

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

ATTENDEES

Chairman	D Mitchell, Perth and District Angling Assoc.
Vice Chairman	T Black, Crianlarich Angling Club..
Recorder	A Stewart, Killin Angling Club.
Secretary/Treasurer	R Stewart, Aberfeldy Angling Club.
Members	G McIntosh, Strathmore Angling Improvement Assoc. A B Clark, Strathmore Angling Improvement Assoc. P Greig, Dunkeld and Birnam Angling Assoc. H Shearer, Glen Lyon Riparian Owners. Dr D Summers. Tay District Salmon Fisheries Board. D Taylor, Crianlarich Angling Club. D Twigg, Loch Tay Users Assoc. J Jeffreys, Stanley and District Angling Club. A Ayre, Grayling Society.

APOLOGIES

Ailsa Smith, David Fraser, J Wotherspoon, Mr W Ramsay, Mrs Ramsay, Mrs Ewer.

The chairman stated that there were 10 voting members present and 4 office bearers. He also expressed the committee's feelings at the poor turnout for the AGM.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

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

MATTERS ARISING

The chairman stated that the late Wing Commander Dowling had asked the committee that a representative from the Scottish Rural Property and Business Association be given a place on the committee and with voting powers. The committee had agreed to this in principal, subject to ratification at the AGM. After discussion on the matter it was agreed that the matter required further clarification due to the death of the Wing Commander, and the matter should be left to the committee to deal with on whether they should have the vote or not.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This report was taken as read.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

This was taken as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT

This was taken as read with no questions asked. The books having been audited by J Mowbray and from the information provided found to be correct.

RECORDER'S REPORT.

This was taken as read.

T Black proposed a vote of thanks for the work done in the preparation of these reports.

A Ayre stated that the report from the Western Catchment area had taken up quite a space in the Annual Report. A Stewart stated that he had attempted to restrict the report to 32 pages, which at times was quite difficult, however the Western Catchment report would not be in next year report as the work would be all completed before then, and this was a one off.

PROPOSAL BY THE TAY LIAISON COMMITTEE

The chairman raised the proposal put before the AGM by the committee that the date for the Annual General Meeting be altered in the Constitution and Rules of the Tay Liaison Committee, from where it reads at page 2 **“The AGM shall be held each year in February no later than the 15th of the month”**. This should now read **“The AGM shall be held each year no later than the last day of February”**.

The entire members present, without alteration or amendment, ratified this proposal

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS.

The chairman asked that the proposal ratified at last years AGM be dealt with. The proposal to have the Protection Order amended to not include those riparian owners who have failed to comply with the requirements of the Act, should be reported to the Scottish Government.

A Lengthy discussion ensue on a list which comprised 31 beats on the River Tay where the riparian owners had either failed to submit Updated Proposal Form or failed to submit Annual Returns, in some cases both. After over two years of work by the members to gather this information many riparian owners have failed to comply. In an effort to finalise the matter the TLC are to have all angling clubs make a final effort to resolve the matter, thereafter a letter will be sent to those erring riparian owners and if they do not respond within a limited time scale the matter will be forwarded to the Scottish Government, for action. After a lengthy discussion on the matter and the list gone over in great detail it was left to the next meeting for the committee to deal with

The matter of Gyrodactylus Salaris was raised by the secretary who quoted an instance where a fishery owner had found canoeists about to enter the water with canoes, which had recently been in the waters of Norway. This emphasised the need for awareness not only of fishing tackle but other

sources of infection as well. Dr D Summers stated that a wash with a salted water solution would remove any infection, but care should be taken with the inside of canoes as well as the outside. A general discussion then took place on the various aspects of the disease

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

CHAIRMAN

The chairman stated that he had served as chairman for some 7 years and felt it was time for him to stand down. The committee expressed their sincere thanks for the time and effort he had given before and during his term as chairman.

The secretary proposed the vice chairman T Black as chairman. The recorder seconded this. There being no other nomination T Black was duly elected as chairman of the TLC.

VICE CHAIRMAN

The secretary proposed A B Clark as vice chairman, J Jeffreys seconded this. There being no other nominations A B Clark was duly elected as vice chairman of the TLC.

The post of **secretary** and **treasurer** and that of **recorder** were retained by the incumbents and no other nominations were made.

There being no other business the meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to the outgoing chairman

The next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 March 2009 in the Royal Dunkeld Hotel at 7.30 p.m.

THE NEXT AGM WILL BE HELD IN FEBRUARY 2010 AT A DATE AND TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED.