



Manor Terrace, Felixstowe, Suffolk, IP11 2EN

You are hereby invited to the **Annual General Meeting** of the **Felixstowe Sea Angling Society** to be held at the club hut on **Monday 7 September 2026 at 7.30pm** for the transaction of the undermentioned business:

Agenda

- 1. Present**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Minutes**
 - A – Minutes from the 2025 AGM
 - B – Minutes from FSAS Committee meetings
- 4. Chairman's Report**
- 5. Secretary's Report**
- 6. Treasurer's Report**
- 7. Competition Secretary's Report**
- 8. Club constitution**
- 9. Election of Officers**
- 10. Beach match fixtures**
- 11. Proposals**
 - A – Proposals from the FSAS Committee
 - B – Proposals supplied in advance of the meeting by club members
- 12. Presentation night**
- 13. Any Other Business**
- 14. Closure**

Item 3

Minutes

A – Minutes from the 2025 AGM

The minutes from the 2025 are appended to this document. Members may raise any questions about the minute and actions provided within. The Chair will call for a vote to approve those minutes as an official record.

B – Minutes from FSAS Committee meetings

The minutes from the meetings of the FSAS Committee are appended to this document:

- 1 – 01.09.25
- 2 – 08.10.25
- 3 – 04.02.26 (hand written)
- 4 – 11.06.26
- 5 – 06.08.26

Members may raise any questions about the minutes and actions provided within. These minutes are to be noted.

Item 4

Chairman's Report

Good evening and welcome to this year's agm for fsas.

Firstly, I would like to thank all my fellow committee members for all their help and support over the last year.

Membership has been steady over this year both on the beach and boat sections to a point that we now have a waiting list for boat spaces. Unfortunately, numbers fishing the beach matches have been a bit low at some matches this year. Jason has prepared the fixture list for next season so if anybody has any suggestions how we can improve this please let us know.

As always, the club ran the Maritime match and it was won by Jason so congratulations to him but also keeping in the Banham family Mark also fished for England again in Spain getting a day win and has now been selected to fish for England in Italy this year so congratulations to you both.

Once again, we will be running the Maritime competition so any help with the running or help with prizes would be much appreciated.

Also coming up will be our presentation night this year being held at the Regal Hotel with a fish and chip supper on Saturday 24th of October. This is your chance to see who has won what.

Unfortunately, this year we are proposing a rise in membership and boat fees. This is due to the rising costs of our ground rent and rising electric and water prices so that boat storage will rise £5 to £200 a year and membership will rise £5 to £25 per year.

Once again, this year we will be applying to Felixstowe council for a grant to improve all our lighting to new modern led fittings to help with security and maybe help the electric bill.

Once again, I would like to thank my fellow committee members and the membership over the last season.

I am happy to stand as your chairman again this year unless any one else would like the job. So tight lines everybody and I hope to see you on the beach soon.

Item 5

Secretary's Report

I joined FSAS in 2016, my first full winter back in Suffolk having pretty much lived out of the County since leaving for university in 2000. My only involvement with the club before that time was competing in the Junior Maritime matches in the 90's; the winning trophy from 1995 is still in my loft today...! 😊

I've always believed that if you have a hobby you should be prepared to give something back to support the continuation of that pastime – having served in similar roles for the Ipswich Sea Angling Club and Orfordness Angling Club in the past, I was more the happy to give my time to the role of Secretary to FSAS. A first thanks is to my predecessor Phil Riches, who during his time as Secretary provided the club a firm organisational position as well as using his IT knowledge to develop our website and CCTV capabilities.

The Committee has met five times this year with the agenda and minutes from those meetings are provided for the information of club members; I was unable to attend in February due to illness. The early meeting focussed on the preparation for the Maritime, which in our opinion went well organisationally and it was great to see Jason win the one he always wanted to. This year's Maritime is scheduled for November 1st so get that date in your diaries! We've also discussed at length the fixtures for 2026/27 which are presented to you for consideration this evening – I believe the variety of matches on offer is one of things that makes being a member of this club so exciting. We've also settled on the funding we are going to apply for from Felixstowe Town Council – to replace the lighting in the club hut with LED's, and agreed the document to be submitted to HM Land Registry to replace the outgoing signatories of club trustees with new (Andy Smith and I) – this is an important piece of work as without current trustees appointed by the membership, the club could be considered in breach of its lease.

Whilst on the subject of the lease, members are probably aware that whilst the club built the building and own the structure, the land upon which the building sits is the property of East Suffolk Council. Hence, the club is required by the lease between the organisations to pay an annual rent of £3320 – bizarrely payable on Christmas Day each year! As long as we continue to attract boat and shore members to the current number and undertake fund raising and revenue generation through open and seasonal matches, that figure remains attainable.

The lease expires in December 2029 – in normal circumstances we would expect to negotiate a new lease, however if Local Government Reorganisation happens at the speed proposed by the current central government reforms and not is interrupted by the new Reform administration at Suffolk County Council, East Suffolk Council will have ceased to be an entity by that time. Whether our new landlords will be the new Ipswich and South Suffolk Unitary Authority, or Felixstowe Town Council (if they seek asset transfer from the new unitary), will be for time to tell.

In relation to membership, you will note from the agenda that the Committee are proposing an increase in membership by £5 – beach members will now be asked to pay £25, and boat members a total of £225 (£200 compound fee and £25 club membership). The full detail is provided in the agenda item, but I strongly encourage members to agree to this proposal.

I managed to fish five matches this season, which was one short of my target of six so not too bad. As some people are aware, all being well our family will be blessed with a second daughter in early

December, so that number may well reduce further with family commitments taking precedent for a few years, but I'm than happy to continue in this administrative role if the membership is happy to vote me back in. If someone has more time than I and is desperate to be involved, please do put your hand up and join us – talking fishing is always great and we even have snacks at the meetings these days!

