

that LNS had in the event that we might wish to utilise any of their facilities for any kind of project that WRFT might do that could involve the identification of the genetics of certain populations of wild fish or if there was a requirement for stocking. He was aware of the latest restrictions on stocking that are imposed by MSS but said that if, in the future, we sought and got permission to stock a certain river LNS was able to offer hatchery facilities.

4. SLRT Correspondence

There has been no further correspondence received since the last meeting. A further email has been sent to Nigel Pearson asking for clarification regarding the number of payments from the WRASFB that are recorded in the apportionment of residual funds calculation. So far no response has been received.

5. Biologist's Report

PC gave a précis of his biologist's report that had been previously circulated by email – and further copies were available at the meeting. During PC's report there was some discussion about the fact that the River Carron had not elected to join in with the rest of the southern rivers as part of the SLRT area. Should we approach the Carron proprietors and see if they would join the new WRFT? The main discussion centred around 'do we want to have them in our area at this time' or should we defer any approach to them until we are better situated financially? This is a minor issue in monetary terms, but may establish an important precedent.

6. Finance

PJ had intended to present a budget for the coming year, but VM (our accounts person) has prepared Cash Projections and a number of copies were available. The figures show a reasonable income for the WRFT this first financial year of around £70K with some further £55K of project monies. PJ said that given the current financial projection, we should start to consider depositing some of our funds (say £10K) into a separate bank so that we commence the process of establishing a new reserve fund. This was agreed by the meeting.

PC suggested that we need to extend awareness into the community of the need for the work on *Rhododendron ponticum* eradication. There is a growth of *ponticum* on the land from the harbour to the golf course. A further project of eradication here, with accompanying interpretation boards, would raise awareness and be very visible. This would be the perfect opportunity for focusing the problem in the local community's mind. A local group, such as the group that looks after the 'Sit-ootery' along the harbour front, would be able to continue looking after the area to look for any regrowth of *ponticum*.

7. Conflict of Interest Book

PJ said that he has looked for and not found the original Conflict of Interest book, the presence of which is a legal requirement. It is not in the safe and not in any of the lockable filing cabinets. If trustees will consider the entry that they wish to record in the book, email that statement to PJ, we can then start to assemble a new Conflict of Interest book/file.

8 AOCB

i) Wording on our website should reflect an up to date appeal to all groups (including vegans). AB will have a look at the wording that is currently used on our web site with a view to modernising the wording in line with our Aims and Objectives.

ii) Does our logo also need modernising? JC suggested making this a project for pupils in Gairloch High School and offer a prize for the winner of the project. DB said that he was happy to put up a donation for the prize money.

iii) AB said that the rather unstructured nature of the meeting showed that we need to have a chairman - MW suggested that AB be chairman on a temporary basis. AB agreed to be chairman of the WRFT on an interim basis.

iv) JC suggested that we should try to "recruit" a junior trustee (up to the age of 25) to represent the younger section of our community.

8. Date of next meeting

To be arranged via Doodle Poll.