

## **Mull Deer Management Group Meeting**

**Held at Salen Hotel  
On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

### **In Attendance**

Rupert de Klee  
Charlotte de Klee  
Emily Wilkins  
Matt Roberts  
Jan Dunlop  
Steve Irvine  
Richard de Klee  
David Johnson

Graeme Sinclair  
Andrew Holman  
Rory Forrester  
Jim Corbett  
Patience Corbett

Auchnacraig  
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Ranger Service/NTS  
Glen Aros  
Ranger Service/MICT  
Ardnacross  
Auchnacraig  
Scoor, Beach, Argyll  
Estates  
Pennyghael  
Kilfinichen  
Ardnacross  
Lochbuie  
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### **Apologies**

David Hooker  
John Jackson  
Edouard Puijenbroek  
Roulayn Thurlow  
Chris James  
Angus Cheape  
Andy Hay  
Roc Sandford  
Jasper Heusdens  
Sam Hird  
Colom Scott

James Harmer  
Nicola Harmer  
Peter Corbett  
Hugh Nicol  
Bill Bewsher  
James Greig  
Jamie Hammmond  
Tom Corbett  
Mark Horton  
Tiffy Laing

In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was chaired by Jim Corbett, Vice Chairman

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the AGM of the Mull Deer Management Group held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were agreed and signed by the Vice Chairman.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

Graeme Sinclair stated that there was still no confirmed news on the sale of Pennyghael Estate.

### **ACCOUNTS**

The Vice Chairman confirmed that he had spoken to Tiffy Laing, Sec/Treasurer, and that there was £8500 in the bank but the hind collection and final chiller payment had still to be paid.

### **CHILLER**

The chiller has been serviced by the same people who service the Forestry Commission chiller. Andrew Holman asked whether there was a lease from the Forestry Commission for the site. The Vice Chairman stated that the Forestry Commission had originally said they would issue a lease but as far as he knew none had ever been forthcoming.

### **VAN/COLLECTION**

The van has gone well for the season and should do another season if it is serviced by Ronnie Kennedy who brings it up to MOT standard every August.

The Meeting unanimously agreed a vote of thanks to Tommy, Scott and Irene Paterson for all their hard work for the collection service which is very much appreciated by all.

Members without chillers are recommended to ring Irene before 6.00pm if they want deer collected on that day.

The Vice Chairman encouraged members who were not part of SQWV that the 40p price difference between members and non members was worth having and non members should bring their larders up to standard and join.

### **ADMG**

In the absence of Bill Bewsher, the Vice Chairman stated that key points in the Deer Bill were still in the implementation stage.

I.e. The closed season

The increase in cull data

The possibility of a national cull data base

He also stated the Highland Game were likely to insist on lead free ammunition next season as various retailers taking venison were demanding it.

It is hoped that James Bewsher will take his father's place and represent us at the ADMG meetings in the future.

### **COUNTS AND CULLS**

Estates reported their cull figures for stags and hinds for the season.

It was reported that stags were in good condition following a record dry summer and hinds although good in November had suffered from a very wet winter.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

The new Manager of Glen Aros, Matt Roberts, asked if he could join the deer Group.

The next BASC DMQ1 course is at the end of the month and Lochbuie has one candidate on it.

### **RANGER SERVICE**

Jan Dunlop is still looking for contributions to the Service however small from individual estates and said she hoped to reprint the Outdoors on Mull leaflet for next season and asked if the MDMG would contribute as it had in the past. It was agreed. Jan stated that Nature Scot had partially agreed to contribute to the Service again..

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Richard de Klee warned estates that they should look at the Ramblers

Association's website to see what paths were being advertised on their ground for both ramblers and campervans. Richard had found several advertised paths on Auchnacraig which were unsuitable and had never been agreed. He has spoken to the Ramblers Association and they have agreed to remove them.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The AGM will be held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October. 2022

