

# MONADHLIATH DEER MANAGEMENT GROUP

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016 AT DUKE OF GORDON HOTEL

2.00 PM

### AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the 10 August 2015 Annual General Meeting
3. Matters arising from the 2015 AGM Minute
4. Chairman's Annual Report
5. SDMP Annual Report ( Dougie Campbell)
  - a. Member activity questionnaire
  - b. Fencing issues
    - i. The SDMP agreed policy is that Estates are responsible for monitoring and maintaining their own sections of RDMA fence.
    - ii. Glenbanchor/Craggan Crofters: Given the particular situation at this section of RDMA fence and the desire to find a workable compromise. The Exec recommends 1. ***That an FCS Woodland Scheme incorporating grants for new planting on the improved ground is agreed by owners and stakeholders as a solution in this area.***
    - iii. East Aberchalder: In this part of the MDMG a collaborative approach to managing the RDMA fence has been historic practice. The Exec recommends 2. ***That the neighbouring estates utilise the historic practice whereby those estates benefiting from the new fence contribute to the costs of repair and renewal.***
    - iv. Changes to fencing in and around the RDMA The Exec will include Common pool for fencing replacement:
6. Sub-Group Reports
  - a. In 2015 the former chairman of the Strathnairn sub group requested, that MDMG consider the issue of merging Strathnairn with either the Strathspey or the Stratherrick sub group with his own recommendation that Strathspey would be a better fit. ***The***

***Exec recommends 3. That the merger of Strathnairn and Strathspey sub-groups would be a logical step and should be agreed.***

7. Training;

The SDMP required that a seminar should have been arranged in the autumn of 2015 to ensure owners and managers are aware of their legal responsibilities in relation to Deer Management. This proved impossible to achieve last year but will be scheduled in October this year at Coignafearn Estate in Strathnairn. All members are encouraged to attend.

8. ADMG Benchmark Assessment

9. Financial Report

10. Election of Office Bearers

11. AOCB

12. Date of Next Meeting (AGM) 10 August 2017

13. Close of Meeting