The Annual General Meeting of the above section was held at Royston Fire Station, Baldock Road, Royston, Hertfordshire on **Wednesday 13th March 2019**.

The Chair Mr. N.Hessel, South Yorkshire retired, welcomed everybody to the meeting. The Secretary, D.Rees, Hertfordshire retired, Assistant Secretary G.Geoghegan, LFEPA retired and Treasurer Mr. J.Conley, Hertfordshire retired were also in attendance.

**The Chairman opened the meeting at 1130. members attended.**

T.Evans ) Hertfordshire Ret. Mem. J.Lifsey ) South Yorkshire Sec.

**1) Apologises for absence.**

G.Uttley ) LEFPA Secretary L.Lewis ) Mid & West Wales Ret. Mem

D.Hockin ) Mid & West Wales Ret. Mem

M.Ward ) Exec Mem. & Scotland N.Edwards ) Mid & West Wales Ret. Mem

H.Mullen ) Scotland Ret. Mem W.Brookman ) Mid & West Wales Ret. Mem

G.Forsythe ) Scotland

H.Arwell ) Mid & West Wales

D.Waywell ) Beach League Sec.

S.Kenny ) Staffordshire Ret. Mem T.Greenwood ) GMC Sec Ret. Mem

C.Prince ) Staffordshire

P.MacFarlane ) Staffordshire B.Goldsmith ) Dorset Ret. Mem

J.Hadwin ) Dorset Ret. Mem

A.Goodman ) Warwickshire Secretary

The Chair. N.Hessel, thanked Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service for their hospitality at Royston Fire Station for the AGM.

He thanked all the members for their attendance at this the 2018-19 AGM

**2) Minutes of the last AGM.**

The meeting agreed that they be accepted as a true record of the 2017/2018 AGM.

Proposed. – G.Geoghegan, Assit. Sec.

Seconded. – T.Evans, Hertfordshire Ret. Mem.

**3) Matters arising.**

No matters arising

**4) Chairman’s report.**

The Chair expressed his thanks for all members who have supported the section over the past year although numbers have been dropping. He especially thanked the Service Secretaries of section and organisers of National Events without their hard work then we would not have any National competitions and any to compete in them.

He thanked the National Executive committee for all their endeavours for running the section, especially the Secretary Dave Rees.

He finished with an apology for only being able to support one National Competition but hoped to attend more this year.

**5) Secretaries report.**

So as another year ends it signals the start of a new calendar for the section.

Like all the previous year’s 2018 was a busy and successful year.

We ran our 6 National competitions, fielded 3 International teams, the Public Services Coarse match, SAMF beach competition and the Boat Police challenge and our support has stayed stable. It is really noticeable that our membership is ‘aging’ and we are not seeing new members entering our competitions in any numbers. This creates two main problems, first the obvious problem is that as our average age rises our numbers will start to decline, this is quite evident in the Sea Section. The second problem is that it is more difficult to contact members or bring the awareness of the section to individuals and Services. Most of my contacts within Services have retired and we no longer have that immediate or personnel link. I do contact all Services where I can but cannot guarantee the distribution of news and events.

I am using the internet and email to distribute events and the FSUK’s website, although there has been a slight problem with contact address’s but hopefully this has been rectified. When I attend events I will still try to ‘stream’ them on Facebook which is another avenue I am using to distribute news and events.

I would like to thank Neil Hessell, John Conley, Gary Geoghegan and Malcy Ward for their support and friendship over the year, they will probably say they did nothing but just being there to talk problems and ideas through helps immensely.

I am still not sure if you members aware but the FSSAA changed its name and went through a re-launch in the middle of 2015 we are now called ‘FiresportUK’ as far as I know we do not have a new ‘motif’ and I am still using our old document and letter heading, but we are now the

FiresportUK Angling Section or FSUK Angling Section

I am prepared to stand this year but would again emphasis that I am finding it more difficult to put the time to the section and believe that the section needs a new enthusiasm and ideas.

David Rees

**6) Financial report.**

The National Body of the FSUK had problems last year, 2018, with its finances and subscriptions from Services. This meant that we did not receive our grant until January 2019. We had an idea that there might be a problem and allowed for this by being extra frugal on our finances. The National Chair, CFO Fuller and Nat Secretary R. O’Reilly have offered their apologises and hope that this will not happen this year, 2019. There is a new National Treasurer, P.Drakes from Hertfordshire. I know Paul quite well and he is very organised and has been Treasurer of Hertfordshire Sport And Social as well as Treasurer of the District finances, the only worry is that he is also retired and it looks like the FSUK is struggling to recruit people into their officer positions.

D.Rees

See attached sheet.

# J.Conley

Treasurer

Proposed. – G.Geoghegan, Assit Sec.

Seconded – J.Lifsey South Yorkshire

**7) Beach Angling League Report.**

The league this year was yet again won by Jim Morris (Cheshire) with 411pts closely following was last year’s 3rd place individual Simon Vickery (Tyne &Wear) with 407pts whilst Stu Gardiner (Cleveland) came in 3rd place with 399pts. There were 21 members from 5 brigades taking part and 10 completed the statutory 4 matches meaning we were able to present prize tackle vouchers to the first 4 anglers in the league which was down on the 2017 years results.

