IOC Business Meeting - 9th International Oat Conference, Beijing, China 2012

Apologies: Nick Tinker & Pirjo Peltonen-Sainio

Business Meeting opened: Saturday, 23 June 2012 at 2:40pm

Item 1: Chair welcome and opening remarks

- Pamela Zwer opened the meeting and thanked the organisers of the Beijing conference.
- The agenda for the 9th IOC business meeting was accepted, moved by Steve Harrison and seconded by Mike McMullen.

Item 2: Minutes of the last meeting 8th IOC, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 28 June – 2 July 2008

• Pamela Zwer read out the minutes from the 8th IOC, moved by Steve Harrison, seconded by Luiz Federizzi.

Item 3: Update of IOC Committee representatives and distinctions

Part A: New Committee members

• No new committee members

Part B: New committee members replacing resigned representatives

- Liliana Wehrhahne was nominated for Argentina as Romulo Trombetta has resigned from oat breeding.
- Luiz Federizzi was nominated for Brazil due to the retirement of Elmar Floss (EF).
- Ilmar Tamm is no longer working in oat for Estonia and there were no nominations.
- The question was asked if the representative from Poland (University of Szczecin) was still working in oat. His email address was requested from the Polish delegate.

Part C: Continuing members

• Continuing members still stand from the 8th IOC meeting

Part D: Distinctions

- Luiz Federizzi noted Elmar Floss worked for 35 years as a breeder and researcher trying to adapt oats to Brazil. He was also a teacher of several graduate and undergraduate students.
- David Kendra noted Bruce Roskens from Pepsico Quaker was instrumental in North America co-ordinating the Quaker International Oat Nursery and working with breeders.
- Mike McMullen noted Harold Marshall as the first organiser of IOC meetings.

- Eric Jackson noted Howard Rines and Ron Phillips for furthering molecular and cytogenetic work in oat.
- Jennifer Fetch noted Brian Rossnagel for his contribution to oat breeding in Canada.

Part E: Recognition of oat workers who have passed away

• Pamela Zwer noted Deon Stuthman's passing and recognised his massive contribution to the global oat community. A minute of silence was observed in recognition of his passing.

Item 4: Venues and dates for the 10th and 11th IOC meetings in 2016 and 2020

- Igor Loskutov gave a presentation for St Petersburg, Russia to be the venue for the 10th IOC in the middle of July 2016.
- Catherine Howarth gave a brief presentation for Abersystwyth, Wales also as the venue for the 10th IOC in 2016.
- Voting will be done by email ballot and a decision made at a later date.

Item 5: Report from the 9th IOC local organising committee – Dr. Zongwen Zhang

- Dr Zhang gave a report from the 9th IOC local organising committee. He thanked oat colleagues from China and around the world and gave a brief history of how the 9th IOC was organised including: call for registrants, development of website, design of program and financial report for the conference.
- The conference cost US\$140,000 which was covered with registration fee 35%, donations 30% and host organising 35%.
- Pamela Zwer pointed out that there was money still held over from the Minnesota IOC not used by the Chinese conference.

Item 6: Election of IOC chair

• Pamela Zwer was nominated by Mike McMullen. It was seconded by Luiz Federizzi, motion passed.

Item 7: Other business

- American Oat Workers meeting will be held in Ottawa, 2014
- Steffen Beuch gave a brief presentation on a book he has about issues for oat in Germany called "Oats Breaking New Ground"
- Pamela Zwer showed a photograph of the people who attended the first IOC, some of who where in the audience and gave a history of where all the previous IOC conferences have been since its inception.

MEETING CLOSED AT 3:25PM