IHGC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Ljubljana, Slovenia
August 1, 2019

AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting and Quorum of the IHGC delegates
2. Approval of the meeting minutes from April 26, 2019
3. Future IHGC (Committees’) activities and meetings
4. Compliance rules for the IHGC
5. Sundries

Point 1

The Executive Committee meeting took place on August 1, 2019 in the “uHotel Convention Center” in Ljubljana, Slovenia. The IHGC president Leslie Roy opened the Executive Committee meeting – after the Economic Committee meeting had been finished. He proposed the agenda, which was adopted.

A quorum for formal IHGC decisions was constituted, since 25 of 34 (at that time) IHGC member representatives proved their presence on the meeting (see Participants). That was more than one third (74 %) of all the members, as required by the Constitution of the IHGC. The delegates representing the IHGC country member hop associations (13 of 20) and hop industry companies (12 of 14) are listed below:

Argentina:  absent  Joh. Barth & Sohn:  absent  Peter Hintermeier
Australia:  absent  Hopsteiner:  Czech rep.:  absent  Korbinian Meier
Austria:  Manuel Starlinger  German Hop Ind. Assoc.:  Russia:  Gennady Gorlanov  absent  Jose A. Magadan
Belgium:  Luc Dewulf  CZ Union Hop M&P:  Slovakia:  absent  absent  Dr. Mieczyslaw Stasiak
Canada:  absent  Hopsteiner Spain S.A.:  Slovenia:  Janez Oset  absent  Ivo Bračun
Czech rep.:  Michal Kovařík  Yakima Chief - Hops:  Spain:  José A. Magadán  absent  Mihael Vitko
France:  Francis Heitz  Assoc. for Dev. of Hop Agr.:  U. K.:  Richard Capper  Dr. Johann Pichlmaier
FR Germany:  Otmar Weingarten  Brewers Supply Group:  Ukraine:  absent  absent
New Zealand:  Scott Matthewson  Charles Faram & Co. Ltd:  USA:  Ann E. George
Poland:  Jan Szalas  Powisle s.j.: 
PR China:  absent  Inbarco:  
R South Africa:  absent  Hmezad exim:  
Romania:  Akatiu Mora  HVG Germany:  
Russia:  Gennady Gorlanov  Xinjiang Sapporo Hop:  
Slovakia:  absent  
Slovenia:  absent  
Spain:  José A. Magadán  
U. K.:  Richard Capper  
Ukraine:  absent  
USA:  Ann E. George  

Participants:
- Argentina: absent
- Australia: absent
- Austria: Manuel Starlinger
- Belgium: Luc Dewulf
- Canada: absent
- Czech rep.: Michal Kovařík
- France: Francis Heitz
- FR Germany: Otmar Weingarten
- New Zealand: Scott Matthewson
- Poland: Jan Szalas
- PR China: absent
- R South Africa: absent
- Romania: Akatiu Mora
- Russia: Gennady Gorlanov
- Slovakia: absent
- Slovenia: Janez Oset
- Spain: José A. Magadán
- U. K.: Richard Capper
- Ukraine: absent
- USA: Ann E. George

Peter Hintermeier
Pascal Piroué
Korbinian Meier
Josef Patzak
José A. Magadán
Missy Raver
Leslie A. Roy
absent
Paul Corbett
Dr. Mieczyslaw Stasiak
Ivo Bračun
Mihael Vitko
Dr. Johann Pichlmaier
absent
Point 2

The Executive Committee minutes from the meeting in Freising, Germany on April 26, 2019, had been published on the website www.ihgc.org. Contact delegates have been updated with meeting contents within the IHGC newsletter documents’ links and meeting materials have thus been available to stakeholders. No comments or supplementary claims had been submitted, so the minutes were adopted unanimously.

Point 3

The following future IHGC events were again announced and briefly discussed:

- IHGC Economic and Executive Committees in Nuremberg, Germany – Nov. 11, 2019;
- IHGC Hop tour 2020 in Argentina (final proposal) - Feb. 24 till Mar. 3, 2020;
- IHGC Economic and Executive Committees in Freising, Germany – Aug. 7, 2020;
- 58th IHGC Congress in Czech Republic in 2021.

In addition, Mr. Otmar Weingarten illustrated once more the Global Hop Summit in Brussels. It will be organized on November 18, 2019 - by the German Hop Growers’ & Hop Industry Associations - in collaboration with other organizations. IHGC member countries from EU are expected to participate in the event (IHGC Resolution).

Point 4

The Compliance rules represent the guidelines of the IHGC for the association's activities as a precaution against the accusation of monopolistic performance. They contain the key principles of antitrust behavior to protect IHGC member representatives and its staff. The Compliance rules were formally adopted. Furthermore, every IHGC member organization or company was supposed to sign the Commitment declaration on antitrust-compliant behavior. The IHGC secretary general acts as the Compliance officer – in charge to remind members regularly to respect the rules in their business activities. Most of the Executive Committee members and IHGC Committee chair persons already signed the declaration during the congress. The rest of responsible member delegates are encouraged to sign and send it to the secretariat prior to the next meeting.

Point 5

Ms. Ann George proposed Mr. Otmar Weingarten to act as the co-chairman of the Committee on Regulatory Harmonization and thus become the IHGC official voice for pesticide issues at EU level. The Executive Committee confirmed the proposal.

The IHGC made a decision to support a written proposal, raised by Mr. Zdeněk Rosa, for the town of Žatec in CZ to be nominated as the "town of hops" on the UNESCO’s list.

No other issues were discussed.