

**TAY LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE ROYAL DUNKELD HOTEL
ON TUESDAY 9 MAY 2006.**

The chairman noted that 7 members were present and 3 office bearers.

ATTENDEES

Chairman: D Mitchell, Perth and District Angling Assoc.
Secretary/Treasurer: R Stewart, Aberfeldy Angling Club.
Recorder: A Stewart, Killin Angling Club.
Members: G McIntosh, Strathmore Angling Improvement Association.
A B Clark, Strathmore Angling Improvement Association.
P S Fotheringham, Riparian Owners Representative.
A Ayre. Grayling Society.
D Twigg, Killin Angling Club.
J Jeffrey, Stanley and District Angling Club.

APOLOGIES

A Dewar.

MINUTES.

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

MATTERS ARISING.

A Clark raised the matter of fishing beats to be sorted by Perth and District Angling Association. There was nothing further on this subject.
J Jeffrey stated that he had spoken to A McTaggart and M Bowler regarding the fishing on East Loch Tay, which was now believed to be going through a difficult patch. The secretary was instructed to follow this matter up.

Secretary' Report.

The secretary reported that he had again sent a letter to D Campbell of East Loch Tay Angling Club, and again had not received an acknowledgement. The secretary had sent a letter to A Wood, as instructed, thanking him for his help in resolving the problems at Murthly and Strathbraan. The secretary stated that he had heard nothing from Glen Lyon. The secretary had received a letter from Dunkeld House Hotel relative to their fishing for trout, and that they were to reduce their prices from £15 to £5 for a day permit, and to fall in line with most other permit sales. The secretary stated that a meeting was to be held in June 2006, with the Access Forum in an effort to have the problems with rafters on the River Tay sorted out. The chairman stated that he would appreciate if a member of the TLC could attend this meeting. The secretary instructed to follow this matter up.

The secretary then read a letter from a Mr. Raper who complained of being over charged by Killin Angling Club in respect of the purchase of 2 permits. The secretary stated that after enquiry it was not clear if Mr. Raper purchased 2 two man permits or not. In an effort to have this clarified he had written to Mr. Raper, but to date had received no reply. The secretary also received a letter from a Mr. Kenneth Chew, who had purchased property on the shore of Loch Tay and wished help in organising permit sales. This matter was passed to the recorder, who had assisted the gentleman with his problems.

The chairman asked about the request from DBAA regarding their application for a grant for the improvement of the Inchewan Burn. The secretary stated that he had received a detailed report from

John Monteith and gave the committee a general synopsis of the report. After discussion it was agreed to give a grant of £500 to DBAA for this project. It was noted by the committee that despite their application no one from DBAA had seen fit to attend the meeting. The secretary was instructed to write to DBAA enclosing the cheque and to confirm that the riparian owners of both banks were in agreement and had given their permission to this project.

Up dated proposal forms were now to hand and the chairman instructed the secretary to write to all club secretaries enclosing sufficient new proposal forms as each club required. This was required to keep abreast of the updated legislation, the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003 in terms of the River Tay Protection Order. The secretary and the recorder to attend to this matter.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS.

D Twigg stated that he had been appointed as the Loch Tay Users Association representative, and as such had been asked if the TLC could give the Association financial support as they only had £800 in the bank. After some discussion it was agreed that the TLC should NOT fund the Loch Tay Users Association, but it was agreed that the TLC would pay £20 per year for affiliation to the association. The secretary was instructed to write to Dr. A Inglis on the matter.

A Stewart stated that he had contacted P Fishlock regarding the TLC taking over his web site. This was not a viable proposition as there were shareholders involved in his web site. The main reason for the proposal was that P. Fishlock's web site, in relation to the TLC, was years out of date.

A Stewart stated that it could be feasible for the TLC to set up and run its own web site.

The treasurer stated that between him and the recorder the project had been costed out. If the web site was to be set up by a web master the cost could be in the region of £5,000 to £6,000. If done by TLC members the cost would be about £2,540 with some additional minor expenses, which would be about half what a web master would charge. It was also pointed out that by advertising on the web site some form of income could be raised. After some discussion it was agreed and A Stewart put forward his proposal "That the TLC set up its own web site", A Clark seconded this. A vote on the proposal was taken by way of a show of hands. The result was FOR unanimous, AGAINST none. The proposal was duly accepted.

The chairman stated that photographs of beats were wanted for inclusion in the web pages but felt it would be in bad taste to have photographs showing dead fish. This was agreed.

J Jeffrey stated that he had attended a Tay Foundation meeting. He felt that the foundation was heading in the right direction but was mostly salmon orientated. They are looking to raise funds and are proposing an auction for next year and are looking for donations of fishing from clubs and riparian owners.

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 July 2006 at 7.30 p.m. in the Royal Dunkeld Hotel

A Ayre intimated his apologies for this meeting.