# **AQUACULTURE WITHOUT FRONTIERS**

A registered charity and company limited by guarantee

## **REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

31<sup>st</sup> May 2010

Charity number: 1107062

Company registration number: 05138073

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### **AQUACULTURE WITHOUT FRONTIERS**

### COMPANY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2010

Officers and Directors:

Michael B New OBE (Chairman) Geoffrey L Allan (Australia) John W Cooksey (USA) Scott Peddie Sophie E L Varley

**Registered Office:** 

Wroxton Lodge 25 Institute Road Marlow Bucks SL7 1BJ

Bankers:

NatWest 7 High Street Marlow Bucks SL7 1BZ

### **AQUACULTURE WITHOUT FRONTIERS**

### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2010

The Directors present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> May 2010.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY OF THE COMPANY

The company, which is a charity, provides the services of volunteer experts and other support for the development of small-scale aquaculture in developing and transition countries as a means of providing food and alleviating poverty.

#### **REVIEW OF THE YEAR AND FUTURE EVENTS**

The charity continued to support local aquaculture training projects in India and Nepal during the 2009-2010 FY.

AwF (UK) has commitments to provide further financial support for our on-going projects in India and Nepal during the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 financial years.

#### **FINANCIAL RESULTS**

#### Income

Our income in 2009-2010 fell for the third year running. This phenomenon is partly the result of the current recession, which affects all charities. However, there is another reason. Since our inception a major proportion of our funds has come from the families, friends and professional colleagues of the directors that are resident in the UK. While we are most grateful to these supporters and to those have solicited these donations, we believe that, after 6 years of activities, some organiser and donor fatigue has occurred. We therefore draw your attention to the comment in the fourth paragraph of the section of this report below entitled 'funds in hand and future commitments.

#### Expenditure

Despite reduced income, we were able to continue to support an existing project in India and to finalise the original one we funded in Nepal. In addition we have approved and begun to support a second and expanded phase of the Nepalese project. Almost all of our expenditure in previous years has been spent on projects.

This year we had no non-project expenditure. Operational expenses are borne by the Directors themselves and do not appear in the accounts.

#### Funds in hand and future commitments

This is the first year that our expenditure has exceeded our income. However, our funds in hand at the end of the year on 31 May 2010 were nearly £15,600, more than enough to cover our commitments to existing projects.

AwF (UK) has current commitments to on-going projects that are receiving phased grants, of just under £7,000.

Thus the amount available for new activities at the end of the 2009-2010 FY was approximately £8,000. However, it would be prudent to retain most of this sum as a reserve.

It is clear that, unless AwF (UK) is able to significantly increase its income in future years, it will not be able to fund major new projects. AwF (UK) has been the major source of funds for AwF projects since its inception but it is hoped that our international colleagues in Aquaculture without Frontiers<sup>1</sup> will assume the major fund-raising activities from now forward.

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$ AwF is registered as a not-for-profit organisation in California. AwF and AwF (UK) [the latter originally also called AwF] were registered at the same time in the UK and the USA. Although there are some common directors [currently Geoffrey L. Allan, John W. Cooksey and Michael B. New], there is no formal agreement between AwF and AwF (UK) – neither is a subsidiary of the other - and there is no financial linkage. However, several day-today activities are shared, including the maintenance of the website (www.aquaculturewithoutfrontiers.org), the maintenance of a volunteer register, and a technical advisory group that determines which projects should be approved.

#### **EMPLOYEES**

The company has no paid employees.

#### DIRECTORS

The directors are disclosed on page 1 of these accounts. There are no issued shares in the company.

#### **RESERVES POLICY**

The directors keep overheads to a minimum so that maximum funds are available for projects. Reserves will only be maintained at a sufficient level to ensure that foreseeable work can be undertaken.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

For and on behalf of the Board

..... M B New OBE (Chairman) Date.....

#### **AQUACULTURE WITHOUT FRONTIERS** STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2009

	2009-2010	2008-2009	2007 - 2008	2006 - 2007
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Incoming resources <sup>2</sup>	2,796	8,668	12,940	15,296
Project expenditure <sup>3</sup>	9,388	6,532	3,074	15,077
Costs <sup>4</sup>	0	16	120	210
Total expenditure	9,388	6,548	3,194	15,287
Net incoming resources <sup>5</sup>	(6,592)	2,120	9,746	9

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Donations.
 <sup>3</sup> Transfers to projects, including transfer costs.
 <sup>4</sup> Costs of generating income (bank charges); there were no costs for statutory return fees, office premises, stationery, communications, etc. – all such services were provided by the trustees as 'unseen' donations. <sup>5</sup> Income minus total expenditure. Figures in brackets indicate that expenditure for the year was greater than income.

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### **AQUACULTURE WITHOUT FRONTIERS**

	BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MAY 2010		
	£	£	
Current Assets Cash		<u>15,595</u>	
Funds Received			
Acquired at 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2009	22,187		
Surplus (loss) for year 2009-2010	<u>(6,592)</u>		
	15,595		
Total Funds Received		<u>15,595</u>	

#### AUDITORS

The company is entitled for the year under review to exemption from audit under section 249A (1) of the Companies Act 1985.

No members have required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with the requirements of section 249B (2).

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:

(a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221.
(b) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of its financial year and of its statement of financial activity for the year in accordance with section 226 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2005).

#### ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

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M B New OBE Chairman S.E. Varley Company Secretary

Approved by the Board on .....

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### **AQUACULTURE WITHOUT FRONTIERS**

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2009

#### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP)" issued in October 2000 and applicable accounting standards. All income and expenditure is shown in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA).

#### **COMPANY STATUS**

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee. The guarantors are the directors. The liability in respect of the guarantee, as set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association, is limited to £10 per member and for up to one year after he or she ceases to be a member. The Charity has availed itself of Paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 4 of the Companies Act and adapted the Companies Act formats to reflect the special nature of the company's activities.

#### TAXATION

The company has been accepted by HM Revenue and Customs as a charity for tax purposes under the reference XR95231, with effect from 20<sup>th</sup> November 2004.

#### **FUND ACCOUNTING**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity.

Grants and donations made for a specific purpose are treated as restricted.

#### DONATIONS AND GRANTS

Donations, grants and other voluntary income are recognised on a receivable basis when the board of directors consider that such recognition is prudent and practicable and conditions for receipt have been met.

#### **RESOURCES EXPENDED**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

#### EMPLOYEES

The company has no employees. All the directors provide their services free of charge.

#### **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

During the period 2009-2010 three of the directors {see note 1 on page 4] were involved in a similar organisation overseas, but these were not related party transactions.