



EFSA Standing Committee Meeting April 9th, 2022

London Welsh RFC, Richmond.

1. President Marcus Wuest opened the meeting at 0930.

He welcomed those present to Richmond. In attendance: Sections – England, Iceland, Wales, Scotland, Netherlands, Ireland, Germany. Warren Doyle, Kim Bowden, Andy Smith, Barrie Senior, Joe Edward, Christy Cloak, George McCullough, Miranda Koop, Phil Lustig, John O’ Connor, Thorir Sveinsson, Hersir Gislason, Marcus Wuest.

Transcript.

Dear fellow EFSA anglers, SC delegates and HQ officers,

Welcome to Richmond, London, at the home of the famous London Welsh Rugby club. It is good to see you in person again after we suffered from cancellations and Zoom only calls in the past. Unfortunately the war in the Ukraine means that not all of us are here today.

Dmitry Baturin, our EFSA PRO has resigned from his post. We have a corresponding statement prepared to be published once this SC meeting has voted on it.

Many more detailed updates will follow as outlined on the agenda.

With this I am handing over to Warren to guide us through the meeting today.

1a. Special Resolution Ratification re EFSA Russia. Agreed & passed unanimously.

Statement by EFSA HQ – 07 March 2022

Like many people, we have watched with horror at what has been going on in the Ukraine. In line with many other sporting bodies, we at EFSA HQ have decided that, in accordance with Clause 11.5 of our Constitution, EFSA Russia should be suspended from EFSA with immediate effect. Therefore, no official representation from section Russia will be accepted at our EFSA European fishing events until further notice. This is pending confirmation at the next meeting of the Standing Committee, which is empowered to take any action it deems necessary.

As EFSA we are an individual members association organised through national sections. Russian nationals wishing to participate will have to do so as individuals not displaying any symbols related to EFSA Russia.

Further to this situation the office of the PRO will be from now on and for the foreseeable future,

held by Andy Smith (EFSA Game Festival Officer).

2. Apologies received from: Sections & associates - Belgium, Denmark, South Africa, Italy, OPES. Joe Connolly, Neil Bryant, Skarphedinn Asbjornsson, Horst Schneider, Dmitry Baturin.

3. Bereavements: HQ have been notified of 3 sad losses from the EFSA family. Yulia Goncharova (Russia), Micheál Quinn & John Cronin (both from Ireland). May they rest in peace. The meeting confirmed condolences previously offered on behalf of the EFSA family.

4. Minutes of SC meeting 29th September 2021. Taken as read. Pro. Ireland. Sec. Wales.

5. Matters arising from minutes not otherwise on agenda. None raised.

6. Correspondence.

EFSA Belgium: Transcript.

Please apologize to Efsa Belgium for its absence at the next 9 April 2022 meeting in London. Nevertheless, the board of efsa Belgium had brought up a few points or brought them to the attention of the organizers of the champion chips.

* First of all, the cost price for participation in all the championships, the participation price has increased by many percent, for individual as well as for young people, this cost price does not make the total picture affordable, take into account that the stay and transfer must still be added, knowing that energy prices have risen for everyone, all this will be expensive, we suspected that this will result for the foreign section members who will not be able to do the movements more or less. **we hope that the organizing countries will find the way for sponsorship to reduce the price of the participants.** EFSA Belgium hopes that there will be a solid discussion about this point with a visible result, and that it will not be zapped away.

*We are (EFSA Belgium) of the opinion that we form an Elite members that can afford angling at efsa. We don't think this is the path EFSA Board wants to see.

(VB) see denmark and 4 days fishing 705€ accommodation 920€ transfer car -ferry +/-420€ = +/- 2000€ without Dinner and food ????

Gentlemen, it cannot go any further in these ways, there must be a solution for this!

*War Ukraine, Position Efsa Belgium, Belgium that currently receives many refugees, EFSA Belgium Are of the opinion that the delegate of RFSA Russia cannot participate as Nat-Team in the championships of EFSA, the members cannot represent Russia as a country but can only participate individually under a neutral flag.

But presumably they cannot attend as there is a ban on flights from Russia only the Russians living in Europe have the possibility.

The Board of EFSA Belgium.

The meeting agreed with the sentiments & comments from EFSA Belgium.

Horst Schneider: Transcript.

Dear EFSA family,

unfortunately I can not attend the EFSA HQ + SC meeting. I came back from Thailand , but still have effects from my COVITE 19 infection.

I greet all participants from the “ bottom of my heard” and wish you thee best of luck in these difficult times!!

Your Hon Life Member of E F S A HQ

Horst Schneider- April 2022

7. Results Programme.

The EFSA England cloud based programme was trialled at the Shore Championships in Kilmuckridge & was successful. Concern was noted that there could be an issue if required in an area of poor internet coverage. Question was asked as to what EFSA Denmark were going to use in August. EFSA Denmark to notify the Boat Festival Officer for clarification.

