



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

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The Fifty Second Annual General Meeting of the Institute of Fisheries Management was held on Wednesday 24 November at the Annual Conference at the National Oceanographic Centre, Southampton, 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 41 attended the AGM, 30 in person and 11 via Zoom, which is significantly above the required quorum of 20.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Tony Bostock, Ted Potter, John Solbe, Pete Spillett and David Cragg-Hine.

3. To confirm the Minutes of the fifty first Annual General Meeting held on 19 October 2020 and Matters Arising therefrom

The minutes of the 51st AGM were confirmed with no matters arising. The proposer was David Bunt and the seconder Eamon Cusack; all were in favour.

4. To confirm the Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 23 February 2021 and Matters Arising therefrom

The minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting were confirmed with no matters arising. The proposer was Ian Dolben and the seconder Ian Wellby; all were in favour.

5. The Chairman's Annual Report

David Bunt presented the Annual Report, which gave an overview of progress against the Institute's business plan. Areas covered included: Governance, Standards, Finance, Marketing and Comms, Training, Membership, Professional status, Branches, Advocacy, Partnerships, developing a strategic plan and staff and 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 an extraordinary year. For the full report go to: <https://ifm.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/IFM-AGM-2021-Chairman-Report.pdf>

6. The Financial Report and Accounts

Ian Dolben, Director of Finance, provided an overview of the accounts. 2020 saw 29% of our income attributed to membership subscriptions, which is the highest in recent years. For the full Financial

7. Election of appointments

Chris explained that the reason for the new Board of Trustees having different terms of office was to stagger elections so as to avoid everyone requiring re-election at once.

The Trustees for election are detailed below and a vote en-block was taken.

- For one year: Steve Axford, Eamon Cusack, William Howarth
- For two years: Adrian Smith, Peter Spillett, Valerie Holt
- For three years: Chris Mills, Jonathan Swan, Ben Marshall.

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

David Bunt took ownership of the election of President.

President: Chris Mills

The only nomination was Chris Mills.

The proposer was Steve Axford and the seconder Steve Colclough, all were in favour.

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

The Vice Presidents for election are detailed above and a vote en-block was taken.

The proposer was Heid Stone and the seconder Lawrence Talks. All were in favour.

8. Subscriptions

Overall, it was recommended that there is no increase in subscription rates for 2022. However, there has been a rationalisation of membership categories, which will mean a change for some. We will be in contact with all members affected. A table was presented that illustrated the changes:-

Existing grade	Sub	Nos.	New grade	Sub	Nos.
Registered	£75	252	Full	£75	252
Associate	£65	51	Associate	£55	71
Affiliate	£40	20			
Subscriber	£40	57	Subscriber	Individual £40	68
Corporate	£95-£175	11		Corporate £100	
Student	£15	139	Student		139
Total		530	Total		530

- No changes to headline subscription rates
- Merger of Associate and Affiliate; Subscriber and Corporate
- Discontinue £10 new member charge
- Concessionary rates (50% discount) to apply at 65 (was 60)
Those aged 60 – 65 already receiving concessionary rate to continue

These changes were agreed by the membership at the EGM, so no additional vote was necessary.

9. Rule Change

Following feedback at the consultation on changes to the IFM Rules earlier this year, the following Rule change was recommended:

Current wording:

5.3 The Institute may elect at the Annual general Meeting any number of Vice Presidents but any proposal for election must be given in the agenda for the meeting.

Proposed new wording:

5.3. Vice Presidents will be elected at the AGM for a three-year term and all nominations must be made by the Board of Trustees and named in the agenda for the meeting.

Past chairs may be awarded Vice President status in recognition of the service they have given to the IFM. This is a non-elected role. There will be a maximum number of eight elected Vice Presidents. Vice Presidents will act as ambassadors for the Institute and will help to raise the profile of and encourage support for IFM. They may be members who have given long service or been actively involved in IFM matters. Non-members, such as persons who can assist the IFM to achieve its charitable objects, may be elected as Vice Presidents.

The rule change was agreed. The proposer was Eamon Cusack and the seconder Steve Colclough. It was unanimously supported.

10. Appointment of an Independent Examiner

The Board recommended that Girling & Company Chartered Accountants be appointed as Independent Examiner for 2022.

The proposer was Ian Dolben and the seconder Eamon Cusack. All were in favour.

Lawrence Talks
Executive Director