



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

### MINUTES

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The fifty third Annual General Meeting of the Institute of Fisheries Management was held on Tuesday 8 November at the Annual Conference at the Mandolay Hotel, Guildford, and was also accessible by video-conference (Zoom).

#### 1. Introduction: Chris Mills, IFM President

A warm welcome was given to all in person and on Zoom. Members joining by Zoom were asked to put any questions in the chat for Iain Turner to monitor. Where a vote was needed a digital poll would be provided to those on Zoom.

In total, 35 attended the AGM; 29 in person and 6 via Zoom. This was above the required quorum of 20.

#### 2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Tony Bostock, John Solbé, Si Smith and Mike Heylin.

#### 3. To confirm the Minutes of the fifty second Annual General Meeting held on 24 November 2021 and matters arising therefrom

The minutes of the 52<sup>nd</sup> AGM were confirmed. There were no matters arising.

The proposer was Heidi Stone and the seconder Graeme Storey; all were in favour.

#### 4. The Chairman's Annual Report

Chris Mills, the Chair of the Board of Trustees, provided an annual report. This is in this slide presentation linked below, with the following highlights:

- The appointment of the IFM's first Chief Executive Officer, David Bunt, on 1 February 2022,
- The sad passing of our most recent President – Peter Spillett,
- Thanks to Eamon Cusack, a previous Chairman, who had recently stepped down from the Board,
- An update on the status of our application for charitable status,
- Priorities for the Board of Trustees in 2023.

For the full Chairman's report, please see [here](#).

#### 5. The Chief Executive's Annual Report

David Bunt presented the Annual Report, which gave an overview of progress against the Institute's business plan for 2022. Areas covered included: Governance, Standards, Finance, Marketing and Communications, Training, Membership, Professional status, Branches, Advocacy, Partnerships, and Staff & Officers.

A huge thanks was given to all those who have played a part in Team IFM with particular mention to Paul Coulson and Iain Turner for all their hard work through what has been another busy year, and to the Board of Trustees who had provided supportive and wise guidance.

For the full Chief Executive's report, please see [here](#).

## **6. The Financial Report and Accounts**

Ian Dolben, Director of Finance, provided an overview of the accounts for 2021, and a review of trends in income over the past five years.

For the full Financial Report and Accounts see [here](#).

## **7. Elections**

President: Chris Mills

David Bunt took the Chair for the election of the President. The only nomination was for Chris Mills. The proposer was Ben Marshall, the seconder was Steve Colclough; all were in favour.

Vice Presidents: David Cragg-Hine, Valerie Holt, Robin Welcomme.

The proposer was David Bunt, the seconder was Steve Axford; all were in favour.

Trustees, for one year: Bill Howarth

The proposer was Paul Coulson, the seconder was Ian Wellby; all were in favour.

Trustees, for three years: Steve Axford, Heidi Stone.

The proposer was Graeme Storey, the seconder was Ian Dolben; all were in favour.

## **8. Subscriptions**

It was recommended that there is no increase in subscription rates for 2023.

The membership category changes planned for 2022 had been implemented.

## **9. Appointment of an Independent Examiner**

The Board recommended that Girling & Company Chartered Accountants be appointed as independent financial auditors for 2023.

The proposer was David Bunt and the seconder Ian Dolben; all were in favour.

**David Bunt**  
**Chief Executive**