



MINUTES

Board Meeting, No.56: 18 July 2023 10.00 Dublin time via Zoom

Participants:

John Walsh	COE/Irish Federation
Pia Prost	FOSS: Assoc. of Finnish Islands
Camille Dressler	Scottish Islands Federation
Sten-Åke Persson	National Association for the Swedish Archipelago
Anetté Larm Johansson	National Association for the Swedish Archipelago
Riina Kaljulaid	AEI (Estonia)

Host & Secretary:

Rhoda Twombly	Irish Islands Federation
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Attending:

Apologies:

John Wrede	Åland Islands
Lise Thilleman Sørensen	Danish Small Islands Association
Ivan Matić	Island Movement - Croatia
Kirsten Gow	Scottish Islands Federation
Denis Bredin	AIP (France)

1/Attendance, Chair and approval of agenda
Approved

2/ Approval of minutes of meeting on 20 June 2023: Approved

Matters arising: Article 174 of Lisbon Treaty (Sten-Åke)

- Article is due for revision: ESIN should have an input to this.
- Need to incorporate stronger language!
- The call is not out yet: perhaps later in the Autumn.
- To be put on statutory footing
- **ACTION:** Put on agenda for discussion at the AGM

3/ Financial Report

- The accounts are in the ESIN Google Drive and have been sent by e-mail.
- 6 members have paid their fee
- €10,000.18 in account
- Expenses paid to Camille and Sten-Ake for Estonia meeting.
- Invoice from Fedarene: €750: will continue membership for another year

4/ Chairman's Report

- John Walsh has taken on a new job and will no longer be a Comhdháil Oileáin na hÉireann representative and therefore ineligible for the ESIN position.

- A new Comhdháil Oileáin na hÉireann representative will be elected by their Board.
- John expressed his thanks to the ESIN Board for all the support and noted that he would like to remain on the working groups. This was agreed.

5/ AGM Planning

- There will be an AGM Planning group meeting morning of 20 July
- John has the draft of the agenda: continuing to organize the speakers. Some presentations can be given online.

- **ACTION:** Need clarity on who will get expenses

- Option of visiting other W>Cork Islands on Friday: **ACTION:** John putting together 1-night package for optional islands.

ACTION: Everyone to send John details of their travel arrangements.

6/ Working Groups

- Branding working group: Anette and Mairtin have closed the group, but it can be reopened if there is interest: can be discussed at the AGM
- **ACTION:** Anette to sum up what research/actions have been done and any conclusions drawn.
- Energy working group has met with Camille meeting with Alexis afterwards for detailed discussion. Finland : the local authority already has a transition agenda and they can work from that: Note: this needs to be discussed more fully with Alexis. **ACTION:** Swedish representatives to contact their local authority to get support. It is hoped that France will share their good practice.

Next meeting: 5 September 10am Irish time