Finally, some thanks – to Andy for leading the club as Chair and for doing such sterling work in decorating the hut during the summer (with help from Richard). To Jason for his continued service to the club as Match Secretary – a thankless task in my opinion but the matches continue to be attended by a good number of anglers for a small organisation such as ours. Finally, to Richard Burrow, who in the background controls the club finances whilst managing the membership of both the shore and beach club – another seemingly simple task which requires a significant amount of unseen admin.

Best wishes

Greg

Item 6

Treasurer's Report

The past year has again seen the Society's finances remaining stable, despite increased costs and a slight reduction in membership numbers. Funds remain at a healthy level and we may soon have boat spaces to offer to new members. A small increase in membership and compound fees is to be proposed (see below).

The beach section, again, offers an interesting and challenging programme of fixtures on a variety of venues. May I encourage all members to attend the Presentation Evening in October (date and venue tba)?

I would like to thank the other officers and committee members for the exceptional work they have put in to make the past year a financial and sporting success. Our chairman, Andy Smith deserves special mention for his hard work and initiative with regard to the redecoration of the clubhouse and also, former Secretary, Phil Riches for his expertise in updating the security system for the clubhouse.

We are proud that one of our young members, Mark Banham, will be representing England, fishing the Youth World Shore Championships in Italy in autumn and I am sure that we wish him and the team success.

I have again been less active than I would like to be in the past year because of ongoing health problems but I am prepared to stand for the post of Treasurer for another year.

Annual subscriptions can be renewed at the AGM and afterwards and are proposed to be as follows:

- Adult membership: £25
- Intermediate membership (16 to 18 years): £10
- Junior membership: £5
- Compound fee: £200 per boat/trailer

Richard Burrow, Treasurer FSAS

Item 7

Competition Secretary's Report

Beach Competition / Match Secretary's Report 2025-2026.

Here we are again at the end of the season, But before I carry on with the report, I will just take a moment to highlight an out standing achievement, this being Mark Banham fishing for the Under 16 shore team last year, going to Spain at the end of September early October to fish in the world championship, just missing out on a medal overall but winning his section on day 2 as well as being overall winner that day, helped by a 39cm Verrugato (like a bass) worth 900 pts on his last cast and on the whistle as well !. Plus -Hot off the press is also he has been given a shot at the under 21 words this coming September – iam sure we will wish him well.

Looking back on the Society's match results, A Great year for Sam Creasey, winning the Beach Championship in a close-run league taken Victory in the last match but to be fair a constant year throughout, Also winning the Spring Cup on the last match overtaking Greg on the last match at Bawdsey, winning the Beach rosebowl on count back as well as winning the Christmas Cup and Hamper.

Veterans cup was won By John Wakefied, John also came 3rd in the Beach Championship, so well done

Presidents cup was fished over two legs both in daylight and on sections of beach where we all are together. I thought this worked very well again and won by Mark Banham in a close battle with Don Rakauskas only 59pts in it 888 to 829.

Mark Banham, deciding not to fish as much this season but still managed to win the Boxing day cup, The away cup with 2 wins out of the 3, and the Species cup on Lowestoft Pier – Great fun match, if you never fished it come and have a go.

Knock out cup to the final was fished with the last 4 Anglers, winner on sole points was Dale, runner up on sole points was Jason, with Rick in 3rd on total points and then Steve. Never sure the best way to run this cup and should the final be on total points? – comments welcome at AGM.

Young Oakly Lewin had a great year, shame he is the only Junior, but as well as winning all the Junior cups he had some great results and also did some You Tube Vidos as well – if you gat a chance look him up – keep it up Oakly.

Other cup winners were Jason Banham – winning Both Tuesday Evening leagues as well as the Turner shield, Stephen Boyt winning the Nev Banham and Rick Allis winning the Easter cup with 949pts a good bag of fish on a sunny April day, and Andy Smith winning the Sole cup.

Cod cup was not awarded as no cod caught but the match was won by Sam and like wise with the rockling cup, no Rockling caught but the match was won by Stephen.

Must congratulate all the winners and runners up, I know other events now clash with this club, so we have reduced our matches in hope not to clash or gives chance to fish both – we can only try.

Shame No Ladies fished this year in the beach cup so maybe we need to have a bring your partner match?

Most Noteworthy fish was awarded by the committee to Dale Pegg for his 36cm Thin Lipped Mullet, Dale also picked up the biggest fish a 46 cm Thornback Ray.

Final note's, Well done to all our members fishing and competing in other competitions Sam, Dale and Don doing well in the Norfolk team of 3, and others in the sea leagues as well as other opens etc, and no end of season report would compete if I did not say, after over 40 years of fishing matches, I can now say I have won an Open Match, a personal achievement made even better, that it was our own Martine Open match.

Looking forward to next season, the tides and venues seem to pick themselves, always open to suggestions which can be discussed at the end of the AGM or send me a text,

Good to get down Gedgrave again and thanks to Greg for sorting the access and Bob for using there 4 x 4's, may need them next year as well.

So well done again to all the winners, runners ups and all that have finished the matches, Thank you for all your help, however small, I do what I do because of the support you give me, I'm happy to do the same next Season, so till then, tight lines.

Jason Banham

Item 8

Club constitution

It is good practice for the club and its membership to approve the constitution on a yearly basis – organisations to whom the club may approach for grant funding will require proof of such.

Appended to this document is the Club Constitution, with the minor changes as proposed by the Committee shown as highlighted text – the proposal is to remove the positions of Membership Secretary (as this work is part of the role of the Treasurer), and (unless anyone from the boat membership comes forward), the Senior Compound Steward.

Members are provided this opportunity to consider the contents of the constitution, from where the Chair will call for a vote to approve the document.

