

**FARG**  
**Fife Amphibian & Reptile Group**  
**MINUTES OF AGM Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at 19.00hrs**  
**At Lochore Country Meadows Visitor Centre**

**1. WELCOME and APOLOGIES**

Bob Weston welcomed all members to the second AGM of FARG. He also welcomed members of the public who were attending to hear the guest speaker, Fergus Gill, Photographer. There were no apologies.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST AGM**

The minutes of the first AGM of FARG had been distributed with the notice of the meeting and copies were available. No matters arose from the first AGM and the minutes were proposed to be accepted and approved by Angela Forrester and this proposal was seconded by David Bell. The minutes were duly approved.

**3. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Bob presented his report as appended and it was approved.

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT and RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD FROM 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2008 TO 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2010.**

Kate Morison presented the accounts as appended. Jennifer Davidson proposed the acceptance of the accounts and Graeme Walla seconded this proposal. The accounts were approved.

**5. RESIGNATIONS FROM AND APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE FOR 2010**

No nominations had been received for any of the office bearing roles in FARG and it was resolved that the existing holders of the posts should continue in these posts. However in addition Jennifer Davidson accepted the role of Recording Officer. The following continue to be the office bearers.

BOB WESTON (Chairperson)  
KATE MORISON (Treasurer)  
DAVID BELL (Secretary)  
JENNIFER DAVIDSON (Membership Sec. & Recording Officer)  
ANDREW BAILIE (West Fife Representative)  
GRAEME WALLA (East Fife Representative)

**7. OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS**

The meeting discussed the possibility of producing publicity FARG posters for display at events. Graeme Walla had kindly designed some images of FARGUS the newt and it was decided to adopt FARGUS as the emblem. Various images of FARGUS had been prepared and the one that proved most popular at the AGM would be used in future.

**8. VOTE OF THANKS**

Bob thanked everyone for attending the AGM and wished FARG a successful year. He indicated that food and refreshments would be available after the guest speaker's presentation. He then handed over to David Bell who introduced the guest speaker Fergus Gill, Photographer who presented FARG members and the members of the public with a selection of his photographs.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT PRESENTED AT 2<sup>ND</sup> AGM

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### **FIFE AMPHIBIAN and REPTILE GROUP.**

Chairs report 2010-02-16.

After the initial surge of interest and activities within FARG, things have settled down into a more 'normal' routine of a Conservation group trying to enhance and protect one of our rarer species here in Fife.

Looking back over the past year members have been involved in a number of events and activities. I would also like to say thanks again to all who work tirelessly for the group and long may it continue!

Events included a well attended stall at SNH's Loch Leven 'open-day, which generated interest from SNH staff to look at FARG survey's of the Loch side area.

This was followed by a two day visit to the 'Big-Tent event' at Falkland and although the poor weather having an effect on visitor numbers the display (bought with funding from SNH) pulled in a fair amount enquiries from interested parties of which, I'm sure a few new members were gathered. Following on from the very successful initial visit to look For Great Crested Newts, another public event was held in Pitmedden forest and although plagued by the rather inclement weather we had a reasonable turn out and managed to find a number of GCN, Palmate newts.

Bates & Mr

Activities followed later in the year with a visit to 'Brownies wood' (Gauldry) to re-establish an old woodland pond and build rather substantial hibernacula.

Palmer

We also had visit to Tentsmuir Forest to test the new GPS equipment (Thanks again to SNH) and survey the area's fire ponds. This turned out to be a useful exercise as a number of them are requiring work. Hopefully, this will be done in the coming season.

We were also supported by the Macduff trust and Action Earth in the creation of a large pond in 'Muchty-Common'. This site required a number of visits before we were satisfied with the lay-out of the pond, with the majority of the work carried out with the help of FARG members and the Pitcairn Volunteers.

As a Post script, Initial enquiries are proving successful with a local company in the development of a site to demonstrate good practise in the construction of ponds, hibernacula and habitats for Amphibians and Reptiles, so with this and many other projects in the pipe line it looks like another eventful year for the group !!

Approved  
19.2.10

# TREASURER'S REPORT & ACCOUNTS PRESENTED AT 2<sup>ND</sup> AGM

## FIFE AMPHIBIAN AND REPTILE GROUP

ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 8TH DECEMBER 2008 UNTIL 1st FEBRUARY 2010

08.12.08	GRANT FROM SCOTTISH NATURAL HERITAGE	£ 1,500.00	23.05.09	DAVID BELL - NIMLOCK PANELS	£ 686.55
09.07.09	GRANT FROM SCOTTISH NATURAL HERIAGE	£ 1,806.14	01.07.09	POND LINER	£ 265.05
16.09.09	SCOTTISH NATURAL HERITAGE SCOTTISH BIODIVERISTY AWARD	£ 250.00	21.08.09	DAVID BELL - EQUIPMENT	£ 1,019.01
FOR YEAR	BANK INTEREST	£ 2.21	09.10.09	SCOTHIRE - DIGGER	£ 63.25
	LESS TAX DEDUCTED	£ 0.37	09.10.09	FIFE COAST & COUNTRYSIDE TRUST - TREADED SPADES	£ 105.00
FOR YEAR	MEMBERSHIP FEES RECEIVED	£ 26.00	15.01.10	CASH IN HAND	£ 26.00
			01.02.10	BALANCE AT BANK	£ 1,419.12 £ 1,445.12
					£ 3,583.98
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					£ 50.07

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cheque outstanding  
1.2.10 Kate Morison - cement

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