

Fisheries Management Scotland

1st Board Meeting



Minutes

3 April 2018

Directors present

Alister Jack (Chairman)

Alison Baker

Mark Bilsby

Roger Brook

Douglas Dobie

Alasdair Laing

Simon McKelvey

Mary Nicholson

David Summers

Bill Whyte

In attendance

Alan Wells, Chief Executive

Brian Davidson, Director of Communications & Administration

Apologies for absence

Chris Conroy

Brian Doran

1. Register of Interests

No updates to members' entries have been necessary.

2. Report on incorporation

BD reported that Fisheries Management Scotland was incorporated on 29 January 2018 and that all Directors of the Company should have received their appointment papers. Online filing for the company business is in the process of being set up to keep the administration efficient. Banking options are under consideration, and it was agreed that the current banking with RBS would be maintained in the short term for convenience in collecting subscriptions etc. during the first quarter. Thereafter, all funds would be transferred to a new current account provider, with separate accounts held for project funds and operating reserves. The staff were asked to investigate options with other providers and take the process forward.

3. Directors, registered office address & resolutions

AJ noted the following items approved by motions of the members at the Fisheries Management Scotland general meeting held at the Birnam Institute on 10 November 2017: -

- That a company limited by guarantee be established to be called 'Fisheries Management Scotland' using the approved constitution and the existing board members.
- That business be transferred from the unincorporated association to the new company in return for the grant of an indemnity by the Board to the membership.

That the new company adopt the approved Rules.

AJ reported the incorporation of a company limited by guarantee and called 'Fisheries Management Scotland' and produced a certificate of incorporation under number 587127 and a copy of the articles of association and memorandum of association as registered at Companies House. AJ confirmed that the constitution of the new company was identical to that approved by the membership of Fisheries Management Scotland (unincorporated) at the General Meeting held on 10 November 2017.

AJ reported that on incorporation:

- The following were named and had agreed to act as the first directors of the company: - Alison Baker, Mark Bilsby, Roger Brook, Christopher Conroy, Douglas Dobie, Brian Doran, Alister Jack, Alasdair Laing, Simon McKelvey, Mary Nicholson, David Summers and William Whyte.
- The registered office of the new company is: - 11 Rutland Square, Edinburgh EH1 2AS

It was resolved under article 57 to appoint AJ as Chair.

It was resolved under article 86 that the enclosed document entitled Fisheries Management Scotland Financial Protocols v.1 be adopted.

It was resolved under article 87 that Brian Davidson be appointed as company secretary.

It was resolved that Company should make up its accounts to 31 December each year and the company secretary was instructed to deliver to the Register of Companies particulars of this date as the accounting reference date of the Company.

It was resolved under article 97 to adopt the Rules as approved by the General Meeting of the unincorporated association of Fisheries Management Scotland on 10 November 2017.

It was resolved that the company be known as Fisheries Management Scotland.

It was resolved that the company should take over the business of the unincorporated association of Fisheries Management Scotland as from 3 April 2018.

It was resolved that the company grant an indemnity to the members of the unincorporated association of Fisheries Management Scotland for all losses, claims or liability arising directly out of their membership of the association.

The resolutions were proposed by Alison Baker and seconded by David Summers.

4. Fisheries Management Scotland membership

The Board discussed the merits of wider membership within Fisheries Management Scotland, recognising that the drivers behind the original formation had now changed, and a long-term solution was now required. It was noted that there is flexibility within the articles to represent other organisations (charities) whose charitable purpose supports the objects of the company (in whole or in part). It was also noted that MB's imminent move from the River Dee will trigger a vacancy for a DSFB-elected member for the Board. It was agreed that it would be helpful to clarify the scope for widening the overall membership of Fisheries Management Scotland, how skills and expertise could be co-opted onto the Fisheries Management Scotland Board and how best to deal with vacancies. Advice from the Fisheries Management Scotland legal adviser will be sought.

ACTION: AWE/BD

5. Aquaculture funding

AW reported on the most recent discussions with the SSPO. Both he and MB had been invited to the SSPO Board meeting in January, but due to weather issues, attendance in person was not possible and both contributed via teleconference. Discussions focussed on the governance of any future funding. It was advised that SSPO has a new CEO (Julie Hesketh-Laird) and AW will seek to meet JH-L and Ben Hadfield (CEO Marine Harvest) soon. **ACTION: AW**

6. Wild Fisheries Reform

AW reported on the Stakeholder Reference Group which met the previous week. The Group focussed on the recently announced funding package and some reform matters. It is still proposed to introduce a bill, which is likely in year 3 (2018/19) or year 4 (2019/20) but this is dependent on Brexit etc. Wider reform matters include protection orders and wider species conservation, inshore gill netting regulation, wider commercial salmon netting and tagging work results. Consultations are likely to be developed to seek views on gill netting inshore and pike conservation measures.

The funding package announced previously will include support for a national programme of juvenile electrofishing (200K + 150K additional support from SEPA/SNH). The package will also include support for west coast sweep netting surveys, genetic introgression work across Scotland and various tracking studies.

7. Angling development

AW reported on recent meetings with Countryside Learning Scotland (Ian Robertson) to create a Scottish Angling National Development Scheme. The proposal is to create and develop a national structure and plan through Fisheries Management Scotland and the member network. This would not replace any existing initiatives, but rather create a national framework to better co-ordinate and deliver support to local initiatives. It is likely that there will be funding from Marine Scotland to support this. The Board were in support of this initiative.

8. AOB

None

9. Date of next meeting

It was agreed to reschedule the next meeting from 29 June to 22 June (11.30, Edinburgh)