Item 9

Election of Officers

The following are the current Officers to FSAS – the only tabled proposal is for Ken Messenger to be elected as President (if carried, Vice President number would be reduced to two). Members may propose changes to any (non-life) position for voting on at this meeting.

Position	Present Holder	Proposed
Hon Life President	G Powter	
Hon Life Members	D Shipp, D Wright, K Messenger, C Burrows, J Banham	
President	G Powter	K Messenger
Vice Presidents (3)	J Banham, K Messenger, D Wright	
Chairperson	A Smith	
Vice Chairperson	R Burrow	
Secretary	G Diaper	
Membership Secretary	R Burrow	
Competition Secretary	J Banham	
Assistant Competition Secretary	S Creasey	
Boat Competition Secretary	Position Vacant	
Treasurer	R Burrow	
Hon Auditors (Maximum of 2)	Position Vacant	
Committee Members (2)	S Creasey, R Mortimore	
Senior Compound Steward	D Raskauskas	
Compound Stewards	K Messenger	

Item 10

Beach match fixtures

Uploaded to the FSAS [website](#) are the full results from the 2025/26 season – congratulations to all the winners.

Also uploaded to the FSAS [website](#) are the draft beach match fixtures for the 2026/27 season, which the Committee have provided for consideration at this meeting. Further to the discussion of the Committee around the fixtures, the list produced by the Competition Secretary accounts for the following points:

- The species match at Lowestoft Pier to be held as early in the season as possible to allow for summer species to still be available.
- The Tuesday Evening (Pre Christmas) and Tuesday Evening Borley Cup (Post Christmas) cups to be reduced to three matches per series, with all matches counting. The match time remains 19.00 – 22.30.
- The rockling match to be fished on the Aldeburgh sea wall (yacht club).
- To retain the Neville Banham cup in late January and move the Sizewell Rose Bowl/Inter club match to February.
- The ‘Cod cup’ to be reconfigured into a ‘Biggest fish’ match, but with Cod (to size limits) taking overall preference.

These fixtures are presented in draft format in order that Members may propose alterations to the fixtures and match formats – suggestions from Members are welcome.

A discussion point is provided later in this agenda regarding the potential increasing of size limits for bass (only) at the Spring Cup matches.

After discussion, the Chair will call for the fixtures to be agreed.

Item 11

Proposals

A – Proposals from the FSAS Committee

Increase in club membership:

The FSAS Committee agreed the following proposal at our June meeting:

The Committee agreed that at the AGM the club membership be asked to consider an increase in membership fees to £25 per person, and boat compound fees to £200. The Committee seeks such an increase in membership in order that the cost of engraving the year end trophies be met from the clubs bank account, which in turn allows for more money to be paid out at each match during the year (the Competition Secretary having previously kept money back from each match to cover the engraving costs). The ever increasing utility costs and noticeable usage of the hut by boat club members as a social/ gathering location, requires the increase in compound fee.

This request for support from members is predicated upon the following information:

- Beach membership is currently £20; Boat membership is £215 (£195 compound fee and £20 club membership). Together, that income pays the majority of the rent for the club hut.
- Entry to a beach match costs each angler £10. Of that £10, £1 is retained by the club to pay for the end of year trophy engraving, and £1 retained by the club to put toward prize money each cup. This creates additional administrative work for the Competition Secretary at each match.
- It is also noticeable that our electric bills have increased significantly in the past year – the use of the club's facilities by boat club members to charge mobile phones, undertake maintenance of their boats etc, is seen a significant driver for this increase.
- By increasing the membership fee to £25 and compound fee to £200, the club will hold on account enough money to pay for the year end trophy engraving and meet the increased demands from utility companies. After many years of not having a meter, Anglian Water have now connected up the building, so water costs are also expected to increase.
- For beach members, the increase will mean that more money is available for paying out during each match – one successful match will see you offset this small increase. For boat members, the club will be able to continue to support your use of facilities to your boating activities.

For the avoidance of doubt, the FSAS proposes the following membership costs for the season 2026/27, and asks that the club membership agree to this proposal:

- Adult membership: £25
- Intermediate membership (16 to 18 years): £10
- Junior membership: £5
- Compound fee: £200 per boat/trailer (Boat member total - £225).

(Discussion point) Increasing of size limits for bass to 25cm for Spring Cup matches only.

The following is extract from the minutes of the August meeting of the Committee:

Significant discussion about the increasing of size limits of bass (only) to 25cm for the Spring Cup following large numbers of bass landed at the Iken and Bawdsey matches this year.

Agreement that whilst the format is enjoyable and these matches are popular with members; large and visible fish kills at very popular venues with members of the public is not a good look for the club.

Secretary asked to prepare an item for consideration at the AGM to allow the clubs membership to partake in the discussion and reach an agreed position.

More than 250 bass were carded at the Gedgrave match and another 160 at Bawdsey – the majority were less than 25cm and many did not survive – the image of dead bass in the mud as the tide goes away is not a good look for the club as such a popular venue with walkers (it seems every year there are more and more people using that space).

The Secretary proposed as part of the agenda for that meeting that size limits for bass (only) be increased to 25cm for the spring cup matches. The idea behind the proposal is that anglers will be forced to try and target larger bass and potentially different species in order to card fish at the match – becoming better anglers and learning and trying different tactics is one of the cornerstones of our hobby, so the proposal seemed quite acceptable in its simplistic form. Other members of the Committee debated against the proposal, citing concerns about large numbers of blanks and potentially a reduction in match entry – both fair points. In summary:

Positives:

- Fewer dead fish
- Chance for anglers to try different tactics to target larger bass or other species (mullet, eels etc)

Negatives:

- (Especially as Iken) possibility that everyone or at least a large number of anglers will blank.
- Potential for less anglers to wish to enter these matches.

