

**MINUTES OF THE BRORA DISTRICT SALMON FISHERY BOARD  
Proprietors meeting**

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**Held at Sunrise House, Brora  
On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 11am**

<b>Present</b>		<b>In Attendance</b>	
The Earl Cadogan, (Lower Brora North Bank)	LC	Neil Wright (Clerk to the Board)	NW
Mrs Angela Tyser, (Upper Brora & Loch Brora)	AT	Martin Livings (Head Bailiff)	ML
Martin Janson (Lower Brora South Bank & Loch Brora)	MJ		

<b>1</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	<b>Action</b>
	None	
<b>2</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019</b>	
	LC welcomed all attendees. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as being an accurate reflection of the previous meeting and they were approved by the Board. LC noted that there are now fishing rules in all the lunch huts.	
<b>3</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	
	To be dealt with during the meeting.	
<b>4</b>	<b>FINANCE UPDATE</b>	
	<p>NW ran over the financial year accounts.</p> <p>Board income was £99,329 which is made up of assessments and strimming income, there was no government contract work for the financial year.</p> <p>Total expenditure amounted to £102,508, this included a larger than normal professional cost as the last of Dr Jon Watts survey work completed, this was expected expenditure. The total loss for the year was £7,838 with £30,000 in the bank.</p> <p>The Board discussed that an Argo would be useful for carrying out survey work, due to the topography of the river there isn't very good access to the head water, and an Argo is useful for getting equipment out. The Board agreed to look at buying an Argo. The Boards 4x4 truck will also need to be replaced in the next year.</p>	

<b>5</b>	<b>HEAD BAILIFFS REPORT</b>	
	<p>ML ran through his Bailiffs report and commented that he had met with the local canoe club to discuss concerns about spawning fish and reds. ML has spent time with the club and this appears to have been a worthwhile exercise for all parties.</p> <p>ML noted that there were 34 bailiffing incidents in 2021.</p> <p>The local rod casting day worked very well and it was attended by juniors and seniors, with the aim to encourage more youngsters in to fishing. The rod sharing for juniors has worked well and a number of fishing rods are out on loan.</p> <p>ML suggested that he would like to do more in the local community and was open to suggestions from the Board and the community. ML suggested that the proprietors might be willing to allow some mid-season fishing to encourage junior anglers and this would be assisted by the local angling clubs.</p> <p>ML commented that larger fish appear to be on the move and the smolt run has started. Around 250 fish were caught last year but it was a dry year with water arriving on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September.</p> <p>The storage room has been a great success and allows for equipment to be storage safely and for meetings when required.</p> <p>Jory has now been employed as the second bailiff.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<b>CONSERVATION POLICY</b>	
	<p>The Board discussed changing the closed period for taking salmon from April until June, the Board agreed to make the change for 2023.</p> <p>It was hoped that work on Dr Jons proposals might start on the ground in 2023, more management work would be required to start the process, including forestry advice and management. The Board agreed to make the necessary expenditure from the reserves held.</p>	
<b>10</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	
	Date of the next meeting is to be the 11 <sup>th</sup> of August 2022 (TBC)	