



# CRAMOND ANGLING CLUB

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> November 2010

<b>Chairman</b>	Hamish Barrie (HB)
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	Millar Haxton Laing (MH-L)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Fen Howieson (FH)
<b>Secretary</b>	Mike Harle (MH)
<b>Outings Secretary</b>	Adam Cross (AC)

**Present:**

Office Bearers: All present as above  
Committee Members: Mark Roccio, Calum McRoberts, Jim Madden, Wan Mahamond, Alison Brooks  
  
Club Members: 11 ordinary members  
Venue: Cramond Boat Club

The meeting opened at 19.40 at the Cramond Boat Club.

The following information was available to all present:

- Agenda for AGM 2010
- Minutes from AGM 2009
- Annual Accounts 2009
- Signed Audited Accounts 2009
- Catch Return data
- Proposed changes to the constitution

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Chairman opened the meeting</b> Due to late attendance of Chairman, the AGM was opened by the Secretary.	
1.1	Confirmation of the Minutes of AGM 2009 The Minutes were accepted. (Proposer- FH, seconded – Jim Madden)	
1.2	Audited Accounts for 2009. The accounts were accepted. (Proposer – Jim Madden, seconded – Calum McRoberts)	
1.3	Trophy Presentation. Bill Thomson Junior Trophy – Cameron Cross Hinshelwood Trophy Trout River Competition – Millar Haxton Laing. Tam Kerr Trophy held at Loch Venacher (Brown Trout only venue). No fish were caught. Trophy to remain with last year's winner (Adam Cross).	
<b>2</b>	<b>Vice-Chairman's Report</b>	
2.1	It had been an exceptional year for the River with catches up, more members regularly fishing and having success.	
2.2	Work Parties has been organized throughout the year (3rd Sunday in the Month). Work to keep Beat 3 open had been difficult due to overgrown vegetation. Consideration required for better machinery and/ or manpower to tackle the issue effectively to keep paths open all through the season.	
2.3	Works were undertaken to Willow Island to control erosion and this needs to be monitored and works repeated seasonally.	

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- 2.4 Stones were moved at Cammo Flats to provide better lies for fish and improvement was almost instantaneous.
- 2.5 Both Dowies Weir and the Waterfall were cleared a number of times as well as the fish ladders monitored and cleared as required.
- 2.6 The Grotto Woods had been cleared regularly as they have become a target for campers and evening revelers. Ian Henshaw had cleared a lot of rubbish throughout the season on the river as well as his work on the Cramond Foreshore. Fen Howieson has removed more than 65 black bin bags of rubbish from the river and banks during the year.
- 2.7 Whilst the majority of the rubbish left was not directly the responsibility of the club, monofilament had been left near the Waterfall in particular and this reflected badly on the Club. Members to dispose of all rubbish properly. Better education of the members required.
- 2.8 Kick sampling had continued, with Alison Brooks taking over from Pete Hill. Demonstrations had also been given to visiting anglers including the visit from Linlithgow Academy.
- 2.9 The day with pupils from Linlithgow Academy had been a great success and further days with other school pupils to be arranged in the coming season.
- 2.10 Open evenings had been arranged for those new to the river or new to fishing and these had been very successful and are to be repeated next season.
- 2.11 A fly tying evening had also been arranged which had been well attended. Further evenings would be arranged.
- 2.12 It had been very encouraging to see new members actively getting involved in work parties and other organised events.

### **3 Chairman's Report**

- 3.1 Apologies for lateness.
- 3.2 Due to other commitments, the chairman had been less involved, but that the committee had been doing good works.
- 3.3 The Chairman confirmed that he would be standing down and wished the new committee success in the coming year and thanked the existing committee.

### **4 Treasurer's Report**

- 4.1 Annual Accounts 2010 show a surplus of £2,277.84 however there are still fees to be paid to the Crown (likely approx £350.00)
- 4.2 Day ticket sales have gone up - £795.00 up from £717.00 in 2009.
- 4.3 Season ticket sales are down - £4,435.00 down from £5,395.00 in 2009 due to free child membership and membership numbers down from 245 (2009) to 231 (2010)

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- 4.4 Outings – loss of £20.00 on outings, due to late switch of venues.
- 4.5 Accounts include a donation of £250.00 secured by Jim Madden from RBS.
- 4.6 The club donated £500.00 to the River Almond Sub-Management Group to buy equipment.
- 4.7 Catch Returns:  
Salmon 52, return rate 85%  
Sea Trout 195 return rate 96%  
Brown Trout 654 return rate 100%  
Number of returns 180 up from 161 in 2009.
- 4.8 Sub-Management Group:  
Weirs – following an initial appraisal by the group on the number of weirs. Funding from SEPA restoration allowed appraisal to be undertaken by Hydrologist, Ecologist and Fisheries Expert. Draft Report has been issued to RFFT and will be distributed once it has been formally issued.
- 4.9 There has been improved fish conservation within the club generally, more information on fish identification on the website.
- 4.10 Initiative on surveys on invasive species has started and will continue next season in conjunction with West Lothian council and River Forth fisheries Trust.