One option discussed at the meeting was to fish alternate years of over 18 and over 25 as a trial; the other that the Iken match be moved to early May when potentially there are less basslets in the river.

The FSAS Committee were split on the proposal, so the membership is provided this opportunity to debate the proposed size limit increase and come to an agreeable position.

(Discussion point) Consideration of new measure and return limits provided by the Angling Trust.

The Club have been made aware that the Angling Trust are proposing changes to the 'Official length to points conversion chart' used during matches— a copy of these are provided on the club [website](#).

Please find attached the 2026 revised match card, weight to measure chart and a set of rules. Before I explain any further, this is not me telling you you must use these, as I'm not, I get there's loads of ways to run matches and its down to the match organiser to run it as they see fit, all I do ask is the match fits in with the ATSL guidelines, which you all have a copy. The match card, chart and rules are a tool/s which you can choose to use or not as you see fit, you can use any of them either together or separately, it's entirely up to you.

The match card and chart are in PDF format as these are locked, to ensure the integrity of the chart the only person who can make changes is my graphic designer/printer. The rules are in word so you can add/take-away/amend as it suits, e.g. bait bans, fishing restrictions, tackle etc.

Changes (All led by feedback from you as organisers and anglers);

Match Card

The card has been simplified, i.e. you only need a signature not name and initial, other than a little bit of formatting that's it!

Chart

Again following feedback, haddock has been moved into the cod/bass section

The first part of the dogfish/huss/hound/tope chart has been grouped, to make things a little simpler, to improve a fish handling, and in the case of large amounts of dogfish, speed up the signing in process, while retaining the overriding principle of the chart, "catch a big fish you get big fish points", It gives everyone the chance of winning right up until the last cast.

I fully accept not everyone will agree, disagree like or dislike the chart/system, I certainly can't please all, but I/we (Ben Price, Julian Shambrook, Saul Page, Rob Tuck Richard Yates John Kerr) have listened to anglers, and given their views back to me, as I said you don't have to use it. As for when is come in, then as organisers it's up to you. I'll make the chart available to all, but it will be down to you to say what rules you're fishing to in your match. It might, if you decide to use it, and until everyone has a copy, be a good idea to have some charts printed and available at booking in, however if you use the card you don't need to as its the inner of the match card.

Club members are provided this opportunity to consider the new chart and decide whether or not to adopt it for use in FSAS matches.

Item 12

Presentation night

The Regal Hotel is booked for Saturday 24th October – 18:00 – 20:30.

- Sausage and chips - £10
- Cod and chips - £15

Minutes of the Felixstowe Sea Angling Society Annual General Meeting
held on Monday 1st September 2025 at 8pm
Manor Terrace, Felixstowe

1) Present: P. Riches, J. Banham, R. Burrow, K. Messenger, A. Southgate, A. Smith G. Powter, B. Foster, D. Pegg, G. Diaper, E. Woodhams, R. Mortimore, D. Shipp, D. Raskauskas, D. Stewart, S. Creasey.

2) Apologies: - R. Hickson, G. Hudson, J. Smith, P. Burlinson, B. Stevenitt, J. Thorpe, C. Brooklands, D. Wright, M. Talbot, J. Wakefield, M. Ward, T. Metcalf, M. Ward.

3) Minutes of the 2024 AGM

The Minutes of the 2024 AGM were taken as read and accepted unanimously.

Proposed by R. Burrow, 2nd A. Smith.

4) Matters Arising: - Changes to the Constitution were needed as the posts of Press Officer and Social Secretary were withdrawn at the 2024 AGM. With closer scrutiny prior to the AGM the Constitution was carefully studied and the following was discussed by committee. Low attendance of committee members at meetings during the year also highlighted the fact that the Constitution specified that a minimum of 5 committee members and Officers be present. To remain quorate the number of additional committee members were reduced from a maximum of 9 to 2. With the main Officers of the club being Chairman, Secretary, Competition Secretary and Treasurer this gave the committee a total of 6 allowing a meeting to be quorate with 3 attendees. It was also decided that the number of committee meetings in a year would be reduced to being quarterly. The dates of the 4 meetings to be decided by the new committee. Assistant Competition Secretary which had been missing from the Officers list would be re-instated. The need for 4 Vice Presidents were discussed. A. Smith revoked his position reducing the number to 3.

5) Chairman's Report

6) Secretary's Report

7) Treasurer's Report

8) Competition Secretary's Report

All Officers reports were taken as read and accepted on block unanimously.

9) Election of Officers

G. Diaper Unanimously elected as the new Secretary replacing P. Riches. D. Raskauskas put his name forward to takeover the post of Senior Compound Steward from G. Powter. S. Creasey will take on the position of Assistant Competition Secretary. A replacement Auditor will be required next year as L. Cunningham will be standing down after auditing this year's accounts. A. Smith thanked P. Riches, G. Powter and L. Cunningham for the work they had done for the club.

Position	Present Holder	Proposed	Proposer	Seconder
Hon Life President	G. Powter			
Hon Life Members	D Shipp, D. Wright, K. Messenger, C. Burrows, J. Banham.			
President	G. Powter			
Vice Presidents (3)	J Banham, K Messenger, D Wright.			
Chairperson	A. Smith			
Vice Chairperson	R. Burrow			
Secretary	G. Diaper			
Membership Secretary	R. Burrow			
Competition Secretary	J Banham			
Assistant Competition Secretary	S. Creasey			
Boat Competition Secretary	Position Vacant			
Treasurer	R. Burrow			
Hon Auditors	Position Vacant			
Committee Members (2)	S. Creasey, R. Mortimore			
Senior Compound Steward	D. Raskauskas			
Compound Stewards	K. Messenger			

10) Propositions: -

- Proposer Ken Messenger: - "That we reverse the rule about eels and go back to normal size limits. Seconded John Wakefield.
Result of vote: - 9 For 3 Against to reverse, motion carried.
- Proposer Greg Diaper: - "To consider the banning of white ragworm from all matches organised by FSAS. This brings the club in line with other local clubs (ISA and Sea League), and major matches organised by SAMF such as the sea league finals." Seconded Jason Banham.
Result of vote: - Unanimous decision to ban, motion carried.
- Proposer Greg Diaper: - "To receive and agree the fixtures for the 2025/ 26 FSAS match angling season. Members have requested that Mothers and Father's Day be avoided if possible. A general agreement that some matches may be re-scheduled once the sea league fixtures be announced seems reasonable."
Agreed by Competition Secretary J. Banham. Fixture list distributed for discussion.

