

Minutes of the sixth Annual General Meeting of
the European Association of Fisheries Economists
Crete 27th March 1994

Present:	M. Spagnolo	President
	D. Bailly	Vice-President
	H. Frost	Treasurer
	S. Cunningham	Secretary
	N. McKellar	Rapporteur

together with 33 other members and associate members.

Minutes of fifth AGM

These were signed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

President's Address

Mr. M. Spagnolo welcomed delegates and pointed out this was the first conference free of constraints such as European Union funding and as a consequence we should feel freer. He felt that it was important for the Association to consider carefully its relationship to bodies like OECD, ICES and STECF.

President's Report

Mr. M. Spagnolo expressed thanks to MARE-SA for all their organisation and sponsorship which had been achieved without external assistance.

Membership of EAFE had increased over the year to 123 plus 4 organisations (compared with 103 a year earlier). With the enlargement of EU there was the prospect of a further increase in membership, though some people were already associates from those countries.

Last year saw increased co-operation between economists working in fisheries. However, it was important to avoid the oligopical image that arose through fisheries economists being a very small group. There was a need to use as wide a range of techniques as possible and probably bring in non-fish groups into our projects. Some progress was made during the President's last year in respect of the European Commission DG XIV, though there was still conflict between divisions. He felt that we were pushing in the right places. STECF was evidence of our success and now we were working on what to do and how to do it.

Finally, the President hoped that the expectations raised three years ago were largely fulfilled and that the same support and co-operation which he had enjoyed from the membership would be given to his successor.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. H. Frost said that photocopies of the balance sheet would be circulated later, during the conference. The increased membership raised the income from subscriptions and interest on the balance also contributed to income. Travel and subsistence were the main expenditures with bank charges representing a very small outlay.

Bureau Election

Following a proposal agreed at the fifth AGM, the Bureau put forward its recommendations on change to the present structure of the Bureau, which implied that the editorship of the Bulletin was attached to the Secretaryship and must change every three years as did the location of the bank account since it was a function of the Treasurership. Mr. Frost outlined the Bureau's proposals which were based on a rotary system with successful candidates serving two years as President-elect, three years as President and one year as Past President. Certain officers would not require to be Bureau members and subject to three year tenure. A change to the rules will be subject to a two thirds majority of those voting at the AGM or special meeting which meant that 24 votes were needed for change. Rules 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.8 and 6.9 would require to be changed.

The President said he understood last year's AGM to have agreed that CEMAR would take over the Bulletin full time and DIFTA the treasurership. The meeting was then asked for views.

Mr. Carl Christian Schmidt said more time was needed to consider the matter and Mr. Chris Ioannidis asked if there was really good reason to change. Mr. Philip Rodgers felt there should only be change when the existing rules were shown not to work. There was some support for the concept of splitting the Treasurer's job into the Treasurer and the Treasury. Mr. Mike Dunn suggested that before the meeting took a decision it should have an opportunity to look at copies of the existing rules and the proposed changes. Mr. Paul Hillis did not think a decision had been taken at last year's AGM to split the two functions. Mr. Hans Frost reminded the meeting that the Bureau were simply responding to a proposal agreed at the last AGM.

The President then put forward a proposal that we agree to change the rules by holding another meeting later during the week. This was put to the vote and on a show of hands defeated by 3 votes to 10.

The Vice President Mr. Denis Bailly pointed out that this was not an off the cuff discussion as some members had suggested. Also on another point of information "Bureau" is used as a term in the French registered rules with "officers" used in the English version. Changes had already been made to the rules by the introduction of the Rapporteur which is not reflected in the rules. He thought on reflection that 2 or 3 weeks were required before an EAFE meeting for rule changes to be considered.

The President concluded discussion on this issue by putting forward a plea for consideration to be given to splitting at least the Treasurer's job given that his real task was revenue gathering and at the beginning of EAFE the Treasurer was in Salerno (Mr. Massino Spagnolo) and the bank account in Esbjerg with the Secretary (Mr. Hans Frost).

Election of the new Bureau

In the interests of achieving a more broadly based nationality balance, the two British incumbents in the posts of Secretary and Rapporteur were asked if they would like to stand down, which they did and were thanked for their services by the President.

Candidates were elected to posts in the Bureau for 1994-95 as follows:-

<u>Office</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
President	P. Rodgers	M. Spagnolo	C. Ioannidis
Vice President	D. Bailly	P. Rodgers	Manuel Estano Junquiera Lopes
Secretary	Z. Bakela	D. Bailly	Calliope Pachaki
Treasurer	N. Vestergaard	H. Frost	P. Hillis
Rapporteur	P. Saly	W. Davidse	M. Dunn

The new President Mr Philip Rodgers gave a vote of thanks to the retiring Bureau and in particular to Massino Spagnolo and Hans Frost.

Date and Place of Future AGM's

It was proposed by Mr. Wim Davidse that the timing should be kept to around Easter.

The places agreed were:-

1995	-	Portsmouth	(Mike Dunn)
1996	-	Barcelona	(Ramon Franquesa)
1997	-	Den Haag	(Wim Davidse)

A.O.B.

Mr. Paul Hillis reported that EAFE had been invited to be represented at the September Meeting of ICES. A copy of the proceedings dealing with long term management would be sent to the new Bureau.

Mr. Olafur Klemensson raised the associate membership issue in respect of non-EU countries. Unlike Norway, who he thought were likely to join EU, Iceland would only remain within EEA and he did not feel associate status was satisfactory and asked if it could be taken up in Portsmouth. Mr. Massino Spagnolo stressed the importance of Iceland. The original reason for full and associate membership arose because EU (or

EEC then) would only give research grants to Member States. However, Iceland now enjoys the same status under EEA. The meeting agreed to remove the need for associate membership for members from countries in EEA.

The retiring President Mr. Massimo Spagnolo thanked all those present.

Neil Black McKellar
Rapporteur

Massimo Spagnolo
President

11th August, 1994