8. Festival Officers' Reports & updates.

Species, Olafsvik, Iceland. May 2022. EFSA Iceland delegates reported all well with preparations. 69 anglers including 3 ladies from 10 sections competing. Boat draw end of April. 3 person boats.

Boat. Joe Connolly was unable to attend. He sent best wishes for a successful meeting. Updates: Boat Championship, Helsingor. August 8th to 12th 2022. No update received for meeting.

Boat & Line, Cobh 2023. Dates confirmed w/c 16th September 2023. 3 days all tackle, 2 days line class. Brochure will be available for Helsingor.

Species 2023. Weymouth, England for bream. Dates confirmed 7/8 July 2023.

Species 2024, Sweden. No longer an opportunity.

Langland, 2024. Dearth of fish will not support a species event. Possibility of a small boats type event. Further investigation required.

Boat & Line 2024, Weymouth, England. 7th to 14th September 2024. Approved.

Shore. Shore: Phil Lustig complimented EFSA Ireland on a well-run Shore Championship in Kilmuckridge in 2021. A preliminary brochure has been received from EFSA Italy for the 2022 Shore Championship in Sardinia in October together with requests for 2 dispensations, (a) to permit fishing without a shockleader & (b) no wading above ankle deep. Both agreed with the proviso that the risks of not using a shockleader be fully explained at the opening ceremony/check-in. He confirmed that EFSA Netherlands are on board for May 2023 & EFSA Wales for 2024. Possible opportunity for Langeland in 2025.

Game: Andy Smith advised that the 2022 event in Cape Verde was going ahead & is well supported with 19 teams from 9 sections. EFSA Ireland have postponed their effort for the time being.

An application has been received from SADSAA, South Africa to host the game championship in Simonstown -Cape Town in 2024, May 13th to 18th. Indicative costs given as €1960 excluding accommodation. Approved.

9. Fundraising Rules. Marcus Wuest presented a set of rules currently used by London Welsh RFC to run a 400 club quarterly draw. After much discussion it was agreed to use these rules as the basis for an EFSA rule set. Exact wording to be formulated. Prize fund will be 50% of receipts paid out to 4th place divided 40, 30, 20, 10%. Plan to launch at Boat event in Helsingor. Income to be ringfenced for development projects/junior promotion. Facebook page & PayPal will be the primary routes for development of fundraising effort.

10. European Anglers Alliance. EFSA's application for affiliate status was not successful.

Transcript.

Dear Mr Warren Doyle, Secretary General of the EFSA,

Thank you for the EFSA affiliate application to EAA.

The EAA board has discussed the application.

I am sorry to tell you that the board find that EFSA as a genuine sport fishing competition organisation doesn't fit with the EAA's work and objectives.

EAA is an anglers' conservation organisation.

Indeed, some EAA members have a CIPS-FIPS membership, too, but CIPS-FIPS is not, and won't be an EAA associate should they ask.

In future, if EFSA comes across projects or other initiatives, which you believe would suit or require a joint EFSA-EAA effort then please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Fred Bloot, EAA President

11. Weight in metric only. Deferred until next SC meeting.

12. Rule re Dress Code. Wording agreed by HQ presented to meeting with recommendation to accept. This was unanimously approved on a proposal from HQ, seconded by EFSA Netherlands.

Wording for Dress Code.

EFSA uniform consisting of Jacket/Blazer with section wire badge affixed, white shirt, EFSA/Section tie, dark grey slacks/skirt & dark shoes is preferred. Uniform to be worn by HQ Officers, Section Executive Officers & delegates attending official functions. Members are required to wear full uniform when attending a prize giving function to receive awards.

Where members of a section are new to EFSA, or they do not attend events regularly a derogation may be sought to dispense with the full uniform requirement. In this event members should wear a suitable top/polo shirt with section badge, trousers/chinos & dark shoes. Jeans & shorts should not be worn. All members of a team should wear the same attire.

A section may also dress its members in suitable sports clothing (track suit type) provided all team members wear the same & the EFSA logo is prominently & permanently positioned.

13. Drones – Clarify Status. It was unanimously agreed that the use of drones in any way to support angling effort cannot be permitted in fair competition. The discussion further developed to include any type of assisted bait delivery or angling effort. A form of wording will be formulated to create a rule to support this.

14. Life EU Sharks. EFSA have been asked to support this conservation effort underway in the Mediterranean. This was agreed.

15. Yearbook. The meeting was informed that there will not be a yearbook for 2022. A fully revamped version will be published in 2023 with updates to rules, the constitution & full lists of trophy winners plus some features. The cost of the yearbook was also discussed. Going forward it may not be possible to continue with the 'hard copy' every year. A digital version may be required. Further discussion will take place on this initiative.

16. President's Report. Marcus Wuest presented his report to the meeting.
Transcript.

Dear fellow EFSA anglers,

Now that we seem to get some sort of living with Covid normality back we can meet again in person. Since we last had meetings, namely the SC meeting in Kilmuckridge, there have been quite a few events happening in the world.