11) Discussions from the Floor: -

- Continuation of Fixture List discussion.
- Latest on fishing at Sizewell. Area usually fished should be open until April next year.
- P. Riches said a few words to praise G. Powter for his 55 years of service to the Club and holding positions of Treasurer for many years also as Senior Compound Steward. P. Riches also hoped that his 12 years as Secretary had left the Club in good order. A. Smith acknowledged this and gave thanks to them both.

12) New Members: - None.

13) A.O.B: - None

Meeting Closed at 8.40 pm

Minutes of the Felixstowe Sea Angling Society Committee Meeting

Monday 1st September 2025 at 9pm

Manor Terrace, Felixstowe

1. Present

A Smith (Chair), J Banham (Competition Secretary), R Burrow (Treasurer), S Creasey (Committee Member), G Diaper (Secretary), R Mortimore (Committee Member). D Raskauskas (Compound Steward, in attendance).

2. Apologies

None.

3. New Members

Reported at AGM.

4. Minutes of the previous Committee meeting held on the Wednesday 6th of August

Members noted the recent donations of the tackle to the club and provision of this equipment to the England Junior talent pathway by the Competition Secretary.

5. Items arising

The Secretary to draft a letter to the East Suffolk Council Property Management Lead (Chris Phillips) regarding the change of trusteeship to the club lease.

6. Items arising from AGM

None. The Chair welcomed new Members to the Committee.

7. Honoraria

The Chair explained the traditional payment of an honoraria to the club's Competition Secretary, Treasurer and Secretary to the sum of £75.00, paid in arrears to cover expenses from the previous season. It was unanimously agreed that the treasurer issue the requisite cheques to the relevant members.

8. Correspondance

The Chair reported falsified letters from a debt collection agency which have been returned to the sender.

9. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer tabled the latest accounts, providing a current balance of £5,268.94 on August 30th, 2025.

10. Competition Secretary's Report

Members noted the report provided at the AGM. The Competition Secretary and Secretary to work together to produce an excel database of the club's fixtures and results.

11. Festivals and Opens

Members noted the potentially poor tide for the Maritime but agreed that the match will run from 10:00 – 15:00.

The Secretary will produce a poster for publication on Facebook.

12. Compound Steward's Report

Nothing to report.

13. Junior Comment

Members noted the worrying lack of junior membership and discussed a potential open day in 2026 to publicise the benefits of angling to young people.

14. Any Other Business

Members agreed to re-schedule the October meeting to Wednesday 8th and cancel the December meeting.

The Secretary explained the system by which his predecessor used the club's website to retain membership information. Members agreed that the Treasurer and Secretary work together to create an excel database to hold this information moving forward. The Secretary will analyse the requirements of the existing website and report back at the October meeting.

Meeting closed 9.53pm.

Mr A.Smith
Chair, FSAS

Minutes of the Felixstowe Sea Angling Society Committee Meeting

Wednesday 10th October 2025 at 7.30pm

Manor Terrace, Felixstowe

1. Present

A Smith (Chair), J Banham (Competition Secretary), R Burrow (Treasurer), G Diaper (Secretary), R Mortimore (Committee Member).

2. Apologies

S Creasey.

3. New Members

The Treasurer report one new member (E. Blackmore), twenty-one club and seven boat renewals, and one junior renewal.

The Secretary was asked to contact the eleven boat members who had not renewed, advising that the code to the compound would be changed on November 31st.

4. Minutes of the previous Committee meeting held on Monday 1st September, 2025.

The minutes of the meeting held 1st September 2025, were noted.

5. Items arising

A – Lease signatory update – The Secretary reported that he had been supplied with a copy of the lease with East Suffolk Council by that organisation, but efforts to engage in dialogue with them about updating the signatories on the lease had been unsuccessful to this point.

B – The Secretary explained the current usage by Members of the private section of the website – only one member had accessed that section of the website this year. It was agreed that the Secretary begin to make fully public all documents relevant to FSAS members, with a long-term view that the website content be minimised in the coming years.

The Secretary was asked to contact his predecessor in regard of the Wi-Fi login and password for the hut.

The Chair was asked to contact the Club President in regard of his attendance at the presentation night in the traditional role of presenting trophies to winning anglers. If unavailable, Mr K Messenger (Joint Vice President), be asked to deputise.

6. Correspondence

The Chair would check the mailbox after the meeting.

All utility bills have now been re-directed to the Treasurer.

7. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer tabled the latest accounts, providing a current balance of £6,342.29 as at 08.10.25.

Income - £1,976.00

Expenditure - £891.82

The latest audit is almost complete – the Club will require a new auditor for next year. The Chair reported he had a number of people he could ask.

8. Competition Secretary's Report

The Competition Secretary reported three matches completed since the last meeting of the Committee. Lowestoft Pier species match enjoyable as ever.

All trophies collected from the engravers – invoice provided to the Treasurer.

9. Compound Steward's Report.

Not present.

10. Festivals and Opens

The Secretary was asked to update the Maritime poster to remove Markhams phone number and correctly identify registration to the Angling Trust Sea League.

The Secretary was asked to email local companies in the hope of donations toward the raffle.

