

**TAY LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE ROYAL DUNKELD HOTEL  
ON TUESDAY 21 JULY 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.	D Taylor, Crianlarich Angling Club. D Twigg, Loch Tay Users Assoc. G McIntosh, Strathmore Angling Improvement Assoc. A Ayre, The Grayling Society. P Greig, Dunkeld and Birnam Angling Assoc. J Jeffrey, Stanley and District Angling Club.

**APOLOGIES.**

R Shearer, S Tapley.

The chairman noted that there were 7 voting members and 4 office bearers present.

**MINUTES**

A Stewart pointed out that on page 1 the name Tony Allan should read James Booth. After this amendment the minutes were taken as read and adopted by A Stewart and seconded by D Taylor.

**MATTERS ARISING.**

The secretary stated that the recorded delivery letter sent to Scott Thain, owner of Weem fishing had been returned "Not Collected". The secretary elected to attempt to contact this riparian owner by telephone to obtain his view on whether he wished to remain within the PO.

The secretary stated he has sent a letter to Louise Donnelly at the Scottish Office, requesting clarification on the TLC proposal to have certain riparian owners not included in an amended PO. Subsequent to this he had received an email stating that Louise Donnelly would be in contact in the near future. It was agreed that this matter be left until the next meeting in August.

A Stewart spoke on the Tay Fisheries Management Plan, which was still ongoing, and stated that the Pike Anglers have submitted their views on the matter and urged organisations and individuals to do likewise.

**SECRETARY'S UPDATE.**

The secretary stated that he had resolved the complaint of the refusal by Edradynate Estate to sell trout permits to an angler. The fishery manager had previous dealings with the person and did not want to sell him a permit. The manager should have made this clear to the angler and not fobbed

him off with a silly reason, which was open to question. The matter has now been resolved.

The other complaint of no proper pike permits being available for East Loch Tay is still ongoing. Steve Tapley of the Pike Anglers for Scotland has taken over the matter and is in contact with East Loch Tay Angling Club in an effort to have the matter resolved, but is being denied access to their secretary. All that appears to be required is a properly worded pike anglers permit to be on sale from their outlets in the Kenmore area, and this information has been supplied to East Loch Tay Angling Club, some time ago by A Stewart, and complies with the requirements of both the Pike Anglers and the TLC.

## **TREASURE'S REPORT**

The treasurer stated that no bills were outstanding and there was a healthy bank balance. There is still funding available for grants if required, the usual criteria still exist.

## **WEB SITE**

A Stewart stated that he was having problems with the web site maps. A Ayre complained that the web site was not being fully updated. A Stewart stated that the web site had now been updated. The minutes will be up dated as and when they are ready to be included. At present links are free and some adverts are free at the committee's discretion, however he is to look into the matter of a nominal charge for advertising on our web site.

## **T.L.C. INPUT INTO THE TAY FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLAN**

This matter was discussed and it was agreed that there should be some input from the TLC.

## **ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

A Stewart raised THE MATTER OF THE western Catchment Project. Funding within the catchment area to be brought up to date in line with the 2009/10 report. The Biodiversity Management Report to cover the background and to where we are going. The bulk of this information can be obtained from the Scottish Native Woods web site at [victor.clements@scottishnativewoods.org.uk](mailto:victor.clements@scottishnativewoods.org.uk). Secretary to email proposed submissions by A Stewart and A Ayre.

A Stewart stated that the Fishing Forum for the National Park, the SNH and riparian owners are at loggerheads over methodology. West Loch Tay methods have been put forward for adoption as a possible source.

Hydro Power on the River Braan was raised. There are also 2 on the River Dochart and one on the River Fillan, being that it is green energy it is being given the go-ahead by the Scottish Government, however we should keep a watching brief on these hydro schemes, as they will affect fishing and habitat.

A Stewart proposed that the previous chairman's work for the TLC should be recognised by way of

a gift to him for his services. This was unanimously agreed and the secretary instructed to deal with the matter. It was agreed that a gift voucher for £80 be obtained from Malloch's Fishing Tackle Shop, Perth.

The chairman stated that the main reason for this meeting was to finalise and establish the way forward in relation to the alteration to the P.O., this had been achieved and hoped that everything would be up and running for submission by Monday 31 August 2009, to the Scottish Government.

The Angling For Youth Development was discussed, but in the absence of G. Humphrey, nothing further could be done, although a lot of interest was shown by the members present.

The secretary stated that at present there are no wardens with current cards within the Tay system, and urgent training sessions are required. All club secretaries should note this matter and have names of possible wardens with expired cards and new wardens made aware of a possible training session in the near future.

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

**The next committee meeting will be held in the Royal Dunkeld Hotel, Dunkeld, on Tuesday 25 August 2009.**