



Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of the IHGC

Nuremberg, Germany – November 13, 2007

AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting by the IHGC president
2. Quorum of the IHGC
3. Approval of the meeting minutes from Yakima, USA on August 1, 2007
4. IHGC future meetings
5. IHGC membership (members, debts, fee proposal)
6. Sundries

Point 1

The IHGC President Mr. Bernard Ingwiller opened the meeting in the Maritim Hotel ("Kaiser Ferdinand" room) in Nuremberg, Germany with his warm greetings to all IHGC delegates. This meeting took place just after the Economic Commission meeting with usual hop market discussions on national level as well on a global level. The president summarized briefly a hop market discussion, where he focused himself on a very unusual 2007 market situation with a hop supply shortages and high spot hop price levels. Furthermore, he did stress again that in a field of contracted hops all stakeholders in a hop industry – especially on a supply side are obliged to respect and fulfill the contracts.

Point 2

Since the 15 IHGC member representatives of 27 (10 national associations and 5 hop industry companies) were present at the meeting (thus more than one third of members) the quorum for formal IHGC decisions was constituted. From among members present, the following IHGC delegates represented their countries or companies. The list of the participants is published on the web site.

Australia:	absent	Slovenia:	Jože Čas
Belgium:	Eric Lagache	Spain:	absent
Bulgaria:	Vladimir Ivanov	South Africa:	absent
Czech rep.:	Bohumil Pazler	U. K.:	Thomas Hawkins
France:	Bernard Ingwiller	Ukraine:	Oleg Sobodar
FR Germany:	Otmar Weingarten	USA:	Aaron Gamache
New Zealand:	absent		
Poland:	absent	Joh.Barth&Sohn:	Peter Hintermeier
Portugal:	absent	German Hop I. Assoc.:	Josef Grauvogl
PR China (Gansu):	absent	Hop Assoc. of Poland:	absent
PR China (XinJiang):	absent	X. Fub. Sapporo Hop:	absent
Russia:	absent	Hopsteiner:	Heinz-Jürgen Cooberg
Serbia:	absent	CZ Union Hop M&P:	Jiri Vent
Slovakia:	Marian Borovsky	Inbarco:	Ivo Bračun

Point 3

The Executive Committee minutes from the meeting in Yakima, USA on August 1, 2007 had been published together with other meeting documents on the IHGC web site after the meeting and have thus been available to delegates and

other interested hop industry stakeholders. Since no comments or supplementary claims were submitted on the meeting, they were adopted unanimously.

Point 4

It was confirmed that the usual IHGC spring meetings of the Economic commission and Executive committee will be held in Paris, France on [April 25, 2008](#). Further details will be provided latter within the IHGC e-newsletter.

According to a plan to organize a hop tour in Ukraine in summer 2008 some steps have been taken. The secretariat had lunched initiative in collecting proposals to prepare a program, however no written program proposals were received to the secretariat before the meeting. A representative from the Bavarian government Mr. Martin Schuessler presented to delegates the established bilateral contacts on a political level. His activity was to link the IHGC plans in 2008 with the relevant representatives of the Ministry of agriculture in Ukraine with intention the Ukrainian government to assist in a hop tour preparation. It was proposed to continue with this activity. The official Ukrainian delegates on the meeting Mr. Oleg Sobodar and Mr. Yaroslav Alexandrov did welcome this idea and also expressed their will to assist in a program preparation. Furthermore, it was agreed that the German hop growers association takes care for the coordination of the hop tour plan preparation. Thus all ideas and suggestions should be addressed to Mr. Otmar Weingarten. Further information will be provided latter within the IHGC e-newsletter.

The next 52nd IHGC congress in July/August 2009 will take place in France.

Point 5

According to the IHGC Standing Orders the organization is opened to all national hop associations, hop merchants' companies and other hop industry stakeholders interested to participate in its activities.

There have been three new company proposals for a formal IHGC membership received to the secretariat:

- CHARLES FARAM & CO LTD from UK (proposed by Mr. Paul Corbett),
- S.A. ESPANOLA FOMENTO DEL LUPULO from Spain (proposed by Mr. Jose A. Magadan) and
- AMERICAN DWARF HOP ASSOCIATION from USA (proposed by Mr. Leslie Roy).

The Executive committee confirmed their membership and the president Mr. Ingwiller expressed his welcome to new members to participate on the common future activities of the IHGC.

Furthermore, the secretary general opened an issue linked to the budget. He informed delegates that even though the IHGC had enlarged its activities the fee level has not changed since 1991. In a draft proposal for the next meeting he will suggest the delegates confirming a higher fee level (inflation during 18 years) and the EUR fee currency (lower budget transaction costs). It was reported that the 16 members have covered their fees 2007/08 on time. The list of debtors will be prepared and available for the next meeting in April 2008.

Point 6

Mr. Otmar Weingarten summarized the results from the hop meeting in Berlin, where the topic linked to restrictions in a use of plant protection had been discussed. He pointed out that 3 EU zones were planed to be introduced, that a risk assessment on pesticides might be stricter than in the past and that a number of pesticides products could be reduced. More information will be available. See also the attached document published on the web site.

The hop market data and comments on national level within the Economic Commission have always been of a great importance. All delegates should take care to fill in and send back the spreadsheet data to the EC chairman on time. Otherwise, no hop market summarized material could be prepared prior to the meetings. The EC chairman Mr. Doug MacKinnon let us know he planed to resign from this position in a near future. Further decision on this issue will be made on the next meeting in Paris.

At the end Mr. Ingwiller closed the meeting and expressed thanks to all attendants.



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