**7) Beach Angling League Report.(cont.)**

Venues fished were Silloth (Cumbria), Fleetwood (Lancs), Connahs Quay, Colwyn Bay (N.Wales), Roker, Lynmouth, Skinningrove (T&W) Mariners Wharfe (River Mersey), Perch Rock (Cheshire) and Sandsend(Cleveland) .

With 12 separate matches fished and an average of 7.8 anglers attending them, 2018 was good for consistency but several matches were adversely affected by the weather.

Our 2019 AGM and also the Northern District AGM were held in Bridlington Fire Station and hosted by Humberside. Gary Chew and friends provided the refreshments and then we fished the pier for our Northern Districts pairs championships.

I still can say that the league remains self-financing and its accounts remain healthy.

Once more we are missing the involvement of some of our colleagues from the Brigades in the South, Midlands, Wales Northern Ireland and Scotland.

This is the FSUK Beach League and if someone wishes to come along and offer us a venue anywere in the United Kingdom then we would do our utmost to support it.

The matches on our calendar for 2019 are building up now and as before we endeavour to pass on all info on these matches to a wider population of anglers. Contact for all info with regards to this beach league send me a message [waywell.dave@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:waywell.dave@hotmail.co.uk) and I will be happy to pass on all info to them.

**Dave Waywell (Hon. Sec)**

**8) Award of recognition.**

The Secretary had not received any nominations for this year.

Past recipients of this award are:

2000 Mel Cross Lancashire

2001 Jim Hadwin Dorset

2002 Malcy Ward Strathclyde

2002 Martin McDerby Lancashire

2003 Gary Geoghegan, London

2003 Ron Hill Essex

2006 Bob Bolton Lancashire

2010 Frank Norton Hereford & Worcester

2010 M.Ward Strathclyde, second time Malcy has been awarded.

2012 P.Hollingberry LFEPA

2012 J.Hadwin Dorset

2013 D.Rees Hertfordshire

**9) Election of Officers.**

The Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary had said they were prepared to stand as there were no other nominations they were voted on block and

The Officers for 2019 are. - **Chairman**. **N.Hessell**

**Secretary D.Rees**

**Assistant Secretary G.Geoghegan**

**Treasurer J.Conley**

Proposed - T.Evans Hertfordswhire ret.

Seconded - J.Lifsey South Yorkshire

**10) Northern Ireland 2019**

The Northern Ireland National will be from 27th to 4th May 2019. The notice and entry form have been circulated.

The structure of the competition will be the same as in recent years with the team and individual being held over 2 days and a third match being run to test out sections. The presentation will be on Friday 3rd May at the Killy Hevlin Hotel.

The following sections have been booked.

Airport, Accrussal Loch, Cornograde, Pretora School, Dolans Ring, Cleanish Farm and Graveyard.

**11) Game National**

The Game National will be at Llyn Clywedog Resevoir, Llanidloes, Wales on Tuesday 21st May. The match will be fished from boats.

Mid & West Wales are organising Brigade

**12) Carp National**

Willows Fishery, Colney Heath, Hertfordshire.

Tuesday 10th to Thursday 12th September 2019

Organising Brigade Hertfordshire.

**13) Coarse National.**

The Coarse National will be at Tunnel Barn Farm, Shrewley, Warwickshire on Wednesday 3rd July 2019.

London are organising Brigade.

2020- Lindholm Fishery Wednesday 8th July 2020

**14) Sea National.**

The Sea National will be based in Amlych, North Wales. The dates are.-

Beach match on Colwyn Bay beach Wednesday 2nd October with the boat match on Friday 4th October from Amlych.

Organising secretaries are Dave Waywell and Jim Morris.

**15) Pike National.**

We are still waiting for the organiser to put forward a venue details to follow.

**16) Fund Raising**

I have no information of any monies raised

**17) Proposals**

The secretary had not received any proposal in the allotted time, 2 weeks, before the meeting.

**18) AOB**.

All members are reminded to use the FSSAA National website. The FSSAA website has two fishing companies, Dragon Carp Direct and Fishtec that if you visit their sire via the FSSAA website the FSSAA receives some sponsorship. So if we can all try to use this facility.

It was requested that the Secretary distributes the details of the Sections ‘Angling Trust’ Club insurance for members.

The Chair closed the meeting by thanking all who had attended and wished them a safe journey home.

The meeting closed at 12.30.

**FireSport UK Angling Section**

**Season** 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018

**Income & Expenditure a/c for the Season**

**Income** **£** **Expenditure** **£**

Nationals

Coarse 1008 812

Sea 1800 1892

N. Ireland 11432 11473

Game 1456 1406

Carp 436 500

Pike 792 1024

Trophies for above 931

Angling Trust 195

FireSport UK Grant 0

General Expenses

Stationary 40

Postage 19

Secretarys Exp. 48

Sundries 12

Notts.repayment 100

**Competitions have a DEFICIT for year of 255.84**

Excess of Expenditure over Excess of Income over

Income 1528 Expenditure 0

TOTALS 18452 18452

**FireSport UK Angling Section**

**Season** 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018

**Balance Sheet as of 31st December 2018**

**Balance Sheet** as at 31st December 2018

Accumulated Fund £ Assets £

Balance B/Fwd 3346 Cash in Bank 1818

1st January 2018

Cash in Hand 0

Plus Excess of Income

over Expenditure 1528

**Total** 1818 1818

J.L. CONLEY

Hon. Treasurer