11. Junior Comment

One junior renewal.

12. Any Other Business

A – There is no urgent requirement that would require a grant application to Felixstowe Town Council; however the Secretary was asked to review the grants policy with a view to future applications being made.

B – No requirement for a Committee day at the current time – strimming of the grass to be done in the spring.

The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for Wednesday 4th February 2026 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 8.36pm.

Mr A.Smith
Chair, FSAS

NEW

PRESENT.

A. SMITH / R. BUNNOR / S. BANHAM

APPROBES

SIAM / JOHN WANGFIELD / NOSEN / GAREL

FOCUS

FOLLOW UP ON TRUSTERS WITH SECRETARY

MAN. TIME TO REMAIN. CHECK TIME 1ST NOV (How??)
CHECK SPENT TIME.

WATER METER. (HNT FWD)

ACCOUNTS OR BALANCE UP.

RE SUBMIT 3 DETAILS BACK ON GEDLMUR / IKEN / BAWDSBY

COO POWER ONLY AWARDED ON COO

POWER TIME ONLY AWARDED FOR POWERING.

CHECK NEW MEMBER AND UPTO RULES

1-B. LEADER, 10-1.

NOSES/NEES AWAY TO PAN BOAT LATER IN WEEK

HSBC NO MOVEMENT.

(COYED) 8-10 PM.

Minutes of the Felixstowe Sea Angling Society Committee Meeting

Thursday 11th June 2026 at 7.30pm

Manor Terrace, Felixstowe

1. Present

A Smith (Chair), J Banham (Competition Secretary), R Burrow (Treasurer), G Diaper (Secretary), R Mortimore (Committee Member).

2. Apologies

S Creasey.

3. New Members

The Treasurer reported two new members, with the total club membership at fifty two members (see attached report).

4. Minutes of the previous Committee meeting held on Wednesday 4th February, 2026.

The Chair provided hand written notes from that meeting (attached).

5. Items arising

A –The Secretary advised that the existing signatories to the lease will need to sign a deed of retirement, and the proposed new signatories a deed of appointment.

B – The Secretary spoke to his work to minimise the website and add some photos to the front page – at the current time the website is sufficient for the needs of the organisation. The Secretary will contact James ‘Bill’ Clarke, who is the current admin for the club’s Facebook page, in order that he may have admin rights to remove nuisance posts from the feed.

C – The code to the Wifi is now stored in the cupboard.

D – The Secretary was asked to confirm with Felixstowe Town Council if a switch to LED lighting in the club hut be suitable for grant funding support. If so, the Club Secretary can source quotations for the upgrade.

E – The Chair and Secretary are signatories to the HSBC account; the Secretary also has a debit card. Secretary to look at online options.

6. Correspondence

The Secretary tabled an email received that day from the son of former Secretary Philip Thain, offering to supply the club with archive material. The

Secretary was asked to confirm acceptance of the material, and work to design a display in the club hut.

7. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer tabled the latest accounts, providing a current balance of £3,783.91 as at 11.06.26 (see attached).

Income - £495.00

Expenditure - £349.62

The Chair will speak to persons known to him about the year end audit of the club's accounts.

8. Beach match fixtures

A - Competition Secretary's Report

Low scoring recent match at Clacton and low turn out for some Tuesday night matches were disappointing; excellent Easter and Spring Cup matches very positive.

B - Wash up from the Maritime

General agreement that the format works well, especially with Chairman and Secretary not fishing the match and preparing the payouts post booking in.

The Committee agreed:

- To increase the entry fee to the match to £25, with the club retaining £2 from each entrant.
- Raffle tickets priced at £5 per strip.

C - Ideas/ proposals for 2026/27 fixtures

Wide ranging discussion about the fixtures for 2026/27 – the Competition Secretary was asked to produce a draft fixture list for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee to include (but not be limited to):

- To keep the species match at Lowestoft Pier as early in the season as possible (September)
- To reduce the Tuesday Evening and Tuesday Evening Borley Cups to a three-match series, with all matches counting. For the pre-Christmas cup, this would be matches in September, October and November. Post Christmas, May, June and July. Matches to remain 19.00 – 22.30.
- To fish the current years sole match in the bays/ groynes to the right of the pier.

- To move the Rockling match to January, to be fished along the yacht club stretch at Aldeburgh.
- To retain the Neville Banham cup in late January and move the Sizewell Rose Bowl/Inter club match to February.
- The 'Cod cup' to be reconfigured into a 'Biggest fish' match, but with Cod (to size limits) taking overall preference.

The Committee also considered the potential of an open match during August on Lowestoft Pier.

The Committee agreed that at the AGM the club membership be asked to consider an increase in membership fees to £25 per person, and boat compound fees to £200. The Committee seeks such an increase in membership in order that the cost of engraving the year end trophies be met from the clubs bank account, which in turn allows for more money to be paid out at each match during the year (the Competition Secretary having previously kept money back from each match to cover the engraving costs). The ever increasing utility costs and noticeable usage of the hut by boat club members as a social/ gathering location, requires the increase in compound fee.

9. Compound Steward's Report.

Not present. Large boats now in situ. Preferable if a boat club member can take on this role.

Some committee Members to undertake grounds maintenance on Wednesday 17th June.

10. Junior Comment

In light of some funds becoming available following the sale of tackle donated to the club, the Competition Secretary proposed an open day as a means to try and attract more young anglers into the club. General agreement to the idea but concerns about safeguarding were raised from the floor.

The other option considered for the funds were that they be invested in raffle prizes for the Maritime.

11. Any Other Business

The recent communication with the Landguard Trust was discussed – the Committee hopes that the matter is now closed and the organisations can work together to protect and use Landguard as a recreational space.

Meeting closed 9.36pm.

