

EAST LOTHIAN ANGLING ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 25th JANUARY 2016
IN THE TOWN HOUSE, HADDINGTON

- 1) **Apologies:-** A Love -Rodgers
- 2) **Present** – 28 present
- 3) **President’s Welcome** Vice-President Clive Baker welcomed those present to the meeting and explained that he would be chairing the meeting as the Association’s President, Scott McIntosh, had resigned for personal reasons. He also welcomed Alison Baker and the bailiffs who were attending the meeting.
- 4) **Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting** held on Monday 26th January 2015. These had been distributed. Their acceptance was proposed by David Elder and seconded by Tom Robertson.
- 5) **Matters arising from previous Minutes** – None
- 6) **Review of the Past Year.** Clive Baker gave a review of the activities of the Association over the past year. Many of the items had been highlighted in the Newsletter but Clive expanded on some of them. The committee had examined it’s stocking policy and had agreed to cease stocking the river.
The Association was now actively supporting the bailiffs and it was involving itself in youth education by it’s stand at the Haddington Show and the Trout in the Classroom project.

Newsletter. Clive was thanked for producing another interesting Newsletter again this year.
- 7) **Treasurer’s Report** – John Medley went through the Accounts for the year to 31st December 2015. The number of permits sold was slightly up on the previous year, and there had been an overall profit of £1987. The Association was still looking at ways to reduce costs particularly at reducing postage costs by increasing the use of email where ever possible.

The adoption of the Treasurer's report was proposed by Chris Thomas and seconded by Stan Wilson.
- 8) **Logbooks and Catch Returns** – Nick Main presented the statistics from the logbooks kept by some of the Committee members. The year had been poor

because of the cold and windy spring and cold and dry summer bringing low river levels. This resulted in lower total catch figures and catch per trip figures than in the previous year.

Catch Returns. Steven Dora reported that the Catch Returns, received from only 56 members, showed that they had caught 875 brown trout, 6 sea trout and no salmon. All catch figures were down on the previous year.

Nick and Steven were thanked for their reports.

9) Stocking Policy The Committee had been looking into the advantages and disadvantages of stocking and had come to the view that the Association should discontinue the practice of stocking the river. This decision had been explained in the Newsletter and on Facebook and there had been no strong views in favor of continuing to stock. The river would therefore no longer be stocked.

10) Election of Office-bearers. Chris Thomas was elected as President (proposed by Clive Baker and seconded by Tom Robertson) Clive Baker was re-elected as Vice-President (proposed by Chris Thomas and seconded by John Medley).

11) Election of Committee.

The Secretary explained that 8 committee members had completed their four year term of office. Seven of these namely N Main, G Cusden, J Medley, S Wilson, A Irving, A Love-Rodgers and T Robertson had all said that they were willing to stand again for re-election. The secretary explained that even if these seven were re-elected there were still a further 5 vacancies on the committee to be filled.

The re-election of the existing 7 committee members was proposed by Sam Mutters and seconded by Steven Dora.

There were no nominations for the other five vacancies on the committee.

12) Permit Prices – The Committee had discussed the price of permits for the 2016 season and recommended that the permit prices should stay the same as for 2015 ie for the Full permit £35, Junior £17, OAP £22, and Day Permits £8. However the Under 12 would now be free but they would have to hold a permit.

The voucher given to members sending in a Catch Returns having purchased a Full, OAP, or Junior permit would remain at £5. This was agreed by the meeting.

The acceptance of the suggested permit prices was proposed by Steven Dora and seconded by Sam Mutters.

13) A.O.C.B. None

14) Date of next Annual General Meeting - Monday 23th January 2017

15) Speaker:- Alison Baker of the Forth District Salmon Fisheries Board and Trust gave a very informative presentation on the work of the Board and Trust and how they are involved with Associations like the ELAA. She also gave an over view of legislation changes that are coming in including the prohibition of the killing of salmon which will apply to the River Tyne.

