very few pike at their end of the loch.

The secretary stated that he had spoken to the chairman of ELTAC, Mark Bowler, who had informed him that they were a small club with few active members, who find it difficult to attend meetings in Dunkeld and it was suggested in the letter that the meetings be held in Kenmore. The secretary explained that transport could be arranged if required for their members to attend at Dunkeld. With the ELTAC chairman's agreement the secretary had contacted six of the riparian owners in their area with a view to have forms submitted. The matter of the pike permits was still on going. The secretary also stated that although the club patrol their waters none of their members have a current wardens card, therefore they do not have the powers under the Act. to carryout any duties under the legislation

The secretary stated he had received a letter from Dr. Richard Simpson, MSP, Mid Scotland and Fife, thanking the TLC for a copy of the Annual Report, and offering his support on any issues concerning the TLC.

It was proposed to hold a Wardens Training Session on Sunday 20 March 2009, at the Royal Dunkeld Hotel, subject to numbers wishing to attend.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer stated that there were no outstanding bills to be paid and we had a healthy bank balance.

The chairman stated that there was money available for improvements to habitat if required by any club or organisation.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

The secretary stated that a revised Constitution and Rules following the amendment made at the AGM were now to hand and anyone wishing a copy can have one on request.

D Twigg informed the meeting that the Loch Tay Users Association had now set up a web site www.highlandperthshire.co.uk

A Stewart spoke on the Lomond National Park's new policy of "Take your litter home", campaign In view of this Stirling Council have withdrawn their agreement to send a vehicle out to collect litter from the shores of Loch Tay. It was agreed that this was not a matter for TLC to get involved

in, but regretted the withdrawal of the service by Stirling Council.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Due to other commitments by members of the committee the next meeting will not be held until Tuesday 19 May 2009, at 7.30 p.m. in the Royal Dunkeld Hotel.