

Minutes

of the Board Meeting held in The Magnus House, Aigas Field Centre on Monday
1906hrs 6th April 2018

Present		Apologies	In Attendance
Graham Scott GS Peter Smith PS John Graham JG	Greg Jackson GJ David Garvie DG Neil Valentine NV	Simon Longman Phil Masheter Mark Hedderwick Russell Ross	Helge Hansen HH Andrew Leaver

Item		Action
1	<p>GS welcomed everyone to the meeting</p> <p>Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received from Simon Longman, Russell Ross and Mark Hedderwick JG took meeting notes. 	
2	<p>Declarations of Conflict of Interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None noted 	
3	<p>Minutes from previous board meeting of 5th March 2018</p> <p>No matters arising</p> <p>Proposed by PS; Seconded by DV</p>	

Agenda items

Chairman's Business

GS stated that he had nothing to report on this occasion.

Vice chairman's business

PS had nothing to report and has not arranged the social yet

Forest Manager's report

HH reported that no more harvesting has taken place but the cut off date for Lappett Moth is end of May. It is planned that the forwarder and harvester will be in asap. NV suggested that at least the forwarder could be in and bring forward the cut trees before we run out of time.

HH advised us that Caisey Keller was the new Scottish Woodlands area manager.

HH suggested that we consider planning a tender for some Douglas Fir extraction next year.

HH – Planting was planned for 1000 trees in 3/4 compartments of about 30m square. Cost of plastic fencing and new trees was about £1700. That was approved.

HH A volunteers day was to be arranged for the planting on 28th April

Matters arising not covered elsewhere

NV Clarification on the proposed tractor shed suggests a PNO would be required from planning before construction.

Sub Group Reports

Training

NV Training had been badly affected by the weather conditions. However as the weather improves we will be moving forward. There are new volunteers for training in the pipeline. Simon, the horse logger, is interested in greater involvement and we could consider an extension to thinning areas which he could address.

Paths and Access Group

See report. **PS** – MTB assessor to be arranged.

	<p>Deer Management</p> <p>See report PS Recommendation to extend the stalker, Nick Richards, contract to three years. Proposed – NV, Seconded – PS. Approved</p> <p>Wood Fuel</p> <p>JG – Wood fuel sales have started but the withdrawal of the forwarder meant the timber on the deer lawn did not get moved to the processor. As soon as that is done we will have a new start with about 30 tons from the deer lawn to process. The snow and ice on the road adversely affected deliveries this winter. A discussion on necessary vehicles for movement and delivery of cut logs was deferred to a later date as we will not have much dried wood for a while. We are still awaiting parts for the three point linkage for the tractor.</p> <p>Financial Report</p> <p>JG reported on the current financial position.</p> <p>AOCB</p> <p>Meeting closed at 2108Hrs</p> <p>Next meeting TBA</p>	