First of all I am glad that all our planned EFSA European fishing competitions are scheduled to go ahead.

That is great news. We will be fishing next month in the Cape Verdes and Iceland first before we come to our boat and shore fishing championships later this. Let's hope for great turnouts and even better memories to come out of those.

We have had regular monthly Zoom calls in EFSA HQ. In those meetings we were monitoring the progress on our many initiatives related to funding, fishing awards and relationships with European fishing bodies.

I am also pleased to see EFSA Italy being revived resulting them to host our European shore championships later this year.

On top of this I have been in close contact with Horst Schneider who I hope we will meet in person in either Helsingør or Sardinia later this year.

Also, I give David Wood's regards to all of you who I visited in February.

Lastly, Arthur White and I keep exchanging e-mails.

All of this is good news and I believe EFSA is in a very good position going forward.

A big worry for us is of course the situation in the Ukraine. This is not only affecting us on a personal level with the fear a war in Europe is creating. But the consequences for us can also be noticed in our wallets. This will no doubt be making our hobby a lot more difficult to keep up at the levels we are used to. I still think we will have EFSA competitions but they will be most likely with lower participation.

In my view the next SC and AGM will have to discuss potential new formats such as shortening the number of days fishing, splitting the event between locations, utilising existing festivals as EFSA events – etc.

On top of this new bag limits wreak havoc in the Baltic Sea. I personally know of a few skippers who have given up their businesses already. This has an effect on future venues in Europe. Perhaps self drive boats are a way out of that.

There is definitely a lot to think about. I believe, however, we have the right talents on board to meet these challenges head on.

Marcus Wuest
EFSA President

Supplies Officer's Report.

Transcript.

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I have distributed a price list where you will see some price changes, the biggest increase being in the Festival Pins which are now £140.00 per set and Burgees at £36.50

I have adequate stocks to hold the current price, depending on demand!!

Gold has increased substantially and in general terms metal has increased by 6% and cloth by 4%

Clothing prices no changes at present. You will see the brochure on our website at efsafishing.org.

Caps have been added to the range.

Postage Costs

I have brought items to Richmond for the sections who are running Championships this year which will eliminate postage costs as these costs along with packages are also being routed through customs.

All things being equal I am planning to go to Denmark and can bring any orders for supplies/clothing.

Time Scales

I would ask sections organising championships that you allow sufficient time by letting me know what you require taking into account the championship schedule. Best to start the process at least 3 months prior to any championship.

Very uncertain times so never sure what can happen so best build in some contingency to avoid items being held up somewhere along the route.

Ande Badges

Now replaced with Championship Trophy Badge. These are to be presented to Championship Winners at the Boat, Shore, Species and Game Championships.

(Applies to Gold winners only)

Medals

My supplier in Denmark keeps a stock for me which works extremely well, you can have the medals engraved or sent to you without the engraving .Ribbons optional also.

EFSA Branded Clothing

I would ask if sections can urge members to visit our website efsa.fishing.org and take a look at the Clothing Brochure. Sales were excellent prior to covid, so keen now to get sales of clothing moving again.

EFSA Branded T Shirts / looking at changing the printing method, still looks the same, so I have brought a sample to Richmond so please take a look, let me know what you think. (The price could be slightly cheaper and order quantity could be less.

Thank you for your continued support and by working together we can develop and build sales that has been achieved since launch, contributing to the financial aspects of EFSA.

Hopefully we like other organisations can move forward now and I look forward to any suggestions on any items you may think would enhance the range. (I have been asked about Stickers and Mugs ??)

Thank you for your time.

Joe Edward (EFSA HQ Supplies Officer)

Clarification regarding the new Trophy Winners Badge was made. They are only for 'individual' trophy or category winners (primarily shore where few trophies exist) except Game which is a team event only.

Treasurer's Report.

Kim Bowden presented a comprehensive report showing EFSA to be in a reasonable state financially. A deficit of £2,000 (€2,300 approx) was sustained in 2021. This was due in the main to inactivity with the loss of event levies while still incurring costs for website etc. He said it was difficult getting payment in from some sections mainly due to the closure of the euro account by the bank. The option of using PayPal will be further developed.

Secretary's closing remarks.

Warren reported that a comprehensive update to the rules & constitution had taken place at the HQ meeting on Friday 8th April. A set of recommended changes/alterations will be sent to sections for their perusal as soon as they are proofread by HQ.

One recommendation worth noting now is to move the AGM to coincide with the spring SC meeting which will be at the end of March. The reasonings for this are several. The costs incurred travelling to the boat championship is now becoming prohibitive (ref EFSA Belgium). It adds an extra 2 days to the time required if meetings are scheduled as well?? It is also cost prohibitive for our growing cohort of shore anglers to attend.

This concluded the business of the meeting. President/Chairman Marcus Wuest thanked everyone for their attendance & wished all a safe journey home. The meeting closed at 1245.

The next meeting will take place in Helsingor, Denmark on the weekend of 6/7 August 2022. Details will be circulated.