

FISHERIES SOCIETY OF THE BRITISH ISLES

Minutes of the 89th Council Meeting
 Royal Astronomical Society, Monday 27th March 2009 at 1100

<p>1. OPENING OF THE MEETING. The President, Felicity Huntingford (FH), took the chair and opened the meeting at 1100. The following were present: M. Kaiser (MK) (Vice-President), F.B. Eddy (FBE) (Secretary), G. Copp (GC) Treasurer, R. Gozlan (RG), D. Quigley (DQ), I. Barber (IB), Katherine Sloman (KS), Ian McCarthy (IM), V. Kovac (VC), (IA), Joanna Grabowska (JG), J. Craig (JC) (Editor JFB), N. Maclean (NM) (Supplement Editor JFB), P. Hart (PH) (Newsletter Editor), Nigel Balmforth (NB) and Silvana Marciano (SM) (Wiley-Blackwells). The agenda was adopted.</p>	
<p>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies were received from Maria Collares-Pereira (MC), Ingrid Ahnesjo IA), Chris Harrod (CH) (Belfast Symposium), Toby Carter (Web).</p>	
<p>3. MINUTES OF THE 89th COUNCIL MEETING. The minutes were approved and signed by the President.</p>	
<p>4. MATTERS ARISING. All recipients of the Beverton medal should be honorary life members (MK, seconded by GC, Council approved). Advertisements can appear on the web pages but earnings should not exceed about 10% of turnover, approximately £35,000 (GC). This would be a matter for discussion with a future web provider. Updating the Society's web page on the Wiley-Blackwell site is in hand (GC). The FSBI poster is complete (see 11B, Report from Wiley-Blackwells) and should be available for downloading from the web pages in high resolution form. The FSBI Constitution has been approved and appears on the Charities Commission web pages. A first draft of the Sturgeon Book should be available in May, (communications from John Thorpe and Harald Rosenthal).</p>	<p>FBE find addresses and FH write</p>
<p>5. TREASURER'S REPORT. Membership retention is being addressed by Wiley-Blackwell. Committee Chairs reported problems with the online systems for grants etc on the web services from Martineu. Depressed markets have reduced the Society's reserves by about 30% but there significant funds remaining before curtailment of activities is considered.</p>	<p>The new web provider could do most of the online work FH, GC to contact</p>

<p>Investments generated income at about the same level as last year and the spread is being changed to reflect current conditions. MK and the Treasurer will finalise funding for the Japan meeting. The President thanked the Treasurer for continued good stewardship of the Society's finances. *</p>	<p>Stephen Claus MK, GC</p>
<p>6. NEWS LETTER EDITOR'S REPORT. The Editor invited council to contribute material and reported that the Newsletter now contains book reviews. Topical papers from the Journal of Fish Biology might feature in the Newsletter (MK). *</p>	<p>JC, MK</p>
<p>7. STUDENTSHIP COMMITTEE. The application forms are to be changed indicating that students can only apply for a single project (IB). Should supervisors who successfully attract a studentship almost every year be capped? Opinions of councillors were that a broad range of fields should be encouraged and that the very best students should be funded, whatever their interest. The balance is to be reviewed as necessary (FH). Issues concerning Mary Ledlie's studentship have been resolved and the original time course has been restored. A 6 month extension was approved for Kirstin Abernethy. Since only one studentship has been awarded this year it was suggested that 3 studentships might be awarded next year (GC) or that the funds could be used for supporting undergraduate internships in research laboratories, IM to report at the next Council Meeting. The Treasurer requested that student travel claims should be fully supported with receipts. The chair in July goes to RB.*</p>	<p>IB FH to review balance IM to report</p>
<p>8. TRAVEL. Applications were below the historical mean and funds were in surplus. The Treasurer suggested preparation of a budget for next year. There were issues with applications from non-members of the Society and with the on-line application forms. The Committee Chair (DQ) indicated it was his last year, thanked all on Council, and the chair in July will be MC. *</p>	<p>MC</p>
<p>9. RESEARCH GRANTS. Issues with the on-line application forms were reported. Since RG will have completed 4 years in July the chair will be either VK or JG. *</p>	<p>VK, JG</p>
<p>10. FSBI Webmaster. The Webmaster is on paternity leave and because of difficult circumstances had been unable to produce papers for Council. Material from two web providers, SomCom and Paston had been considered and FH, GC and TC will negotiate with Paston regarding the requirements of the Society.</p>	<p>FH, TC, GC FBE</p>

