

**Minutes of the VIIth Annual General Meeting
of the European Association of Fisheries Economists
Portsmouth, 10th April 1995**

Present were:

Mr. P. Rodgers	President
Mr. D. Bailly	Vice-President
Mr. N. Vestergaard	Treasurer
Mr. P. Salz	Rapporteur

together with about 35 EAFF members and associate members.

Mrs. Z. Bakela, Secretary could not be present due to other obligations

Minutes of the VIth AGM, Crete

There were no comments on the Minutes presented. These were signed as true and accurate record of the meeting.

President's address

Mr. Rodgers welcomed the members of the Association to the AGM and 7th Annual Conference. Mr. Rodgers has raised several issues, most important of which were:

- Commissions of the Association, which were created at the outset to stimulate certain activities, did not prove the proper instrument for this goal. Therefore, following the discussions in the earlier AGM's the existing Commissions ought to be abolished. Ad hoc Commissions may be created, when the need arises.
- The financial position of the Association is not improving. Mr. Rodgers called on the members to contact professional organizations in their countries and raise their interest to become corporate member.
- Contacts with the European Commission were not intensive over the last year.
- At the Annual Meeting of ICES in St. John's it had been decided to explore expansion of ICES into new scientific fields, (socio-)economics being one of them. Such developments should be closely followed by EAFF. What the position of EAFF should be will be an issue to discuss in the years to come.

Finally, Mr. Rodgers thanked Mr. Bailly for his contribution on the Bureau, as under the three-year rule he could not be re-elected. He also thanked Mr. Arthur Neiland for the major effort which he put into setting up and producing the Association's Bulletin.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. N. Vestergaard circulated copies of the Balance sheet. He stressed that there was an increasing problem with late payment of subscriptions. Many members payed their contribution with considerable delay. Furthermore, the level of current expenses exceeded the level of income.

The Treasurer's report raised animated discussion on the financial position of EAFE:

- Mr. Spagnolo stressed the need of regularly publishing the Bulletin, 2 times per year. He considered it essential for the Association's public relations. He proposed to hold conferences on specific issues of to raise the interest of new (corporate) members. Mr. Spagnolo also stressed the need to invite regularly speakers from non-EU countries to maintain a high profile of the Conference in the scientific world.
- Some speakers, including Mr. D. Bailly and Mr. M. Dunn, pointed out that the association offers very little to its ~~individual~~ and corporate members. Attractiveness of becoming a member is therefore limited.
- Mr. P. Salz made a plea for corporate membership of major research institutions whose staff is already individual member. The institutions should realize that the Association offers a forum for regular scientific discussion on EU issues to the evident benefit of their staff. EAFE helps to maintain the international scientific infrastructure. He also pointed to several other advantages.

Future Venues of the Conference

The Bureau has received several offers to host future AGMs and Conferences. It was decided that the next meetings would be held as follows:

- 1996 Barcelona, to be organized by Mr. R. Franquesa
- 1997 Brest, to be organized by Mr. D. Bailly
- 1998 The Netherlands, to be organized by LEI-DLO

In view of the financial situation it was decided to introduce a small fee for the Conference of 40 ecu for members and 80 ecu for non-members, who would become a member for that year.

Changes of Rules of the Association

- Ch. 3.1 'European Economic Area' to replace 'European Union'
- Ch 3.2 'European' will be deleted.
- Ch 5.2 'Association' to replace 'institute'.
- Ch 6.2 full change has been accepted.
- Ch 6.12 'Rapporteur' to be included.

The changes proposed by the Bureau were accepted without dissent and a complete copy of the new Rules is attached to the minute book.

Election of the new Bureau

Office	Candidate	Proposar	Seconder
President	P. Rodgers	M. Spagnolo	M. Dunn
Vice-President	O. Flaaten	P. Hillis	P. Salz
Treasurer	N. Vestergaard	P. Rodgers	
Secretary	Z. Bakela	D. Bailly	M. Spagnolo
Rapporteur	P. Salz	P. Rodgers	
Editor Bulletin	P. Guillotreau	D. Bailly	

Other business

P. Hillis proposed to make two adjustments of the rules:

1. Rule 2.2. to state ' . . . members and industry.
2. Rule 2.3 to state ' . . . understanding and promotion of ...'

After discussion it was felt that these were unnecessary.

D. Bailly suggested to register EAFE as European Association under EU law.

C. Carleton suggested that the association should develop a 5 year programme, incl. funding, conferences, special activities, etc. This would improve the visibility and attractiveness.

The President thanked all those present for their active participation in the discussion and wished them pleasant and productive conference.