

Minutes

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Present

SEG Directors (Members):

Andrew Kerr (Chair), Alexander Wever, Alex Koelewijn, David Bunt,

Others (Adhering Members):

Richard Fordham, Alexis Pengrech, Nicolas Belhamiti, Stephen Beard, Norbert Jeronimus, Aitor Alonso, Mickael Vallée, Alexander Barty, Andres Fellenberg Van Der Molen, Pierre Etienne Rollet, Martynas Greviškis, Toby Mills, Paul Brotherton, Philippe Boisneau, Marie Lecomte, Anders Clarhall, Peter Wood, Brian Knights.

Apologies for absence were received from:

Chris Leftwich, Patrick Prouzet, Nick Walker, Willem Dekker, Guillaume LePriellec.

1. Minutes of last meeting

- 1.1 Minutes of the meeting, 9 March 2021 were previously circulated and are published on the [SEG website](#).
- 1.2 The minutes were proposed as a true record by Alexander Wever, seconded by Alex Koelewijn.

2. Chairman's Report

- 2.1 Andrew Kerr presented the Chairman's report. It is published on the [SEG website](#).
- 2.2 It included an Impacts Report to show a range of positive outcomes the SEG programme is having on the recovery of the European eel.
- 2.3 It also included a report on the SEG Standard and our ISEAL membership by David Bunt,
- 2.4 and an overview of the French glass eel fishing season by Marie Lecomte of the National Comité de Pêches
- 2.5 In the absence of Willem Dekker who was due to report this, Andrew gave a brief introduction to a planned programme to consolidate Eel Protection measures in at least EU members states by 2030 under the headline #EelDeal2030

3. Financial Report

- 3.1 The Financial Report for 2021 was presented. Total income €241,313.98, expenditure €245.933.76; balance of -€4619.78. The accounts have yet to be audited before they are published on the [SEG website](#).
- 3.2 The proposed budget for 2022 was presented, with a projected income of €226,305.00 and expenditure of €217,988.23.

4. Any other business

- 4.1 Marie asked about the European Commission's view on eel aquaculture, i.e. taking wild stock to grow as opposed to artificial breeding. Andrew said that SEG was organising a trip for Brussels officials on 20 May, that would include a visit to an eel farm, to help influence them and increase their awareness
- 4.2 Alexander Wever asked about the approx. 10 tonnes presented of glass eels from France being exported to Spain – is it for consumption? Andrew replied that this was believed to be mostly for the Spanish consumption market for 'Angulas'. Marie confirmed that they also estimated it to be about 10 tonnes.

Andrew Kerr thanked everyone for attending and for their individual and collective efforts for the recovery of the European eel.

The meeting closed at 14.40 CET.