

<p>Action required by:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Extracts of The River Don Trust Ltd June Minutes</p> <p>Meeting of Directors held at the Old Estate Office, Cluny, Aberdeenshire on May 16th 2010 at 7pm.</p> <p>Present:- I Morrison (Chairman), R Fyffe, S A M Martin, , R Dey, A Wallace, D McKay. Also in attendance, D. Gordon (Trust River Manager) & J Urquhart (Trust Biologist)</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Declaration <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Chairman reminded the Directors/Trustees of their responsibilities to the Charity and to state whether they had any declarable interests in agenda items. 2. Apologies:- NA 3. The Minute of the meeting of March 17th was agreed with notes as follows. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JU to prepare and post GS guidance to all trout fisheries within the catchment. • DG to forward conservation code information from other areas to RF. assist in the preparation of a Brown Trout Conservation Code • JU informed the directors that contact had been made with BAA and that RDT were awaiting a report from BAA on this year's surveys before proceeding further. IM suggested presenting to BAA exec's • IM informed all that Action Plan meeting on 15/06/10 was successful with Jim Kerr, JU DG and IM in attendance. • DG informed all that the Web shop is currently too expensive a venture for the Trust but he will monitor situation. • DG informed all that ????????? has agreed in principal to be a Patron for the River Don Trust, but things still need to be confirmed in writing b. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DG informed all directors that appraisal with JU was completed and thanked JU for work done over the past year in post. • JU thanked all directors for guidance and support and reminded them that they were all welcome to view a paper copy of the appraisal notes and list of achievements. 4. Biologist Update: (JU) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. SEPA restoration fund application & discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JU informed directors that he and RD were leading the project to remove obstacles through the SEPA Restoration fund and were awaiting confirmation on 24th of June re. Funding. RD/JU to inform b. EF kit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JU informed all that the EF kit had arrived and that it was in working order, the anode length will need to be altered but other than that

JU was pleased with the kit.

c. Biosecurity

i. Update on AWPR

- Transfer of coordination of the AWPR Giant Hogweed project has been negotiated. Currently AWPR funding is on hold but discussions suggest that the project can be altered to suit RDT requirements.

ii. Update on RAFTS/UNI mink project

- RDT's support for the project has been acknowledged and it has been confirmed that a PO will be located in the RDT office at Cluny.
- JU suggested that Chris Horril Bio Security Officer for RAFTS and Prof Xavier Lambin (Aberdeen Uni Mink Project Manager) meet with all directors in order to discuss the forthcoming project. JU to arrange meeting

iii. Update on CNP

- Discussions with Cairngorm National Park have been ongoing regarding funding for the invasive plant species monitoring within the CNP boundary.

d. PR event SITC STV news item

- JU informed directors that the recent STV news item was very successful and good feedback had been received.

e. Trust Clothing logos etc

- JU showed directors RDT clothing made by Goldcrest, Blackburn.
- IM suggested that any further orders for clothing from directors be made through him.

f. Genetics update

- SAM updated all on the genetics project and confirmed to all that the project was currently limited by the markers used but the general picture was of a healthy stock. The Don is currently in a position of good genetic diversity but lacking differentiation between stocks sampled (possibly due to markers used), with some areas of high family effects due possibly to historical stocking.

g. Hatchery Protocols, location, brood stock collection & release

- SAM updated all on the progress he and JU had made in developing a hatchery/stocking protocol document.
- Document to be passed to JMG by IM

h. Developments; Update on Urie

- JU confirmed that the current development is still in the planning stage until late summer.

5. Outstanding Business

- IM confirmed that he was in the process of completing the Annual Report

a & b. Don mills abstraction & Third Don crossing

- RD updated all on situation regarding the Donside Mills application.
- IM suggested that RDT only act upon developments like these at the request of the Don DSFB. IM to notify GA.
- IM brought up the RDT policy document on Renewables and asked for agreement.
- SAM suggested that the term biodiversity be included in relation to fresh water pearl mussels rather than it being specifically freshwater fish.
- All were in agreement, JU to amend document

6. JMG Update

- IM confirmed that the Action Plan document was produce in agreement with JK, JU, IM and DG and document would be passed to JMG to be implemented.

7. AGM

- IM confirmed that another meeting was required prior to AGM to make suitable arrangements.
- AW enquired if the RDT accounts would be available in time for AGM, RD confirmed that they would.
- Date to be confirmed

8. Financial update

a. Financial position

RD confirmed that the deadline for all audits was met and accounts are being prepared.

b. Year end statement

IM discussed year end statement, no comments made

9. Publicity

a. Strategy- to discuss

- IM suggested that a PR strategy is prepared to facilitate best use of resources.
- DM confirmed that the P&J/Evening Express would be able to run regular articles on the RDT activities.
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- DM suggested that he developed a publicity strategy with IM
- All agreed

b. Aberdeenshire Council Presentation

- DG/IM informed all that the meeting was successful and funding streams have been made apparent of the back of this meeting.
- JU to prepare funding applications

10. Don Open Day --Review

- IM thanked RF for all his efforts in preparation for the Open Day.
- RF informed all that feedback for the event was positive with notes of appreciation from Paul Procter, Jim Fearn, Richard Tong
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- IM suggested that a PR strand is developed for potential events for next year. DM/IM to prepare

11. AOCB

- RD suggested that the Trust implement a competition for next year's SITC programme for the best artwork with the winning school receiving a digital camera. All were in agreement.
- IM confirmed with all directors that it would be suitable to put an excerpt of the minutes on the website. All were in agreement.
- DG informed all of a potential volunteer, JU to follow up.
- JU explained that the images for the Trust office would be arriving shortly from artist Paul Woodburn
- DM explained the potential to use images from his work for RDT purposes. DM to follow up

There being no further business the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair Iain Morrison