## 5 Secretary's Report

- 5.1 The Secretary confirmed he would be standing down.
- 5.2 He confirmed that the leases would require renewal in 2011.
- 5.3 Wan Mahamond was thanked for his continued work on the website.

## 6 Outing Secretary's Report

- 6.1 A number of Outing had been organized during the season:
- Loch Tay – Good day out. No fish caught.
  - Isla – Good day out. No fish caught.
  - Loch Venacher – No fish caught (Tam Kerr Trophy)
  - River Earn – river washed out, outing reconvened on the Almond. No fish caught.
  - Allendale Tarn – Junior Completion – Good success and thanks to sponsors.
- 6.2 New venues to be organized – and hopefully some fish will be caught!

## 7 Proposals

### 7.1 Amendments to the Constitution

- 7.1.1 Required to ensure there is no ambiguity over discrimination and to outline process of dealing with assets should the Club fold to allow for grant from Awards for All.

Accepted by majority vote.

### 7.2 Changes to Membership Conditions

- 7.2.1 The following items were put forward for consideration as agreed by the

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- majority of the committee:
- 7.2.2 Day ticket permit to cover Beats 1, 2 and 3. Beat Maps to be on the reverse of the Day Ticket. ACCEPTED.
  - 7.2.3 Day Ticket prices to be: Adults £10 (was £5), Beat 1 £15 from 1<sup>st</sup> September. (was £5), Concession (aged 60+) remains at £3 and Juniors (under 16 yrs of age) at £1. ACCEPTED
  - 7.2.4 Day Tickets – NO SUNDAY FISHING. ACCEPTED
  - 7.2.5 Season Ticket Fee £30 (was £30/25), Concession (60+) Juniors (under 16 yrs age) £10, Honorary Members. ACCEPTED.
  - 7.2.6 No reduction in Season ticket price for early payment. ACCEPTED.
  - 7.2.7 No Season Tickets to be sold from 1 September 2011. ACCEPTED.
  - 7.2.8 Season Ticket holders Sunday Fishing (Fly) on Beats 2 and 3 only. ACCEPTED.
  - 7.2.9 Season Tickets to be limited to 250 as at present. ACCEPTED.
  - 7.2.10 Continue free child membership with adults holding Season Tickets. ACCEPTED.
  - 7.2.11 Catch returns from Day Ticket holders to be entered into draw for one Season Ticket. ACCEPTED
  - 7.2.12 Rules to state that without a catch return being entered applications for Season Ticket renewal may be rejected. ACCEPTED.
- Additional proposals from the floor of the meeting:
- 7.2.13 To give priority to members who have returned a catch return for the renewing season tickets prior to end January. Proposed: Jim Madden, seconded – FH. ACCEPTED

## **8 Election of Office Bearers and Officers**

- 8.1 The existing committee stood down.
- 8.2 The following were approved as the committee for the following season:

Office Bearers:	Millar Haxton Laing – Charman Fen Howieson – Vice-chairman Jim Madden – Treasurer Alison Brooks – Secretary Adam Cross – Outings Secretary
Committee members:	Mark Roccio Calum McRoberts Colin McKay Mark McGillivray Hamish Barrie
Co-opted member :	John Kane

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## **9 Action Plan for 2011**

**9.1** The following plans were put forward by the new Chairman:

- 9.1.1 Catch returns - for 2010 to be entered into a draw, one prize only of free membership for 2011.
  - 9.1.2 The existing Rules will be enforced in 2010 and any Member who does not enter a catch return will be penalised within the rules.
  - 9.1.3 Waterfall - missing keystones. Included as part of the Weirs Survey as part of the improvements needed to the waterfall.
  - 9.1.4 Beat 3 Bank maintenance - focus to move to the North Bank of Beat 3 for Season 2010.
  - 9.1.5 Prepare for Trout in the Classroom Project with the involvement of FDFSB, RAFTS etc. to implement in January 2011.
  - 9.1.6 Promote the Club's Junior Section whenever possible.
  - 9.1.7 Continue to Support the RFFT River Almond sub-Management Group.
- Proposals from the floor:
- 9.1.8 Fly fishing in the waterfall pool (currently no fishing allowed) for 15 minutes, then leave for 15 minutes. NOT ACCEPTED.
  - 9.1.9 Fly fishing only on Beat 1 below Waterfall to tidal waters when water below 50 on the board. NOT ACCEPTED.
  - 9.1.10 It was agreed however that there are rules relating to moving downstream to allow other members to fish and that these needed to be enforced.

## **10 Catch Return Draw**

10.1 The 90<sup>th</sup> catch return was drawn. John Duggan would receive a free season ticket from 2011.

## **11 Closure of Meeting**

11.1 A vote of thanks was put forward to the retiring committee.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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