



Standing Committee Meeting. September 17th, 2023.

The Commodore Hotel, Cobh, Co. Cork.

Minutes.

Chairman/President Marcus Wuest opened the meeting at 10.30am. He welcomed all present and handed over to the secretary to continue the proceedings.

Apologies were received from: Katharina Schleiff (Germany), John O'Connor (Wales), Geir Solland (Norway), Joe Connolly, Sixten Dahlbom.

Bereavements: Notification was received of the passing of Margaret Smith, Scotland and Peter McCartin and Joe Kiernan, both members of EFSA Ireland. May they rest in peace. Those present rose for a moments silent respect.

The minutes of the SC meeting held March 25th were taken as read. Proposed by Section England, seconded by Section Ireland.

Matters arising from the minutes: No matters arising.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Marcus Wuest gave a comprehensive report to the meeting.

EFSA – President's report

It has been half a year since we last met at London Welsh Rugby club in Richmond. A warm welcome to you all here in Cobh.

Cobh has a special place in my heart as it was here where I was first elected to EFSA HQ in 2008.

A couple of very interesting fishing events took place since March. We fished the shore championships in Noordwijk in the Netherlands. Not only was the event run extremely well by EFSA Netherlands, but we also had two juniors fishing. Those two upcoming fishing champions were the first to benefit from the funds the EFSA 400 club has collected. In accordance with the decisions made earlier this year this is £80 per junior towards their entry fees.

Next, we visited Weymouth for the EFSA bream species championships. This event was very well attended. However, many anglers and some sections seem to be very hesitant these days to fish more than one boat event leading to low numbers here. Warren will talk about the questionnaire regarding the boat and line class championships later.

We have since initiated another fundraising initiative together with our main sponsor, Italcanna. They have kindly sent us a massively discounted top boat fishing rod as a raffle prize for these championships here in Cobh.

Again, the EFSA yearbook is back on the agenda. Unfortunately, other than Warren and myself, nobody has come forward to offer assistance for the production of it. This is despite delegates agreeing it being worthwhile one last time as a paper version with electronic only updates thereafter. Work will be starting on this in the latter part of this year.

We are also lacking people willing to step up in EFSA HQ. We still need to fill the positions of PRO and Supplies Officer. Doubling or tripling up on duties might sound feasible from the outside but it takes considerable concentration to do one job right. Spreading the load amongst more people makes it easier to perform our volunteer positions. As EFSA HQ we are in regular contact via e-mail and Zoom calls. If there is any issue, we sort it out together.

So, please do step up!

In conclusion I wish EFSA Ireland a successful championship and all visitor a great time here in Cobh.

Marcus Wuest

EFSA President

September 2023

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's report was delivered by Warren Doyle.

His report was broadly in line with the President/Chairman's report. He noted the low number of anglers attending the championships saying it was very difficult for sections to run events if numbers are to remain at this level. The costs involved are substantial which necessitates a very high entry fee which is not easily affordable for many. He said it was disappointing to see such a small attendance and noted that 3 sections attending the championships had not seen fit to send delegates to the meeting. He reiterated the President/Chairman's remarks concerning vacant positions at HQ.

Financial Report & Fundraising: EFSA Treasurer Kim Bowden reported that the finances were good & membership was holding up.

Fundraising initiatives are the '400 club' & a raffle for a boat rod sponsored by Italcanna. The rod is to be raffled at the opening ceremony on Sunday. A report from the 400 club was presented to the meeting.

400 Club overview (all £)

peak member number Sep 22 - Aug23	103
Money available for raffle and juniors	£ 1,236.00
Money paid out	
1st draw	£ 84.00 56 members
2nd draw	£ 91.50 61 members
3rd draw	£ 105.00 70 members
4th draw	£ 154.50 103 members
juniors shore May '23	£ 160.00
Funds available per end of Aug '23	£ 641.00
new members for Sep '23 as per 11/09/23	4
Total active members	53
Funds 11/09/23	£ 689.00

Delegates were reminded that the annual subscription is now due (£13.00)

Supplies Officer's Report:

Supplies Officer Joe Edward presented his report. He also asked delegates to choose the colour for the new Species Venue Bar. The delegates chose Green.

Supplies Officers Report

EFSA S.C.M. 17th Sept 2023

Cobh

Good morning everyone, good to be back in Cove once again

Price List

I have distributed the price list of which there are no changes, however there will be changes/amendments in the next issue of the price list, 2024 meeting, reason being existing stocks are running out and new stock will reflect price increases.

Fish Bars

I have just purchased 100 and the price will be at least £1.00 more than the current price. (£3.50)

I have 28 left, the price will be at the existing price of £3.50, first come first served!!

