



Annual General Meeting 25th March 2023

Minutes

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 13.15pm.

1. Chairman's Address. Chairman Marcus Wuest welcomed those present. He noted that no further attendees had turned up since the Standing Committee meeting earlier.
2. Apologies. Joe Connolly, Joe Edward, Norway, Belgium, Italy had sent apologies.
3. Minutes of last meeting 7th August taken as read. Proposed by Section England, seconded by Section Germany.
4. Matters arising. No matters arising.
5. Approval of Annual Accounts. Approved on proposal from Section Germany, Seconded by Section Iceland.
6. Confirmation of Office Bearers. Fisheries Officer Neil Cottington was confirmed in the position. No candidate for PRO or Supplies officer.
7. Motions. There were no motions for consideration.
8. Yearbook. The meeting agreed to proceed as agreed at the earlier Standing Committee meeting.
9. Chairman's closing address. The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance & wished them safe travel home.
10. Next meeting will be in Cobh in September.

Sections' Annual reports

Annual report EFSA The Netherlands

EFSA The Netherlands has seen a huge drop in numbers. Mainly due to all the members who'd joined us to be able to fish the EFSA Big Game on Sao Vincente Cape Verdi Islands in May 2022.

We are down to 58 members now.

This past weekend 9 of us fished a 2-day competition against the UK Army Veteran Team. 6 EFSA member 3 nonmembers of which 2 are contemplating becoming a member now. Next year I will be hosting a return match in the Netherlands together with Stuart Jones who'll represent the Army team. It wasn't an actual EFSA event of course. But with flying the EFSA colors we hope to generate more interest in EFSA.

Setting up the EFSA Dutch Boat Championship proved to be a hard nut to crack. I could only manage to get 20 anglers to enter. May 7th is the first of 4 set dates we'll be fishing. The main problem is that there are just too many competitions to choose from. My hope now is for this to be a success now and

see it thrive in 2024 when I will open it up to the Belgium anglers. They have already been asking about the possibility to fish the championship.

2022 was very successful with the EFSA Big Game finally taking place after 2 postponements. I would like to wish SA all the best for 2024. There is already one Dutch team seeking information on doing 3 practice runs in the days leading up to the Championships.

The entry for our The EFSA Shore Championships closed on March 1st. There are 55 competitors from The Netherlands, Germany, Wales, Iceland , England , Italy and Ireland. It is good to see an Italian team come over seeing there was only one angler who participated in their own event in October 2022. Such a shame that the politics have taken over from the joy of fishing.

So far, I have 9 entries for the EFSA Boat in Cobh September of this year. No doubt it will be a very successful championship. EFSA Ireland always run very well-organized championships!

Tight lines to all who will be out there on the shore or on the boat doing the thing that brings us all together.

Miranda Koop

Secretary EFSA The Netherlands

EFSA England March 2023 report

Our first event of 2022 was our Species Championship, just 2 boats with 20 anglers took part, low entry due largely to many still cautious of catching Covid. We fished out of Gosport for smoothound and over the 2 days there were 170 caught most in the order of 6 to 8 kg, so heavy enough to put a bend in the rods.

EFSA England held their 2022 Boat Championship out of Weymouth, 4 boats with 30 anglers took part. Wind played a part in limiting where we could fish, which also made the fishing hard, but a good competition all the same.

Looking forward to this year our main event is hosting the European Species for bream out of Weymouth. Bream for their size give a good scrap on light tackle when conditions allow, but slightly heavier tackle may be needed in the deeper water, where larger leads have to be used. Hopefully we will see many Sections enter, full details are on the EFSA main website or EFSA England site. The closing date for entry is 31st May 2023.

In 2024 England are pleased to be once again hosting the 2024 European Boat Championships out of Weymouth on September 9th to 13th. It is anticipated to have the brochure for this event ready for the European Boat in Cobh later this year. Preparation for the event is well under way so we look forward to welcoming you to Weymouth.

We wish the other Sections that are hosting European events for 2023 a good entry, and good fishing.

EFSA Ireland Annual Report 2022

Presented for the EFSA Annual General Meeting 25th March 2023

2022 was a good year for EFSA Ireland members. The boat & shore leagues were both completed without interruption. Members travelled to all EFSA Offshore events in Cape Verde, Iceland,

Denmark & Sardinia with varying degrees of success but more importantly the 'craic' was great. EFSA Ireland would like to thank & congratulate Sections Netherlands, Iceland, Denmark & Italy for events well run & made so enjoyable.

