

AQUACULTURE WITHOUT FRONTIERS (UK)

Chairman's Report Annual General Meeting, 26 November 2008

INTRODUCTION

This report has been prepared for presentation at the fourth AGM of the charity Aquaculture without Frontiers (UK).

ADMINISTRATIVE

The office of the charity remains in Marlow.

William Northcroft resigned as a trustee during the year, due to pressure of other commitments. No new trustees were appointed during the year.

The Charity Trustees are currently as follows:

- Geoff Allan (Australia)
- John Cooksey (USA)
- Michael New (UK)
- Scott Peddie (UK)
- Sophie Emma Louise Varley (UK)

Our fourth report to the Charity Commission and our fourth annual return to the Companies Register were submitted by Michael New on schedule.

Reimbursement for tax paid by UK donors up to the end of FY 2007-2008 has been claimed from HM Customs and Revenue and received (see below).

MEETINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

A meeting of the trustees was held, at no cost to AwF (UK), during a meeting of the World Aquaculture Society in Busan, Republic of Korea on 21 May 2008 (Present: Allan, Cooksey & New [quorum]).

FINANCIAL & FUND RAISING

The financial report for the year ending 31 May 2008 has been distributed to the members.

Income

Donations have continued to come mainly from trustees and their families and from local fund-raising activities. Dell Computers donated over £400 by doubling some sponsorships for the Marlow dragon boat race. This and the other local fund raising activity in Marlow (the street party) organised by AwF (UK) Trustee Sophie Varley and her husband raised nearly £4,600 during the summer of 2008. Over £1,150 was received from HM Revenue & Customs, being a refund of the tax paid on donations by UK tax payers to AwF during the financial year 2007-2008.

Expenditure

So far, expenditure has been limited to project expenditure and grants, company registrations, bank charges and website establishment and maintenance costs. No expenses have been paid to any of the AwF trustees, who have continued to donate the use of their time and facilities.

PATRONS & SPONSORS

No developments within the year.

WEBSITE

No longer operated by AwF (UK).

FIELD ACTIVITIES

Since the last AGM AwF (UK) has agreed to fund a new project in Nepal. The first payment has been made and further payments totalling £2,680 are due in January 2009 and January 2010. AwF (UK) has also made the first payment on a new project in Bishramganj, India; further payments on the latter project totalling £4,300 are due in June 2009 and June 2010. Sufficient reserves will be maintained the AwF (UK) bank account to honour these commitments. New proposals are being actively solicited for examination by our Technical Advisory Committee (Chaired by AwF (UK) Trustee Geoff Allan).

NEWSLETTER

The second AwF newsletter was produced by AwF Trustee Scott Peddie and distributed in January 2008. The third has been delayed and is likely to be produced by Scott Peddie under the auspices of AwF.

PUBLICITY

Due to activities stimulated by AwF Trustee Scott Peddie a new advertisement has been produced by our friends in the Hatchery International group of companies and published in many aquaculture magazines.

AwF VOLUNTEERS

The database is managed by Joe Tomasso (AwF Director).

CONCLUSIONS

AwF activities are currently being undertaken in several countries through grants for joint projects with other NGOs and the provision of technical advice from AwF Volunteers, either in the field or electronically. Even after the reserves for existing project commitments, relatively substantial funds remain for allocation to future approved projects.

Respectfully submitted to the Members of AwF (UK), 7 October 2008,

Michael New, OBE
Chairman
Aquaculture without Frontiers (UK)