



MINUTES

Board Meeting, No.51: 11 January 2023 10.00am Dublin time via Zoom

Participants:

John Walsh	COE/Irish Federation
Lise Thilleman Sørensen	Danish Small Islands Association
Riina Kaljulaid	AEI (Estonia)
John Wrede	Åland Islands
Ivan Matić	Island Movement - Croatia
Pia Prost	FOSS: Assoc. of Finnish Islands

Host & Secretary:

Rhoda Twombly Irish Islands Federation

Attending:

Apologies:

Jacques Bathiat	AIP (France)
Kirsten Sydenal	Danish Small Islands Association
Anetté Larm Johansson	National Association for the Swedish Archipelago
Sten-Åke Persson	National Association for the Swedish Archipelago
Camille Dressler	Scottish Islands Federation

1/Attendance, Chair and approval of agenda

Approved

2/ Approval of minutes of meeting on 15 Nov 2022

Approved

Matters arising: none

3/ Financial Report

- Financial reports are in the ESIN drive
- **ACTION:** Anette to choose which program is best suited. Apx €220/year This was approved. Annette to return in June or July

4/ Chairman's Report

- Submission on State Aid sent in on behalf of ESIN with a copy sent to relevant MEPs
 - GTI meeting: was asked on to the islands advisory committee which is looking at a range of topics
 - Flights & accommodation €450
 - **ACTION:** John to check if this meeting is available on-line: will then decide if the travel to Gran Canaria is worthwhile for ESIN
 - Ivan to have meetings in Brussels 7 & 8th of March: **ACTION:** see who on the Board would like to attend: set up meetings after researching topics to be highlighted.

5/ Working Groups

1. Policy

Discussion on the letter sent as submission regarding State Aid. This letter to be sent to the ESIN Board: all should consider attending Brussels for meetings.

- John: Would be to have discussions in Brussels regarding the Green Deal: Ivan will set up perhaps 2 separate meetings with SEArca.
- **ACTION**: Board members to write to Rhoda or John with topics to address in Brussels
- Possibility of investigating new members while in Brussels.

(Note: 2024 is EU Year of the Islands.)

2. Energy

- No word yet on the appointment of the new Secretariat

3. Habitability

- nothing to report on a European level.

6/ AOB (Any Other Business)

- Proposed new book about ESIN – history, member countries & islands etc
- Riina: to be 160 pages total (in English): need to have all members get information on length of separate contributions, content, pictures, etc – and whether or not they can participate
- Book to sell at €10 each (ie €2,000/member) to control the cost of printing
- ACTION**: set meeting date on this topic: need to get some of the finance up front
- Practicalities need to be considered.
ESIN book was produced 15 years ago
- ACTION**: Riina to email the Board on the particulars of the project. Members to reply within a month.
- To discussed at Board meeting 15th February