On the home front - Boat angling events are becoming more difficult to attract the numbers once enjoyed. People would seem to have developed alternative priorities during the lockdown period. Shore events however are seeing a small but welcome increase in attendance. EFSA Ireland will continue to cultivate this growth.

Membership remains difficult to develop, we have a modest increase in shore competitors albeit at the loss of boat anglers, leaving us well down on numbers to previous years.

EFSA Ireland are hosting the Boat & Line Championships in Cobh in September. Initial indications are that numbers will not be as high as on previous occasions. Costs in general it seems are becoming a real deterrent for many.

2023 will see members travel to Noordwijk & Weymouth & we wish Sections Netherlands & England all the very best with their events.

EFSA Ireland were very disappointed in having to decline the hosting of this & the Standing Committee meetings in Dublin due to non-availability of a venue & suitable accommodation. We do however look forward to welcoming anglers from member sections to Cobh in September.

We wish all Sections a peaceful 2023 with successful & enjoyable angling.

Welsh Section report to the Annual General Meeting, Richmond, 25th March 2023

At present, not much change in the 7 months since the last AGM, membership is still well down, being only 25 which includes 10 Life or Honorary members, due to the previous strange circumstances, nothing occurring, or allowed to occur, centrally, or in our section. However, we did manage a Welsh Winter Shore Championships. However, we are back having regular face to face meetings once more and four attended the European Shore Championships in Sardinia last October and we have 9 or 10 going to the Netherlands in May. Furthermore, I am afraid that the core loyal membership are not getting any younger or indeed wealthier and healthier, but we send many greetings to all our EFSA family friends from the Welsh section. May you all stay safe and continue to be spared the ravages that some have faced, and we wish both the Dutch and the Irish all the best in their upcoming championships and that we all have a good meeting.



EFSA ITALY SECTION

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In april the Italy Section have elected the new Board and Massimo Brogna has been appointed again as President.

There was an opportunity and it was presented the proposal for the EFSA Shore Championship 2022 held in october in Santa Maria Coghinas, Sardinia. Indeed it was a good start even if not many italians attended the championship. By the way the activity to recruit again the old members and new is already started and for the next year the section will attend the Shore Championship in Noorvik with 6 anglers. We are working also to send a team in Ireland for the Boat Championship in Cobh and we have already received some request for the Game 2024 in South Africa.

We are working hard to get again in contact with the members and this will take one year to reset the Section and be ready to continue our in the mission as it was in the Past.

We are confident to have soon some new proposal for the future championship in Italy.

Kind regards

Massimo Brogna

EFSA Italy - President

EFSA Iceland's report to EFSA HQ for 2022-2023.

EFSA Iceland has 37 members: 12 seniors, 3 ladies, 21 annual (ordinary) and 1 junior, a decrease of one in membership from last year when we had 38 members.

Our AGM will be held on 1st April 2023 and two of our board members will be elected. Serving members on the board now are Helgi Bergsson, Chairman, Thorir Sveinsson, Secretary and Hersir Gislason, Cashier. They were all elected last year for a two-year period.

The EFSA Iceland's fishing venues 2023.

We will hold two fishing competitions this year. A two-days fishing from Grindavik, South-Iceland on 16th and 17th June targeting big Ling and Cod. And a two-days fishing from Dalvik, North-Iceland on 30th June and 1st July targeting big Redfish and Cod. We will stay on a small remote island of Flatey (only summer residence there) and fish at the fishing banks around the island.

The Ulli Cup and Sigga Cup.

Last year in the Ulli's Cup 151 fish was claimed of 21 species: Cod, Coalfish, Haddock, Wolf fish, Tusk, Withing, Scorpion fish, Mackerel, Golden Redfish, Norwegian Redfish, Ling, Herring, Artic Char, Seatrout, Greater Sand-eel, Grey Gurnard, Dogfish, Common Dab, Rough dab, Halibut and Flounder. Most species or 16 fished Skarphéðinn Ásbjörnsson. The longest fish of the year (Sigga's Cup) got Gunnar Jónsson, a Ling of 144 cm. For the first time a Grey Gurnard, weighing 630 gr., 41.7 cm long and having girth of 20.2 cm, was caught on a rod in Icelandic waters and registered, angler Thorir Sveinsson.

