

**TAY LIAISON COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD IN THE ROYAL DUNKELD HOTEL
ON TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2008.**

ATTENDEES

Chairman D Mitchell, Perth and District Angling Assoc.
Secretary/Treasurer. R Stewart, Aberfeldy Angling Club.
Members D Twigg, Loch Tay Users Assoc.
S Tapley, Pike Anglers Assoc. for Scotland.
G McIntosh, Strathmore Angling Improvement Assoc.
P Greig, Dunkeld and Birnam Angling Assoc.
J Jeffreys, Stanley and District Angling Club.

APOLOGIES

A Stewart, A Clark, T Black and D Taylor.

The chairman noted that there were 7 voting members and 2 office bearers present.

MINUTES

The chairman asked that the minutes be taken as read, P Greig, DBAA stated that he did not consider the minutes to be a true and accurate record of the meeting on 25 November 2008, and did not reflect the proceedings of the meeting. He stated that many of the points he had raised at the meeting were either glossed over with "was discussed" or totally ignored, when in fact he had raised many points that should have been minuted in detail. The chairman at this point stated that the secretary did not do shorthand. The DBAA representative hastily rejected this out of hand.

P Greig then went on to list the following errors and omissions from the minutes.

He went on to explain that due to the failure of the TLC secretary to comply with a requirement and send out notification of committee meetings timeously, he had only received less than 24 hours notice of the last meeting and felt this was totally unacceptable procedure for the TLC.

P Greig further stated a comment was made in a letter to DBAA about poor attendance at TLC meetings by members of DBAA resulting in their failure to represent their riparian owners at TLC meetings. The letter went on to further state that if the matter of attendance was not resolved the TLC will contact the riparian owners regarding this matter. This letter was read to the meeting by its author, the secretary of TLC. The DBAA representative stated that the letter was grossly offensive and could result in DBAA taking legal action against the TLC if they lost any of their fishing as a result, and the matter was still under consideration. DBAA strongly objected to the tone of this letter and that DBAA had done all in its powers to have the leases renewed. (A copy of the original letter sent to DBAA is attached with these minutes).

Another point raised by DBAA representative, was whether it was the Secretary of State for Scotland or the TLC who had raised the requirements to have the leases up dated.

The chairman then asked P Greig if when the minutes were re- done would he be satisfied. P Greig stated that any further points might be raised when he saw the amended minutes. The secretary was then instructed to retype the minutes with fuller details of all the happenings at the meeting of 25 November 2008. **(All the points highlighted by P Greig have been included and explained in the revised minutes, which are attached)**

MATTER ARISING.

P Greig made reference to the “Black List” that the TLC were preparing of riparian owners who were to be reported to the Scottish Government. The secretary stated that no “Black List” or these terms had ever been used by the TLC. There was a list of owners who had failed to complete Up Dated Proposal Forms or submit Annual Returns and was being investigated by TLC to either have everyone comply with what was now a legal requirement or if they did not wish protection from the Order. He further stated that many owners were merely paying lip service to the Protection Order, but with blanket protection no longer an option it was felt that the TLC were legally bound to pursue the matter further..

P Greig stated that he had contacted Sir Gavin Lyall, but the riparian owner did not have map references or details of the original application. The secretary stated that he had posted a photocopy of the original Proposal to P Greig, with all that information on it.

P Greig stated that he had contacted Andrew Wood of Bidwells, who informed him that he had submitted a form to the TLC some 2 or 3 years prior to this and Andrew Woods, questioned if the TLC had lost the form. The secretary stated that about 2 or 3 years ago at the request of the then chairman of DBAA he had attended at Bidwells office in Perth and had a form completed in order that DBAA could arrange for Grayling permits to be sold by them for Murthly water. Following this signing the secretary gave the completed form to the then chairman of DBAA. The form at this time was merely to allow DBAA to have the authority to issue Grayling Permits. The completed form from DBAA in respect of Murthly fishing has never been submitted to TLC and the secretary had no knowledge of the whereabouts of the original form he had signed by Bidwells and given to the then chairman of DBAA

J Jeffrey, at this point stated that all that was wanted from DBAA was co-operation.

P Greig then stated that he had clarified that Murthly, Sir Gavin Lyall and the National Trust for Scotland, all wished to comply with the requirements of the Protection Order.

The chairman asked P Greig about the Braan. He was informed that all stretches of the River Braan managed by DBAA had forms signed. Other parts of the River Braan are still to be sorted. P Greig then asked about the Hilton Dunkeld Hotel, had the owners signed the form as they were of foreign extraction and did not reside in this country. If the hotel management had signed the form then why could DBAA not sign all their forms in place of the riparian owners? The secretary stated firstly it was the duty of the riparian owner to sign the form and state who had the control of the freshwater fishing if not by the owner. Secondly no form had been submitted in respect of Hilton Dunkeld Hotel. The chairman questioned this matter of who should sign the form where the owner was not in this country. The secretary suggested that he could contact David Dunkley at the Scottish Government on this matter. All agreed this.

J Jeffrey stated that the first lot of forms had been submitted to the TLC by the secretary of Stanley and District Angling Club but had not been received by the TLC. The second lot of forms submitted had, however been received by TLC. The originals of the first lot appear to have been lost and fresh forms are to be submitted.

SECRETARY’S UPDATE

The secretary stated that he had failed to make contact with either Scone Estate office in respect of Stormont Angling Club, but would keep trying. He also stated that he had tried to contact Patrick Steuart Fotheringham but without success.

Other matters in relation to annual returns from riparian owners who have not submitted Up Dated Proposal Forms were being followed up.

AGENDA AND MATTERS FOR THE AGM

P Greig pointed out that the AGM had been set for 17 February 2009, but in the Constitution and Rules of the TLC it clearly stated that the meeting was to be held prior to the 15 February. In view of this it was agreed that the date be changed to **Tuesday 10 February 2009.**

The list of the agenda was gone over and a general agreement was reached on its content. It was also agreed that the letter to all riparian owners should include a paragraph to the effect that any motion to be raised at the AGM should be made in writing to the secretary 21 days prior to the meeting. (this has been the practice in the past by the secretary)

WEB SITE UPDATE

Due to the absence of the recorder, due to ill health, the secretary stated that the web site was up and running and appeared to all right. The chairman stated that photographs were required and should be submitted as soon as possible.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

S Tapley suggested that a proposal be made at the AGM to have the date of the AGM changed from 15 February to read "prior to the end of February". After discussion it was agreed that this proposal be put forward at the AGM.

P Greig asked if the TLC had a treasurer, and if so who. It was pointed out that it was on the heading of all minutes. The chairman stated that the treasurer and secretary were held as a joint office. P Greig then asked if the treasurer was about to spring anything on the TLC at the AGM in relation to finance. The treasurer stated that the TLC had a healthy bank balance and were not in debt or any form of financial difficulties. P Greig then suggested that the treasurer should be held to make a monthly report in the minutes in order that everyone was aware of the financial standing of the TLC. This was agreed.

S Tapley asked if due to the change in the legal requirement to submit annual returns had there been an improvement. The secretary stated that there had not been any improvement and if any there had been a decline.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

The next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 January 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in the Royal Dunkeld Hotel.

Secretary's Note.

Please find a fuller and more detailed minutes for Tuesday 25 November 2008, attached with these minutes for the information of all TLC members, together with a copy of the letter sent to DBAA.