Mr A.Smith
Chair, FSAS

FSAS MEMBERSHIP REPORT

11.6.26

New and renewed members since 5.2:26

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52 members (5 hon life, 2 juniors, 1 intermediate, 16 boat members. with 17 boats) 45 50 44 128 60

45

50

44

46

28 beach
members

$$\times 10 = \text{f}280$$
$$\times 15 = \text{f} 420$$

20 560

28 = 700

≈ 12.5

F.S.A.S.- HSBC Account summary 4.2.26 to 11.6.26

Income	
Details	Amount
Carried over from previous period	£3,638.53
Membership subscriptions & compound fees	£495.00
Match income from Comp Sec	£0.00
Raffle income	£0.00
Total	£4,133.53

Expenditure	
Expenditure	Amount
HSBC charges	£1.68
Affiliation to FCSR	£5.00
EDF Energy	£296.63
Anglian Water	£16.31
CCTV charges- recurring payment	£30.00
Total Expenditure	£349.62

Available funds at end of period	
Total funds	£3,783.91
Fixed Assets- club hut, trophies, furniture etc., fire extinguishers & sundries	£98,457.00
Total Assets	£102,240.91

Minutes of the Felixstowe Sea Angling Society Committee Meeting

Thursday 6th August 2026 at 7.00pm

Manor Terrace, Felixstowe

1. Present

A Smith (Chair), J Banham (Competition Secretary), R Burrow (Treasurer), G Diaper (Secretary).

2. Apologies

S Creasey and R Mortimore.

3. New Members

None.

4. Minutes of the previous Committee meeting held on 11 June 2026

The minutes were approved.

5. Items arising

A – Lease signatory update

The Committee agreed that the Deed of Retirement and Appointment prepared by the Secretary be circulated to those required to sign before being submitted to HM Land Registry.

B – FSAS website and social media

No need for change at the moment in regard of admin. rights to Facebook. The website continues to operate without issue, or much traffic.

C – Felixstowe Town Council grant scheme

The Committee agreed to apply for match funding to update the lighting in the club hut to LED lights. The Chair and Competition Secretary will seek quotes for the work to allow the Secretary to submit the application.

D – HSBC account

Nothing to report. Online banking not an immediate requirement.

E – Archive material

Secretary has received archive material from former club secretary, and will in time prepare the material for viewing in the club hut.

F – Site maintenance update

Chair and Treasurer thanked for their excellent work improving the interior of the building (painting, flooring and window sill improvements) and for tidying outside.

The Chair asked that a minute of thanks be provided to Foxwood Ceramics for their support in the provision of materials for the work.

6. **Correspondence**

Nothing to report.

7. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer tabled the latest accounts, providing a current balance of £3,512.89 as at 01.08.26 (attached).

Income - £229.00

Expenditure - £500.02

8. **Beach match fixtures**

A - Competition Secretary's Report

One match left in the year being the sole match – general agreement that with the fine weather forecast the moving of the match to the butts would be sensible. Sadly no beach at the Dip and wrong tide for the Viewing Area.

Excellent spring cup matched at Iken and Bawdsey since the last meeting – good turn out for both matches. Tuesday night Borley cup matches not so well attended but still enjoyed by those who fished.

B - Presentation and discussion of draft fixtures for 2026/27

The draft fixtures for 2026/27 were tabled and discussed by the Committee; general agreement that the proposals are in line with the Committee's request from the June meeting and provide a balanced set of fixtures in the current busy match angling calendar.

Significant discussion about the increasing of size limits of bass (only) to 25cm for the Spring Cup following large numbers of bass landed at the Iken and Bawdsey matches this year. Agreement that whilst the format is enjoyable and

these matches are popular with members; large and visible fish kills at very popular venues with members of the public is not a good look for the club.

Secretary asked to prepare an item for consideration at the AGM to allow the clubs membership to partake in the discussion and reach an agreed position.

9. Compound Steward's Report.

Not present. Large boats now in situ. Preferable if a boat club member can take on this role.

10. Junior Comment

Nothing to report.

11. Any Other Business

A – Noteworthy fish

The Committee agreed that Dale Pegg's 36cm thin lipped mullet, caught at Bawdsey, be awarded the prize.

B - Confirm time, date and agenda for the AGM

The Annual General Meeting was confirmed for 7.30pm on Monday 7th September at the club hut.

The Secretary tabled a draft agenda, and the Committee agreed the following be included for consideration:

- Increase in membership fees for all members (minute no. 8 – June meeting)

The Committee agreed that the following Officer position are no longer required, and that the Secretary update club constitution accordingly:

- Membership Secretary (this role is incorporated into that of the Treasurer)
- Senior Compound Steward (unless a boat member comes forward)
- Compound Steward (unless boat club members come forward)
- Agreement that the number of Vice Presidents could be reduced to two.

Meeting closed 9.23pm.

Mr A.Smith
Chair, FSAS

Expenditure	
Expenditure	Amount
HSBC charges	£0.00
Anglian Water	£73.56
EDF Energy	£166.46
Reimbursement to P. Riches for new router	£49.00
CCTV charges- recurring payment	£26.00
Cash withdrawals for decorating supplies for clubhouse	£185.00
Total Expenditure	£500.02
Available funds at end of period	
Total funds	£3,512.89
Fixed Assets- club hut, trophies, furniture etc., fire extinguishers & sundries.	£98,457.00
Total Assets	£101,969.89

Felixstowe Sea Angling Society Constitution

1) NAME OF THE SOCIETY

1. The Society shall be called the Felixstowe Sea Angling Society with Headquarters at Manor Terrace, Felixstowe.

2) OBJECT

2. The main purpose of the Society is to provide facilities for and to promote participation in the amateur sport of sea angling both from the beach and from boats and to provide competitions, training and special events for adult and junior members in Felixstowe and venues on the rivers and North Sea off East Anglia.

