

Minutes

of the Board Meeting held in The Magnus House, Aigas Field Centre on Monday
4th Aug 2018

| Present | | Apologies | In Attendance |
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| Greg Jackson GJ David Garvie DG | Graeme Scott GS Peter Smith PS Philip Masheter PM Neil Valentine NV | Liam McLaughlin | John Graham JG (Treasurer) Helge Hansen HH |

| Item | | Action |
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| 1 | GS welcomed everyone to the meeting Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received from Liam McLaughlin JG took meeting notes. | |
| 2 | Declarations of Conflict of Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None noted | |
| 3 | Minutes of meeting of June These minutes had been circulated to the Board in advance. Proposed – NV ; Seconded PS | |

Agenda items

Chairman's Business

GS presented the Cash Flow Forecast and Management accounts and clarified the accounts and explained the variation on clear felling forecasts to thinning at present values. He also explained the Scottish Woodlands experience and returns showed that the more difficult areas had proved financially viable. This was fully explained and discussed. It was questioned that such a change of plan as described needed approval by Board. It was agreed that the program needs to be variable with the support of a subgroup of officers. Agreement to progress with action at present.

Cash flow forecast – Cost of fencing, roadways, sheds were agreed in principle with the Deer fencing to be carried forward by the deer management group. A vote of thanks to Graeme Scott and Helge for all the work on projection.

Vice Chairperson

No comments.

Report from forest manager HH

John Buckingham had developed the web site for volunteers with a Mailchimp a/c for the Forest. This gets around the new Data Protection laws. There was a report on milling and wood fuel processing.

Matters arising not covered elsewhere

We have taken delivery of a second hand Logosol M8 mill which Helge and Neil collected from Stirling. We have a few parts to replace but it will be in action the coming week.

The large mill will be in next week to start the cutting for the sheds. We had borrowed a Wacker Plate from David Bloor and the result was a much improved area around the cabin

Training - NV informed us that the windblow course was to start w/c 20th August. They would have the use of a 4wd tractor and winch to address some areas that needed attention to include a new track for extraction to the west. It was queried whether it would be possible to fund trainees exams in exchange for all the work. This was approved.

Wildlife and Ecology Group – PS is moving this forward with a meeting shortly.

CWA – The Board were made aware of the forthcoming CWA Conference at Strathpeffer where we can elect two representatives to attend. They have previously mentioned a Forest Visit during that weekend. To be clarified.

Paths and Access – No Meeting.

Deer Management – No meeting

Woodfuel – No meeting but **NV** is planning some processing shortly once we get the wood from the deer lawn moved.

Financial Report – Bank balance presently stands at £96826.83

ANOB –

There had been a question about the advert for a Social Secretary on the new volunteer pages of the web site. This was a voluntary post and we are just ‘flying a kite’ to see if there is any interest.

NV brought up the issue of Health and Safety with the main road now a working area for SW. Signage is in place and **HH** will provide an Authorised Vehicles only sign for the information board. The FB pages to be updated with the restrictions. Directors accessing the cabin should wear appropriate visible PPE.

The meeting closed at 21.26Hrs

The next meeting will be held in the Magnus house at 19.00Hrs on Monday 3rd September (AGM)

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