

**TAY LIAISON COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD IN THE ROYAL DUNKELD HOTEL
ON TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2008.**

**AMENDED AND MORE FULLER ACCOUNT OF THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING
FOLLOWING OBJECTIONS BY DBAA**

ATTENDEES

Chairman	D Mitchell, Perth and District Angling Assoc.
Secretary/ Treasurer.	R Stewart, Aberfeldy Angling Club.
Recorder	A Stewart, Killin Angling Club.
Members	H Shearer, Glen Lyon Riparian Owners P Greig, Dunkeld and Birnam Angling Assoc. D Twigg, Loch Tay Users Assoc. A Ayre, Grayling Society A B Clark, Strathmore Angling Improvement Assoc. G McIntosh, Strathmore Angling Improvement Assoc.

APOLOGIES

None.

The chairman noted that there were 8 voting members and 3 office bearers present.

The chairman at this point welcomed P. Greig, the vice chairman of Dunkeld and Birnam Angling Association, to the meeting as their representative on the TLC.

MINUTES

The chairman asked that the minutes be taken as read. This was adopted by A Clark and seconded by G McIntosh.

(The minutes sent out prior to this meeting were the wrong ones and the correct minutes are attached with these minutes)

MATTER ARISING.

P Greig, the vice chairman and representative of DBAA stated that he had not received notification of this meeting and felt it was incompetent of the TLC secretary that he only knew of the time and date of the meeting less than 24 hours of the meeting and had not received a copy of the minutes.

The TLC secretary stated that he could not send out notification to him as he only knew of his name and had not received any contact details from the then chairman of DBAA. The secretary went on to explain that he had received a letter from the then chairman of DBAA

dated 7 August 2008. In this letter amongst other things it stated that due to work commitments neither the chairman nor Martin Brooks, the secretary would be attending TLC meetings but that Peter Greig was to represent DBAA, and that their representative was recovering from an operation but would be able to attend the next meeting on 16 September 2008.

The letter went on to explain that forms from Bidwells and Sir Gavin Lyall were still awaited and hopefully they would be in their possession in the near future. The secretary stated that this letter could be produced if required.

Sets of minutes were forwarded to the then chairman and secretary of DBAA with details of the time, date and location of the next TLC meeting, it would appear that neither the then chairman nor secretary thought to pass this on to their new representative for his information.

The secretary further stated that on Saturday 22 November he contacted the then chairman of DBAA, only to be informed that he was no longer the chairman. When asked for details of P Greig the chairman stated he did not know them or the telephone number but would contact P Greig himself and let him know of the meeting on 25 November 2008.

P Greig then stated that a letter sent by the secretary of the TLC was grossly offensive and could be construed as libellous by DBAA. He went on to explain that comments in the letter referred to the lack of attendance at TLC meetings by DBAA members, and asked for clarification on this matter.

The secretary then read from a list prepared by A Ayre, of TLC meetings and the attendance figures for TLC meetings over a period of 4 years, showing out of a possible attendance at 34 meetings DBAA were represented at only 9 meetings. They were as follows.

TLC Meetings 2004/2005	DBAA attendances at a total of 9 meetings 1.
TLC Meetings 2005/2006	DBAA attendances at a total of 10 meetings 3
TLC Meetings 2006/2007	DBAA attendance at a total of 6 meetings 2
TLC Meetings 2007/2008	DBAA attendance at a total of 9 meetings 3

P Greig then went on to criticise the tone and content of the letter in so far as they were not having their riparian owners forms returned and that due to the lack of attendance by DBAA at TLC meetings the TLC proposed to contact their riparian owners informing them that by their lack of attendance they were failing to represent their interests at TLC meetings. If DBAA lost any of their fishing as a result of this they were considering taking legal action against the TLC and for the general offensive and derogatory content of the letter. P Greig further stated that DBAA wanted an apology from TLC secretary for the derogatory tone and defamatory contents of this letter.

(In view of this response the secretary is taking legal advise from the Scottish Government Legal Affairs Department)

P Greig stated that their club had received no response from Bidwells, or from Sir Gavin Lyle, Glendelvine. He further stated that he hoped to have these matters brought to hand soon. The lower Braan was discussed and it was believed to be the property of the National Trust. P Greig elected to look in to this matter.

The chairman asked if there had been any response from Stanley and District Angling Club or from Stormont Angling Club, but the secretary stated that he had written to both clubs but had received

no response. A Stewart asked if it was worth the secretary re-contacting these clubs again, also East Loch Tay Angling Club. The chairman agreed and the secretary was instructed to contact all three clubs.

A general discussion then took place on the lack of response from some riparian owners, which makes the TLC's work so much more difficult to carry out.

SECRETARY'S UP DATE

The secretary stated that the lower Farlyer beat of the River Tay had been sold and the new owners are happy and willing to comply with the PO.

The secretary stated he had received a return from Dundas Kerr, Balnacraig Farm, Fortingall, but from his records he had no Up Dated Proposal Form in respect of the water. The secretary elected to write to Mr. Kerr.

Annual returns were slow to come in and on the money side again it was low.

The secretary had attempted to contact Patrick Steuart-Fothringham, but without success. There was a meeting on 12 November, which Patrick Steuart-Fothringham and Michael Campbell of UTROA attended with the rafters but the outcome was not known.

The chairman asked if there had been any update from Patrick Steuart-Fothringham, the secretary stated there had not, but he would follow the matter up.

WEB SITE

A Stewart stated that the web site had been up dated and was now up and running, however he wanted more input and photographs from all clubs and riparian owners.

P Greig asked why there was an old set of minutes on the web. A Stewart stated that it was there to show what would be in. P Greig then asked if the minutes of this meeting would be on the site, **and why a very old set of minutes were being displayed.** He was informed that the previous set of minutes could only be put on the site, as they required to be adopted by the committee before they can be publicised. **The inclusion of an old set of minutes was merely to show space and what could be achieved.**

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

A Stewart stated that all the annual returns have now been sent out. He then asked if the committee agreed to Victor Clements of the Native Woods being asked to submit an article in the Annual Report on the Western Catchment Area. The committee unanimously agreed to this.

The secretary then asked if a date could be set for the AGM. After discussion it was agreed that the AGM be held on Tuesday 17 February 2009, in the Royal Dunkeld Hotel.

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2008, AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE ROYAL DUNKELD HOTEL, DUNKELD.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THESE ARE AN UPDATED VERSION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES AND THAT THE DATE OF THE AGM IS NOW AMENDED TO READ 15 FEBRUARY 2009 AND NOT AS STATED IN THESE MINUTES.