<p>11. JOURNAL OF FISH BIOLOGY</p> <p>a. Editor’s Report. There was good progress of the Journal in 2009 with special issues scheduled for May and June. A further special issue on conservation is planned. Good progress was reported for the Molecular and Cell Science section (NM). The services of numerous reviewers was acknowledged and some responded declaring it was an honour to serve the Journal.* *</p> <p>b. Report from Wiley-Blackwell Publishing. The transition to Wiley Interscience is almost complete. The report for the Journal of Fish Biology, presented by SM, showed many positive items including increased circulation and a good renewal rate by subscribers. Profits to the FSBI were £243,471. There were 557 members as of January 2009 and the list should be made available to Titus-Wilson, the printers and distributors of the Newsletter. The membership application form should be available at the Symposium and at conferences attended by Wiley-Blackwells. A downloadable electronic version should be available on the FSBI and Journal web sites. A report on membership was presented (SM). **</p>	<p>NB, SM, TC, FBE</p>
<p>12. BRIEFING PAPERS. Copyright for Figures and Images in the all Briefing Papers should be obtained as quickly as possible (MK) and paid help to identify all items was indicated by the President. Authors of the current paper (RB and RG) were encouraged to seek copyright. From the samples, Councillors selected a suitable cover for the Briefing Papers. An example of the final format of the Briefing Papers, No 4, was available to Councillors. A future paper on nano-particles and fish was proposed and MK is to approach Richard Handy. Other possibilities include endocrine disruptors, Sandy Scott to be consulted. The possibilities of engaging someone to publicise the Briefing Papers was discussed, see also 16.</p>	<p>MK, FH, SM, RB, RG</p> <p>MK</p>
<p>13. SYMPOSIA.</p> <p>a. Leicester, 13–17 July 2009, AGM 15th July. Progress is on schedule and registration fees have been set (PH). *</p> <p>b. Belfast 2010. “Fish and Climate Change”. Progress and budget details reported. The Editor of the Journal to conduct a session on “scientific publishing”*</p> <p>c. Bournemouth 2011. A Symposium on “Fish diversity and conservation” was proposed by Rudy Gozlan and Rob Britton. Further details from RG and RB at the</p>	<p>RG, RB</p>

<p>December meeting.</p> <p>d. 2012. Councillors are invited to suggest a venue and topics on a different theme from the 6th World Congress and report at the December meeting.</p>	<p>Councillors</p>
<p>14. 6th WORLD CONGRESS 2012, EDINBURGH. The work load is getting ever greater and Council agreed funds for administrative help for the President. Several councillors including PH, KS, IB, IM volunteered to help as well as did Bill Turrell. Bids form 7 professional conference organisers were under consideration. The site had been visited by GC who reported several good features as well as some areas for improvement e.g. poor wifi facilities.</p>	<p>FH, GC</p>
<p>15. FSBI MEDALS. The procedures set up in 2008 were used in 2009 and the committee is FH, MK, KS and IB. Details of the nominees for the FSBI appeared on a secure web area of the FSBI web site and votes were returned to the Secretary by email. John Pinnegar received the majority of the votes. He will be invited to receive the medal at the BBQ at the Leicester Symposium on Tuesday 14th July. By a clear majority Council voted for Peter Maitland to be awarded the Beverton medal. He will be invited to receive the medal at the Banquet at the Leicester Symposium on Thursday 16th July. The President will write thanking nominators. The Beverton medallists will be given life membership of the Society.</p>	<p>FH</p> <p>FH</p> <p>FH, FBE</p>
<p>16. COLLABORATION with other fisheries societies.</p> <p>a. American Fisheries Society. Our contact in the AFS, Glen Contraras is retiring but continues to deal with the student exchanges.</p> <p>b. Australian Fisheries Society. The President was contacted regarding a student exchange programme. The question of who was going to organise and administer this and other possible programmes such as “press officer” was discussed by councillors. Clearly there is a role for a publicity/organiser, possibly an FSBI member in North America or Australia who would take on this role. See also 12.</p>	<p>FH, Councillors</p>
<p>17. PREPARATIONS FOR THE 2009 AGM. Details of nominations for 7 councillors had been circulated and Council voted for 4 to fill vacancies occurring in July. Those elected for nomination at the AGM were Francis Neat, Holly Shields, Tara Marshall and John Pinnegar. Rod Wilson is the reserve. The</p>	<p>FH, FBE contact nominees</p>

Secretary and Treasurer complete 4 years office in July 2009 and are eligible for re-election for a further 4 years.	Item in Newsletter and on web FBE
18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS. Request Wiley-Blackwells to send papers in advance. All Councillors to receive all papers.	
19. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING. Friday 11 th December 2009	

FB Eddy Honorary Secretary

*Reports, documents submitted