

Minutes of the Second General Meeting of the

„European Industrial Hemp Association“

Hürth (Germany)

20. November 2006

1) Responsible for the minutes of the meeting

Chairperson of the meeting: John Hobson

Secretary: Michael Karus

2) Participants of the 2. EIHA General Meeting

- Noel Andre (France)
- Pierre Bouloc (France)
- Bernd Frank (Board of Directors, Germany)
- John Hobson (President, UK)
- Michael Karus (Managing Director, Germany)
- Marcel Toonen (The Netherlands)
- Cesare Tofani (Board of Directors, Italy)
- Jörg Morgner (Germany)

3) Fixing the votes

- Noel Andre (France): 1
- Pierre Bouloc (France): 1 (*)
- Bernd Frank (Board of Directors, Germany): 11
- John Hobson (President, UK): 10
- Michael Karus (Managing Director, Germany): 1
- Marcel Toonen (The Netherlands): 1
- Cesare Tofani (Board of Directors, Italy): 10
- Jörg Morgner (Germany): 1

So, 36 votes are present (but 1 member (*) came later ...)

4) For information: Current regular members

- NAFGO GmbH (D)
- BaFa GmbH (D)
- FIBRANOVA (I)
- Hemcore Ltd (UK)
- HempFlax B.V. (NL)
- HempFlax Deutschland GmbH (D)
- Yunnan Industries (China)

5) For information: Current associate members

- Alberta Research Council (Canada)
- Celesa (Spain)
- Chanvriere du Belon (France)
- Clearacre Ltd. (UK)
- Deutscher Naturfaserverband e.V. (Germany)
- Faserinstitut Bremen (FIBRE) (Germany)
- Francois Desanlis (France)
- GreenGran B.V. (The Netherlands)
- Hempro International (Germany)
- IHA International Hemp Association (The Netherlands)
- Irish Hemp Ltd. (R. of Ireland)
- Leson & Associates (USA)
- Marcel Toonen (The Netherlands)
- Nirecon Limited (UK)
- nova-Institut GmbH (Germany)
- Stepidavise (France)
- Temafa Maschinenfabrik GmbH (Germany)
- Valbiom (Belgium)
- Valentin Holzwerkstoffe GmbH & Co. KG (Germany)
- Van Dommele Engineering NV (Belgium)
- Why Not Hemp?, n.f. (Slovakia)

6) Looking back

Report on EIHA actions in 2006 - which actions were planned and which actions were done:

- Development of a logo/design for EIHA: yes
- EIHA letter paper and business cards for board of directors and managing director: yes
- To develop an EIHA PowerPoint-presentation, that all members can use to present EIHA: yes (available at www.eiha.org)
- Internet Content Management System: yes
 - Press releases and statements by EIHA: yes
 - Member list, member presentation for business contacts; links to member webpages: yes
 - Hemp related studies and projects: yes
 - Internal login area for members: discussions, hot news, more studies: yes
 - Homepage: Country parts in the language of the EIHA member country: yes
 - EIHA members: Overview about cultivation, processing and marketing: yes

From last general meeting: things we didn't do

- EIHA - flyer/brochure: no
- News about hemp industry on www.eiha.org: no (not needed)
- Special sections for working groups: no (not needed)

- Study life cycle analysis: no
- Visit in Brussel: no

7) Short report on financial situation

Current saldo: +218.00 €

Expected balance after debts and costs: +1,261.36 €

A detailed annual statement of accounts for 2006 will follow in January 2007.

Finance in 2007:

Expected budget

- 6 regular members -> 6 x 1,000 € (or more?) = 6,000 - 6,500 €
- 20-30 associate members -> 20-30 x 200 € = 4,000 - 6,000 €
- **Total: 10,000 - 12,500 €**

Expected costs

- Executive committee 8,000 € (donation)
- Travel expenses 1,000 €
- Brochure / Marketing support ?
- Other costs 1,000 €
- **Total: more than 10,000 €**

8) Approval of the Board of Directors

35 yes from 35 votes

9) Approval of the Managing Director / Executive Committee

35 yes from 35 votes

10) Election of the new Board of Directors

The existing Board of Directors (John Hobson, Cesare Tofani, Bernd Frank) was re-elected: 35 yes from 35 votes

11) Election of the new Managing Director / Executive Committee

The existing Managing Director / Executive Committee (Michael Karus / nova-Institut GmbH) was re-elected: 35 yes from 35 votes

12) Decisions

- The Executive Committee will receive a donation of 8.000 € in 2007, to support the continuous work and running projects in the field of hemp research and natural fibre market research.
- EIHA members will not longer have free entrance to the yearly EIHA conference, but will receive reduced fee (2007: 50%).
- Hemp processors can become regular members only, but not associate members!

- Next EIHA meeting of the Board of Directors in Italy (May 2007)
- Next General Meeting: November 2007 – location will be announced at the meeting in Italy (May 2007)

13) Benefits for EIHA members

EIHA membership advantages

- Support the development of the European Hemp Industry (influence on authorities, „Voice in Brussel“)
- Establish business connections, opportunity for networking
- All questions about hemp business are transferred only to EIHA members
- Reduced fee (50%) for EIHA conference; free access to the EIHA database: insider and market information & **all presentations from the EIHA conferences**
- Joining the yearly General Meeting: Elect the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee / Managing Director
- Introduce your ideas to EIHA

14) Looking forward: Guidelines and Focus of EIHA activities in 2007

- Increase membership - Target: 50 more associate members & 5 regular
- End of Life Vehicle Directive: Lobbying in Brussels to modify the Directive to the benefit of natural fibre reinforced composites
- Organising a visit to Brussels
- Cooperation with FAO - Year of Natural Fibres 2009, but: no financial support!
- EIHA leaflet & CD-ROM
- Common marketing for EIHA - Fibres & Hurds (later: Common booths at trading fairs)
- Training and using the EIHA-Internet-Database for internal communication

15) Training the use of the EIHA-Internet-Database

- External area
- How to use the internal access?
- How to update company and country information?
- How to use the system for internal discussions?

Signed by

30.11.2006
 Date Signature John Hobson
 John Hobson

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 Date Signature Michael Karus
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