2B. The Society is intent that children and vulnerable adults will find sea angling a safe environment in which to have fun, learn and develop, by promoting the Angling Trusts Child Protection Policy Guidelines Documentation which is available at this Website address: - <https://anglingtrust.net/safeguarding/>

2C. All surplus income or profits are to be reinvested in the club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.

2D. Upon dissolution of the Society any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another registered CASC, a registered charity or the sport's governing body for use by them in related community sports.

3) MEMBERSHIP

3. Membership of the Society shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.

3A. The Society may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating. The Society Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Society or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members.

4) OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIETY

4a. The Officers of the Society shall be the President and Vice-President; the Chairman and Vice-Chairman; the Secretary; the Treasurer; the Competition Secretary and Assistant Competition Secretary; the Senior Compound Steward (Boat Stewards to a maximum of four may be appointed to assist him); the Membership Secretary; and the Honorary Auditors (to a maximum of two).

4b. The Committee of the Society shall be the Chairman, Competition Secretary, Secretary, Treasurer, and two additional members of the Society. The Committee is therefore comprised of six members, and requires three members to be present in order to achieve a quorum.

4c. All the above Officers and the Committee shall be elected, by ballot, if necessary, annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

5) TRUSTEES

5. There shall be not less than two Trustees of the Society. The first Trustees shall be appointed by the Committee and the property of the Society (other than cash which shall be under the control of the Treasurer) shall be vested in them to be dealt with by them as the Committee shall from time to time direct by resolution. (Of which an entry in the minutes shall be conclusive evidence).

5A. The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Society's property.

5B. The Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removed from office by a Resolution of the Committee which may for any reason which may seem sufficient to a majority of the members of the Committee present and voting at any meeting remove any Trustee or Trustees from the Office of Trustees.

5C. Where by reason of any such death, resignation or removal it shall appear necessary to the Committee that a new Trustee or Trustees shall be appointed or, if the Committee shall deem it expedient, to appoint an additional Trustee or Trustees the Committee shall by Resolution nominate the person or persons to be appointed the new Trustee or Trustees.

5D. For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination the Chairman is nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Society within the meaning of the Trustees Act 1925 section 36 and he shall by Deed appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Committee as the new Trustee or Trustees of the Society and the provisions of the Trustees Act 1925 shall apply to any such appointment.

6) SUBSCRIPTIONS

6. Subscriptions and boat storage fees shall be paid annually at such rates as are determined at the Society's Annual General Meeting. They shall become immediately payable from the date of the Annual General Meeting and cover the period up to the next Annual General Meeting. If a member's subscription has not been paid within three months of the date of the Annual General Meeting, he shall no longer be considered a Member of the Society. A member with a boat stored in the Society's Compound who fails to pay the appropriate boat storage fee within the above period will be served with a formal notice in writing to remove the boat from the compound in accordance with the terms of the written notice. Failure to comply with such a written notice will empower the Society to remove the boat from the compound and arrange for its disposal at the Committee's discretion. A notice served to that member's last known address shall be deemed sufficient. No member shall be eligible to participate in any match or other event organised by the Society on a competitive basis until the appropriate membership subscription has been paid.

7) COMMITTEE MEETINGS

7. The Committee of the Society will aim to meet once per quarter (and not less than three times per year) to consider and decide upon the business of the club. The first meeting of the Committee will be immediately after the AGM. Any Meeting of the Committee of the Society shall have not less than a total of three members of the Committee present to constitute a Quorum. All members of the Society are entitled to attend any Committee Meetings in a non-voting capacity with the exception of the meeting held immediately following the AGM in September, which shall be a closed meeting.

7A. The Chairman or Secretary of the Society shall have the power to call additional meetings of the Committee as required.

7B. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held each year on the First Monday of September. The only exception being if it falls on a bank holiday, in which case it will be held on the second Monday in the month.

Members unable to attend an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society shall be entitled to vote on any matter of contention on the agenda of that meeting by completing a Proxy Voting Form supplied by the Secretary and returning it to the Secretary in time for the meeting.

7C. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society shall be called by the Secretary in the following circumstances:

1. On the direction of the Committee of the Society.

2. Upon a requirement in writing signed by twelve fully paid-up members stating the special object thereof which must have reference to the management and constitution of the Society. Such meeting shall be held within 28 days of the receipt of the requirement and of which 7 days notice shall have been sent to every fully paid-up Member of the Society. The notice convening such Meeting shall state the object of the Meeting and shall be the only matter for discussion.

7D. The rules of the Society shall be drafted and amended by the Committee. All such Rules and Amendments shall be displayed on the FSAS Website (www.fsas.org.uk). They will be deemed effective one month after the displayed revision date.

7E. If a committee member fails to attend 3 consecutive meetings with no plausible reason they can be removed from the committee.

8) ACCOUNTS

8. Payment of all financial liabilities of the Society shall be made by the Treasurer from the finances of the Society after approval by the Committee. Routine payments of accounts for services such as electricity and water may be made by the Treasurer without prior reference to the Committee.

8A. The Treasurer shall prepare a full annual statement of the accounts of the Society showing its financial situation to the end of the month preceding the Annual General Meeting. The accounts and statement must previously have been submitted to the Honorary Auditors of the Society for scrutiny and certification.

History

Revision	Author	Date	Notes
Draft A.	Phil Riches	04/11/2019	Constitution document derived from FSAS club rules.
Issue 1	Phil Riches	17/11/2019	Paragraph 2b NFSA replaced by Angling Trust
Issue 2	Phil Riches	09/09/2021	7D updated to reflect current method of displaying FSAS information. 7E added.

Approval

Approved by	Date	Notes
FSAS Committee	06/11/2019	Presented for approval at committee meeting. Changes required para 2b
FSAS Committee	10/09/2021	Sections 2B, 4 and 7 updated after feedback received from committee members.