Clothing Brochure/ Prices

Prices remain the same as per the brochure on the Website. The overall price I can get for the clothing depends on the quantity ordered. Please let me know if you have any ideas for developing the clothing, Designs Range etc.

Supplies/Display

Stocks of all the items including some T Shirts Caps Towels etc. will be set up in the registration area. (Please pay a visit) T Shirts at knock down price.

Species Venue Bar

Introduced at Weymouth Species Championship in May 2023.

I am proposing a Species Bar be made available, for the purpose of attaching to the Fish Bar, underneath would be the Species Venue Bar.

Species propose a different colour?? Currently game, blue. shore blue

Boat Venue Bars attach to the Fish Bar

Above will standardise the Venue bars on the Blazer.

Championship / Festival Pins

Prices have rocketed, particularly over the last 3 years. Currently the pins are produced using 9 Carat gold. Looking at using gold plated and silver plated for the pins which reduces the prices dramatically, should be no change as far as durability is concerned.

The prices for the Festival Pins will also be much cheaper.

Just waiting for prices for the Bar Pins and once I get that I will communicate out the new prices for all the pins.

Championships 2023

Many thanks to the sections who held Championships in 2023 for providing the Information In adequate time. (Makes my job so much easier)

Sales 2023 / To Date

Clothing/ £780.85

Supplies/ £704.25

Total £1485.11 (Does not include Sales of Medals and Venue Bar)

Fisheries Officer's Report: The Fisheries Officer was not in attendance & no report was sent for the meeting.

Public Relations Officers Report: Acting PRO Andy Smith reported that all news was put on the website as soon as it was received.

Correspondence: No correspondence received.

Vacant positions to be filled at AGM: The meeting was informed that the positions of PRO & Supplies Officer needed to be filled at the AGM in March.

Results programme: The new results programme has now been tested at several events & seems to be working well. It was reported that the current support person can no longer give the support required & that a new person has been recruited.

Festival Officers' Reports & Updates:

Boat:

Species Championship Weymouth 2023. Report is on website.

Boat & Line Class Championships Cobh 2023. Everything in place.

Boat & Line Class Championships Weymouth 2024. Brochure distributed with welcome packs. Dates are September 9th to 13th 2024.

Species Championship, Langeland 2024. Brochure available on EFSA website. Dates are 6th to 11th October 2024.

Norway opportunity 2025. A report was given to the meeting detailing the proposed venue & the type of fishing to be enjoyed. The venue is the island of Fedje & dates are likely to be July/August.

Shore:

Netherlands 2023. Report on website.

Wales 2024. Phil Lustig gave an update. The venue will be North Wales with the HQ in Llandudno. Dates are 30th October to 2nd November 2024.

Sardinia opportunity 2025. Further information awaited.

Game:

South Africa 2024. Game Festival Officer Andy Smith reported that the venue had been moved to Houts Bay as the Tuna Shoals has moved. He asked those thinking of attending to let the organisers know as soon as possible.

Future events: No definite proposals currently.

Boat Championships Questionnaire: Secretary Warren Doyle informed the delegates that only 8 sections had replied & there were as many additional suggestions as there were answers to the questions asked. The analysis of the answers gave no clear preference. A discussion among delegates present raised the suggestion that sections applying for Championships should be free to suggest their own preference. This was passed by unanimous agreement provided that:

- (a) The Boat Championship is minimum 3 days.
- (b) The Species Championship is 2 days.
- (c) The Line Class Championship is 2 days.
- (d) The Species & Line Class Championships may be a combined event.

Species' Badge update: Marcus Wuest told the delegates that he had composed a list of potential species to be included for the badge. He had sent it to the fisheries officer for analysis & awaited feedback.

Yearbook: As advised in the Chairman's report both he & the secretary will take this on & the target for publication is the AGM in March 2024.

AORB: There was no other relevant business.

Date for next Standing Committee meeting & AGM: 23rd March 2024 in Richmond upon Thames, London Welsh Rubby Club at 14.00.

Attendance:

Meeting Sign-In Sheet: S.C. 17.9.2023

Name	Section	
W. Doyle	HQ + Ireland	IRE
M. Wuest	HQ + Germany	GER
Corine Farnic		FRA
ELGRISHI SIMON		FRA
MONTEFUSCA ANTONIO		SUI
Skarphedinn Asbjornsson	Iceland	ICE
THORIR SVEINSSON	ICELAND	ICE
RICHARD RUSSELL	ENGLAND	ENG
BARLIE SENIOR	UK	ENG
TINA LUSTIG	WALES	WAL
GEORGE CARL	SCOTLAND	SCO
PHILIP LUSTIG	HQ. WALES.	WAL
G. McWilliam	IRELAND	IRE

