



MINUTES

European Small Islands Federation

Board Meeting, No.32: 28 September 2020 9.00am Dublin time via Zoom

Participants:

John Walsh	COE/Irish Federation
Camille Dressler	Scottish Islands Federation
Anetté Johansson	National Association for the Swedish Archipelago
Sten-Åke Persson	National Association for the Swedish Archipelago
Anna Stathopoulou	HSIN (Greece)
Pia Prost	National Association of Finnish Islands
Lise Thilleman Sørensen	Danish Small Islands Association
Dorthe Winther	Danish Small Islands Association
Riina Kaljulaid	AEI (Estonia)
Jan M Koivurinta	National Association of Finnish Islands

Attending:

Host & Secretary:

Rhoda Twombly Irish Islands Federation

Apologies:

Denis Bredin AIP/France

1/Attendance, Chair and approval of agenda

Approved

2/ Approval of minutes of meeting on 31 August 2020 and agenda No. 32

Approved

- Matters arising: Jan M Koivurinta, Vice-Chair of FÖSS, introduced himself

3/ Financial Report

- The ESIN bank balance has remained the same. The bank requested more information as ESIN is made up of several countries and there is updated legislation on money laundering with which we must comply.


- CD to check on payment from Covenant of Mayors for webinar work.

4/ Review of action points




a) Research into possible new members

- JW had a zoom meeting with Henri Michael von Blanquet about his organisation in the Frisian Islands regarding interest in joining ESIN: theirs is more of a health organisation as opposed to representative but are interested in passing on knowledge, networking etc. He would be interested in speaking at the AGM (agreed): **ACTION**: JW, CD & Pia to meet with Micha to discuss working together: Noted – while a very interesting organisation, probably not a great match with ESIN
- Smaller islands of Madeira: JW made enquiries but no reply as yet. Suggested that the smaller Canary Islands be approached.

- Further discussion needed on associate members: Pelvern, Frisian, Rathlin
 - **ACTION:** Camille to reach out to Dutch groups. John to investigate Madeira
- b) Discussion on inclusion on mailing list

 **ACTION:** All Members have not yet sent Rhoda contact details for their proxy representative. This plus any updates, need to be sent in.

c) Climate change in member countries

- A few members have sent in information on C-19 on their islands: there are some issues in common. It was noted that most islands had very good season with many visitors and very low numbers of Covid, if any.
- There is a need to sign-post housing issues post-Covid
 -  **ACTION:** Still need information in from members on member country's stance/actions on climate change to be put in the ESIN.ngo file.
 -  **ACTION:** Still need information in on effects of Covid on islands and any recovery funding being offered by Governments.
 -  **ACTION:** CD to send table for all to fill in on Climate and actions for decarbonisation.

5/ Erasmus+ Youth Project:

- a) **ACTION:** Camille to send abstract of the project to the Board.
- b) Youth Working Group: John, Sten-Ake, Pia, Camille, Anna (who will confirm later): **CD** to ask Eilin to speak to the WG
- c) **ACTION:** Invite Eilin to the AGM to present the project.

6/ Reports from working groups

- a) Energy: Webinar from W.Cork on Clean Energy very successful. The working group hasn't met recently but it was proposed that Maja be invited to join. Noted that the new Clean Energy Secretariat should be announced in late October.

ACTION: Add as AGM topic: How to work on the Clean Energy Project
- b) AGM: (shared screen table of timeline) : discussion around the timetable for the AGM and webinar: concerns expressed about the role of moderators and speakers – that each are clearly assigned a task for the event.

ACTION: AGM group to meet this week

ACTION: Trial run with Sten-Ake on Google meet. Thurs 8th Oct with Board members and proxies on google Meet for practice.

ACTION: Rhoda to send out list of practicalities ahead of the meeting

ACTION: Practice with break-out rooms at our next meeting.

5. Chairman's Report/ Correspondence: John met with Micha of *Circle of Friends for Smart Islands and Smart Health* : this is the Frisian group which is largely concerned with health issues. May not be a good match for ESIN but is a good contact.

There was no correspondence.

6. Any other Business: Camille spoke with Fedarene on energy on islands as some of the tech needs to be scaled down for smaller islands (as opposed to the large islands they deal with)

As Membership in Greening of the Islands is now free, all islands are encouraged to join

ACTION: All to reply to Lise's AGM proposal.

7. Next meeting: Board: 19 Oct, 9am Dublin time. **(this has since been changed to the 22nd Oct: Sten-Ake will send link to join)**