



MINUTES

Board Meeting, No.43: 13 Oct 2021 10.00am Dublin time via Zoom

Participants:

John Walsh	COE/Irish Federation
Anetté Johansson	National Association for the Swedish Archipelago
Sten-Åke Persson	National Association for the Swedish Archipelago
Pia Prost	National Association of Finnish Islands
Lise Thilleman Sørensen	Danish Small Islands Association
Dorthe Winther	Danish Small Islands Association
Agneta Wackström	Åland Islands

Host & Secretary:

Rhoda Twombly	Irish Islands Federation
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Apologies:

Camille Dressler	Scottish Islands Federation
Cathy Gill	Irish Islands Federation
Riina Kaljulaid	AEI (Estonia)
John Wrede	Åland Islands
Kirsten Sydendal	Danish Small Islands Association

1/Attendance, Chair and approval of agenda

Approved

2/ Approval of minutes of meeting on 3 Aug 2021

Approved

There were no matters arising.

3/ Financial Report

The financial report has been sent to the Board by Anette (13/10/21): see attached files.

- Continued lack of response from Italy and Croatia regarding membership & fees. **ACTION:** John to write to these countries to enquire about their status, send an invoice and set a time limit on reply.
- Indirect costs: Zoom, Fedarene, insurance and banking
- Fedarene: will continue membership providing the fee holds at €750 **ACTION:** Camille to contact Fedarene on membership fee
- Bad debt: Each member should be made aware of their debt (going back at least 3 years (proposed). The general opinion was that it would be better to remove those who do not pay or participate: no point in having members who don't contribute.
- Anette commented on the tax situation with the NESOI project: being resolved but very difficult to sort out especially as it is a small sum of money involved
- From previous meeting: **ACTION:** John to contact Friesian Isl, Poland, Germany and the Netherlands, Camille to contact Spain

4/ Chairman's Report

The Chair had to leave early to attend another meeting therefore his report was not given during the meeting.

5/ Working Groups

1. Energy:
 1. Lise had spoken with Alexis: Need to investigate if more islands want to apply for the second call in December. It would be good to have more clusters of islands (perhaps 4) working together.
ACTION: Invite Alexis to next meeting.
2. Policy
 1. Getting ready to sign articles of memorandum with CPMR
 2. Need to set priorities:
 - a) Greening of ferries
 - b) Farming and fishing with focus on biodiversity
 - c) Enterprise: emphasis on higher island costs involved
 - d) Housing
 - **ACTION:** Lise and John to write a letter to CPMR – draft to be sent to ESIN Board

6/ AGM Review:

1. Staying with the families added to the experience: made many contacts & new friends. Well organised – 100% great experience
2. Meeting in Brussels proposed: **ACTION:** John to ask Olaf for suitable date in January/February that would coincide with a suitable event in Brussels **Proposed:** Week 4 or 7: research benefits to those dates.

7. AOB

1. Discussion on more involvement with working groups as discussed at AGM
2. **ACTION:** RT to repeat social media on Pericles project
3. **ACTION:** Anette to continue re-vamping ESIN 20-years presentation.