Several members of EFSA Iceland have announce their participation in the Shore Championship in Holland next May and in the Boat and Line Championships in Ireland next September.

7th March 2023

Thorir Sveinsson, EFSA Iceland Secretary.

European Federation of Sea Anglers

Section Scotland, March 2023

EFSA Scotland's membership numbers continue to decline slowly. It is easy to blame this as an effect of the Covid pandemic, but this trend was there before Covid and no simple solution to what may become a long-term membership crisis has been found.

Our usual Cod Festival out of Arbroath was not held in 2022 and will not be held in 2023 as there are no available boats. This is a direct result of two years without bookings for the skippers and cost of boat upkeep has forced many of them to give up. This year, however, has seen a better events calendar for our section and most of our usual competitions are back and our Order of Merit league has been restarted.

We held a skate competition in October 2022, and this proved to be an exciting two days. Although only one boat fished a total of 20 skate to 2329 lbs (1058.6kilos) were caught measured and released.

Unfortunately, our 50th anniversary as a section passed unmarked due to lockdown and its aftermath; but perhaps that important "birthday" will be remembered at this year's annual General Meeting.

Ian MacGregor

Secretary, EFSA Scotland

Section Report Germany 2023

EFSA Germany has 69 members, 16 Life member, 5 Ladies and 48 annuals (ordinary). Last year we lost 5 members, Marianne Sperlinger, Jürgen Helpap, Lothar Meier, Hans Melhop and Reinhard Stritter. They will be sadly missed.

3 new members joined the EFSA Germany.

Last year our Standing Committee Representative Marcus Wuest was elected President of the EFSA. We sincerely congratulate on this success.

For this we had in our General meeting in May 2022 some new board election, Herbert Schaffner (Vice-president), Laurin Noffke (Membership Registrar) and Katharina Schleiff

(Standing Committee). There is also on-board Manfred Haneman (President), Detlef Schmidt (Secretary), Detlef Herms (Cashier) and Klaus-Werner Horlitz (Recordholder).

This year our German Boat-and Shore championship will be held again in Denmark/ Langeland, 28.10. - 02.11.2023.

Because of the Bag limit of one cod/day and the massive reduction of the Cod Population in the Baltic Sea, this will mainly be a Flatfish competition.

The Annual General Meeting of EFSA Germany will also take place on the 2.11.2023 in Langeland/ Denmark.

There will be 10 Members who will take part in the European Championships of Shore fishing in Nordwijk/ Netherlands. We are looking forward, hopefully meeting a lot of our EFSA friends there and want to say thank you to Miranda Koop and Clarinda van der Zande for hosting the Championships.

There will also coming up the Boat- and Line Class Championship in Cobh/Ireland in September 2023, organized by Warren Doyle/ EFSA Ireland.

Unfortunately, there will be only 2 or 3 members expected to take part in this event, but I am sure, it will be an exciting Time for all Participants.

Best Regards and tight Line,

Katharina Schleiff

Standing Committee EFSA Germany

Section Report EFSA Russia

It's very short one from EFSA- Russia: Unrecoverable damage after 2 years of Covid-19 and 1 year of sanctions against Russia has changed everything drastically. EFSA Russia is barely alive and nearly dissolved. Don't have access to the International SWIFT bank wire transfers system anymore and therefore unable to cover our annual dues. Traveling out of the country is also very limited and the EU visas are not granted any longer limiting our access to attend any EFSA events. However, EFSA Russia memories about good old days together with EFSA family and high angling spirit shall stay strong as long as at least one of our original founders still stay alive.

Best regards,

Dmitry

Attendance

EFSA Meeting Attendance Record
SC & AGM 25th March 2023

Name	Section	SC	AGM
WARREN DORLE	IRELAND / HQ	✓	✓
Seamus O'Connell	IRELAND	✓	✓
THORIR SVENSSON	ICELAND	✓	✓
MORAN WHELAN	HQ	✓	✓
NEIL BENNETT	ENGLAND	-	-
MIRANDA KOOP	Netherlands	✓	✓
JOHN O'CONNOR	WALES	✓	✓
NEIL COTTINGTON	ENGLAND	✓	✓
KIM BOWDEN	HQ	✓	✓
PAUL LUSH	HQ WALES	✓	✓
Katharina Schleich	Germany	✓	✓
ANDY SMITH	HQ	✓	✓
JARRE SNAPE	IRELAND	✓	✓