



The Fire Service *Sports and Athletics Association*

National Angling Section

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The Annual General Meeting of the above section was held at Royston Fire Station, Baldock Road, Royston, Hertfordshire on **Tuesday 21st February 2018**.

The Secretary Mr. D.Rees, Hertfordshire retired, welcomed everybody to the meeting. The Assistant Secretary G.Geoghegan, LFPA retired and Treasurer Mr. J.Conley, Hertfordshire retired were also in attendance.

Before the 'business' of the meeting started the Secretary informed the meeting that members S.O'Callaghan and D.Gill has sadly passed away. Also B.Goldsmiths wife had also passed away.

The condolences and best wishes to the families of the departed were given.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 1130.

14 members attended.

T.Evans	) Hertfordshire Ret. Mem.	D.Waywell	) Beach League Sec. & Lancs.
G.Utty	) LEFPA	P.Shrubb	) Tyne & Wear/GMC Ret. Mem

1) Apologies for absence.

N.Hessel	) National Section Chair	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.Pye	) Merseyside Ret. Mem	P.Hollingberry	) LFPA Ret. Mem
S.Kenny	) Staffordshire Ret. Mem	T.Greenwood	) GMC Sec Ret. Mem
C.Shore	) Leicestershire Ret. Mem.		
T.Neal	) Leicestershire Ret. Mem	B.Goldsmith	) Dorset Ret. Mem
		J.Hadwin	) Dorset Ret. Mem
J.Lifsey	) South Yorkshire Secretary		

The Secretary D.Rees, 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 2017-18 AGM

2) Minutes of the last AGM.

The meeting agreed that they be accepted as a true record of the 2016/2017 AGM.

Proposed. – P.Shrubb, Tyne & Wear/GMC

Seconded. – T.Evans, Hertfordshire Ret. Mem

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3) Matters arising.

No matters arising

4) Chairman's report.

The Chair sent his apologies as he was on leave in Spain.

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 2017 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 competitors 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 individual and Services. Most of my contact within Services have retired and we no longer have that immediate or personnel contact. 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 Hessel, 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 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.

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.

See attached sheet.

J.Conley

Treasurer

Proposed. – D.Waywell, Beach League Sec/Lancs Ret. Mem.

Seconded – G.Uttley, LEFPA

7) Beach Angling League Report.

The league this year was won once again by Jim Morris (Cheshire) with 424pts with Stu Gardiner (Cleveland) in 2nd place with 413pts and Simon Vickery (Tyne&Wear) taking 3rd place with 410pts. There were 18 members from 5 brigades taking part and 13 completed the statutory 4 matches meaning we were able to present prize tackle vouchers to the first 6 anglers in the league which improved on the previous years results.

Venues fished were Arnside, (Cumbria) Blackpool (Lancs), Connahs Quay (N.Wales), Roker, Claxheugh, Tyne Glass, Newcastle (T&W) Otterspool (River Mersey), New Brighton rock channel, Perch Rock (Cheshire) Marske and Sandsend(Cleveland) .

With 14 separate matches fished and an average of 10 anglers attending them, 2017 was somewhat better than many previous years.

Our 2018 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 individual championships.

The calendar for 2018 FSUK Beach Angling League saw the first match to be fished, cancelled due to a bad weather forecast for snow and it proved a good decision. The rematch was planned for 6th February on Lynmouth Beach so fingers crossed it will go ahead.

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

The only thing missing is 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 anywhere in the United Kingdom then we would do our utmost to support it.

The matches on our calendar for 2018 are building up now and hopefully we will devise a way to pass on all info on these matches to a wider population of anglers and if anyone would like to come up with the answer to how we do this all they have to do is contact me on waywell.dave@hotmail.co.uk and I will be happy to talk with 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	LFEP A
2012	J.Hadwin	Dorset
2013	D.Rees	Hertfordshire

9) Election of Officers.

The Chair, Secretary 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 2018 are. -

Chairman.	N.Hessell
Secretary	D.Rees
Assistant Secretary	G.Geoghegan
Treasurer	J.Conley

Proposed P.Shrubbs, GMC/Tyne & Wear Ret. Mem.

Seconded D.Waywell, Beach League Sec/Lancs Ret. Mem.

10) Northern Ireland 2018

The Northern Ireland National will be from 21st to 28th April 2018. The notice and entry form have just 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 27th April at the Killy Hevlin Hotel. The following sections have been booked.

Airport, Trory, Accrussal Loch, Cornograde, Pretora School, QE Rd. Dolans Ring, Cleanish Farm and Bridge.

11) Game National

The Game National will be at Chew Reservoir, Bristol on Tuesday 22nd May. The match will be fished from boats.

Avon are organising Brigade

2019 – Clywedog Reservoir, Llanidloes, Mid Wales

12) Carp National

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

13) Coarse National.

The Coarse National will be at Hallcroft Fishery, Retford on Wednesday 4th July 2018.

Nottinghamshire are organising Brigade.

14) Sea National.

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

15) Pike National.

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

16) Fund Raising

Ian Poppett, organising Secretary Sea National raised £158 with a raffle, monies were donated to Ff's Charity, RNLI and St. Claires Hospice a local Children's Charity.

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 site 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 2017 to 31st December 2017

Income & Expenditure a/c for the Season

<u>Income</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Nationals</u>			
Coarse	1020		752
Sea	2369		2361
N. Ireland	10648		10708
Game	2226		2106
Carp	540		600
Pike	890		370
Trophies for above			870
Angling Trust			195
FireSport UK Grant	1600		
<u>General Expenses</u>			
Stationary			59
Postage			0
Secretarys Exp.			615
Sundries			203
<u>Competitions have a DEFICIT for year of</u>			<u>74</u>

Excess of Expenditure over		Excess of Income over	
Income	0	Expenditure	454
TOTALS	19293		19293

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Season 1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017

Balance Sheet as of 31st December 2017

<u>Balance Sheet</u>		as at 31st December 2017	
<u>Accumulated Fund</u>	£	<u>Assets</u>	£
Balance B/Fwd 1st January 2016	2892	Cash in Bank	3346
		Cash in Hand	0
Plus Excess of Income over Expenditure	454		
<u>Total</u>	3346		3346

J.L. CONLEY

Hon. Treasurer