

## **Minutes of the 6th EIHA General Meeting, November 3rd, 2009**

### **Venue: nova-Institut GmbH, Hürth / Germany**

#### **Topics:**

- TOP 1. Annual report / Geschäftsbericht 2009
- TOP 2. Financial report 2009
- TOP 3. Update of the European Hemp Industry
- TOP 4. Exoneration and election of the Board of Directors
- TOP 5. Election of treasurers
- TOP 6. Amendment of the statutes
- TOP 7. Outlook activities and projects in 2010
- TOP 8. Miscellaneous

#### **TOP 1: Annual report**

For details just have a look at the powerpoint of the General Meeting.

#### **TOP 2: Financial report**

Bernd Frank (BAFA GmbH, Malsch) as treasurer has given the financial report. For details just have a look at the excel of the General Meeting.

#### **TOP 3: Update of the European Hemp Industry**

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#### **TOP 4: Exoneration & election of Board of Directors**

- a) Agreement on the vote quotas of the present members (see participants list below)
- b) Exoneration was given unanimously to all members of the board of directors.
- c) The Board of Directors has been re-elected unanimously.
  - 1. President of EIHA is: John Hobson (Hemp Technology Ltd, UK)
  - 2. First Deputy: Bernd Frank (BAFA, Germany)
  - 3. Second Deputy: (SYS Agrofibre, France)

The Board of Directors accepted the election. Next election will be in November 2011.

#### **TOP 5: Election of treasurers**

The treasurers has been re-elected unanimously.

- Michael Carus (nova-Institut GmbH, Germany)
- Bernd Frank (BAFA, Germany)

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## **TOP 6: Amendment of the statutes**

Annual membership fee for associate members is in 2010: 250 € instead of 200 €

## **TOP 7: Outlook activities and projects in 2010**

- **Developing of new services for EIHA members**
- **Exhibitions** on different industry fairs
- **Two new leaflets:** Presentation of the work of EIHA, application form will be integrated and brochure on modulation / second pillar
- **EIHA-Journal/Report & special edition Biowerkstoff-Report**, with pages of hemp companies (members of EIHA & non members of EIHA) (500 € per page)
- **Meeting in the beginning of 2010 (January)**, EU-Strategy (for example on modulation/second pillar) & Fibre/Shives-Marketing. Before: Identifying of responsible key persons of the EU
- **List of potential new regular members;** John Hobson and Bernd Frank are preparing a list
- **More networking activities** (agriculture associations) to gain members and influence
- **Poster of EIHA**, approx. 70 examples or more (Bernd asks for costs)

## **TOP 8: Miscellaneous**

### **1. EIHA Conference 2010**

- the upcoming 7th Int. Conference of the European Industrial Hemp Association will be on May 26th & 27th 2010: [www.eiha.org/conf7](http://www.eiha.org/conf7)
- Conference fee: 400 € net for two days, 100 € net reduction for EIHA members
- However, participants have to pay always first the full amount of 400 € - this is set off against the annual EIHA membership fee of the following year.

### **2. HempFlax Deutschland GmbH takes over NAFGO GmbH**

### **3. List of participants of the 6th General Meeting of the EIHA:**

- John Hobson - Hemp Technology Ltd (UK)
- Bernd Frank - Badische Naturfaseraufbereitung GmbH (BAFA, Germany)
- Michael Carus (nova-Institut GmbH, Germany)
- Dominik Vogt (nova-Institut GmbH, Germany)
- Daniel Kruse (Hempro Int. GmbH, Germany)
- Albert Dun (Dun Agro, The Netherlands)
- Helmut Koether (van Dommele Engineering, Belgium)
- Marc Reinders (Hemplax, The Netherlands)
- Gregory Spychalski (Institute of Natural Fibres and Medicinal Plant, Poland)