

Minutes

of the Board Meeting held in The Magnus House, Aigas Field Centre on Monday
4th December 2017.

Meeting commenced 19.05hrs

Present		Apologies	In Attendance
Graeme Scott GS Peter Smith PS Philip Masheter PM Neil Valentine NV	Mark Hedderwick MH Neil Valentine NV David Garvie DG Greg Jackson GJ	Simon Longman SL Russell Ross RR	Helge Hansen HH John Graham JG (Treasurer) Sir John Lister Kaye JLK

Item		Action
1	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simon Longman, Russell Ross. 	
2	Declarations of Conflict of Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None noted 	
3	Minutes of meeting of 6th November These minutes had been circulated to the Board in advance. Proposed – PS ; Seconded – NV ; Passed	
4	Chairman's Business None	
5	Vice-Chairman's Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aviva funding application was not successful but they have offered £100 in compensation. Nothing yet heard of the Mac and Mac application. 	
6	Report from Helge Hanson, Forest Manager HH provided a summary of activity since the previous meeting, notably: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harvesting is presently on hold due to the wet conditions in the forest. It is hoped the forwarder will be back before Christmas to bring forward some 800 tons. Total of 3500 with a further provision for wind blow on top of that budgeted for. It is hoped to see the harvester back in the New Year to complete felling. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW have a digger booked to tidy up the access routes which will help the stalker to extract shot deer. • Planting plans are in train with support from SFS (NV) • JLK will be meeting with HH, NV, GJ and PS • Charter Tree planting is in train. 	
7	<p>Matters Arising not covered elsewhere</p> <p>.</p> <p>Training (NV)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coming to a point with three volunteers trained and qualified. More trainees in the pipeline. Now we will be looking for work parties in the New Year as and when required. • Further training is in process for the Scottish Forestry School to include path construction, pruning, small scale planting, fencing etc. • There are also three more trainees for a wind blow course which will give us the opportunity of addressing some wind blow problem areas. • There are under consideration collaborative plans for planting with Aigas Field Centre and consideration of experimentation with plastic fencing. <p>Added Value</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neil Armstrong to be contracted to produce timber to cutting list for creation of shelter for machinery and fencing materials. Budget at £900. NV proposed and PM seconded – agreed 	

8	<p>Sub-Group Reports</p> <p>1. Paths and Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walked routes to see what need clearing. Also deer lawns to be cleared and which areas of wind blow need attention. • Signs: Delivered and awaiting installation as soon as the felling is complete. • Main Gate and Car Park: Next meeting in December. • Path Improvement: Area above Laide to be addressed. MH to meet NV to discuss. <p>2. Deer Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting in the coming week, Stalker has been getting better returns. <p>3. Wood Fuel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting to be convened soon. 	
9	<p>Financial report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The YE accounts will be lodged by 29th November and will be approved at the next meeting. • I vote of thanks to Graeme for his work was proposed and passed. • JG appraised the board of the current financial position. 	
10	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CITL has raised an issue of windblow at the mast site which will be attended to promptly.. • PS reported on the proposed social evening that a mini bus could be provided by Brockies. Enquiries ongoing. • Wet ground – Hydrology survey to look into how it could be developed (alder/willow etc) • MH confirmed that the cost of walk over and right up of mountain bike tracks would be in the region of £365. It was considered that prior to any commitments we should hear what John Ireland has to say and it was suggested that he be invited to the next meeting. 	

The next meeting will be held on 5th February 2018. The meeting closed at 21.25hrs