



## Minutes

### EUfishmeal General Assembly Iceland, 27 August 2015

#### 1. Adoption of agenda and election of chair

Pórhallur Jónasson was elected chair and the agenda was adopted.

Helge Korsager was not able to attend the Conference and sent his excuses. Toby Parker represented him. He sent his support to EUfishmeal and the changes proposed by the president.

#### 2. President report

The president presented the annual report that was circulated to members two weeks prior to the meeting.

#### 3. Accounts of the past year (2014)

Anne Mette presented the accounts. There was a small net loss of 4.700 Euro that will be covered by the 2015 budget.

The accounts were approved.

#### 4. Adoption of new statutes and model for calculation of membership fee

A proposal for revised statutes and a new model for calculation of membership fees were discussed at the meeting in Vancouver, October 2014, and had been circulated to members.

The general principles of the new statutes are:

- All producing members are full members
- Membership lies with the national association of each member country
- There is no discount for non-EU members
- Non-producers will be associated members paying a fixed annual fee
- Only full members are represented in the Executive Board
- One member one vote (full members)
- Contribution of national members will be based on the total production of the company (also when trans-national) they represent

The revised statutes were adopted (enclosed).

The proposed fee model, where members' contributions are based partly on a fixed basic fee of 1.000 Euro and partly on production figures, was adopted.

The associated member's fee is decided by the Executive Board. Norges Sildeslagslag stressed that the fee for associated members should not be differentiated.

The General Assembly also agreed that fees could be calculated on the basis of production figures two years back (instead of from the last year) in order for the secretariat to send out invoices in the beginning rather than in the end of the year.

#### **5. Action plan 2014-2016 – status**

Anne Mette presented the action plan. Most of the action points were reached and the Executive Board should decide on the action plan for the coming years.

#### **6. Budget 2015 – final adoption**

At the meeting in Vancouver it had been agreed to increase the budget to 40.000 Euro.

Johann P. Andersen (IFA) commented that he understood that the current fee model should be used for 2015 and the new model with a fixed basic fee was to be used from 2016. The General Assembly agreed to this.

#### **7. Budget 2016 – adoption**

It was proposed to increase the budget from 40.000 € in 2015 to 45.000 € in 2016. The slight increase in the budget was due to the cost of hiring a student in the secretariat. Project costs are not part of the budget.

Johann P. Andersen (IFA) suggested that the fixed part of the fee (fee model from 2016) should be increased proportionally to the overall increase in the budget. The basic fee should be kept at 20% of the whole fee. The General Assembly agreed to this.

#### **8. Executive Board appointment**

Leaving the board:

Knut Torgnes, Sildesalgslaget, Norway

Helge Korsager, United Fish Products (UFP), Shetland, UK

Bodo von Holten, Bioceval, Germany

New Board members:

Arnt Ove Hoddevik, Pelagia, Norway

Christian Bisgaard, Bioceval, Germany

Toby Parker, United Fish Industries, Pelagia, UK

#### **9. Annual meeting 2016 and venue of conference 2017**

For 2016 a bigger conference on “The good story of fishmeal” is under development. This will involve NGO’s biologists, administrators, feed producers as well as people from the fishmeal industry.

The 2016 members meeting will be in Brussels in the autumn.

The 2017 members conference will be held in Ireland, 13-15<sup>th</sup> September.

There was a discussion on who should be allowed to participate in the members’ conferences. The current principle was to keep conferences restricted to members. However, there was an interest from suppliers where some had been allowed to participate and some were invited as speakers to the conference. Bodo von Holten found that the conferences should be open for suppliers and also suppliers of enzymes. The Executive Board should look at models for allowing suppliers to participate in EUfishmeal Conferences.

#### **10. Miscellaneous**

- **EU revision of BREF documents – an EUfishmeal project**

Anne Mette presented the BREF/BAT process that was very important to the entire industry, and stressed the need to hire external consultancy for the process. The secretariat had asked for a specific offer from the company NIRAS to do a benchmark of the industry before the kick off meeting and be in charge of the data collection and data processing.

Bodo von Holten suggested factory suppliers to take part in the BREF/BAT process and suggested to hire a student to be responsible for the BREF/BAT process. Frank Trearty said it might not be a good idea to include suppliers because they could have an interest in setting the limits and targets after their own products and standards.

The General Assembly agreed that the project should be established and should be anchored in an internal technical group established very soon by EUfishmeal. The Executive Board should decide on the details concerning budget and way forward.

- **Fishmeal for the future - an EUfishmeal project**

At the technical meeting in March 2015 it had been agreed to establish a project on "The good story about fishmeal". The project will involve specific research projects as well as a networking/information sharing part. The secretariat is planning a conference sponsored by Nordic Council of Ministers: "Perspectives for the future demand for fishmeal and fish oil" to take place in 2016.

The General Assembly agreed to establish an internal steering group consisting of experts from EUfishmeal. The steering group will formulate and develop the research projects, give advice on project funding and be involved in the preparation of the conference. The further details should be decided by the Executive Board.

- **Content of water in landings of pelagic species – how to proceed**

It was agreed that EUfishmeal should send another letter to the EC and ask for an explanation why landings for industrial use are treated differently than landings for direct human consumption. It could also be taken up during the EU-Norway negotiations.

- **Ethoxyquin – where are we and how to proceed**

The General Assembly agreed to leave this issue to IFFO. EFSA will set limits and decisions/guidelines in the near future. Bodo von Holten commented that the salmon fillets contain too much ethoxyquin and that this was also relevant in the project concerning "the good story about fishmeal". According to Toby Parker IMO was not helpful in their last report on ethoxyquin.

- **EUfishmeal Technical Committee**

It was agreed that projects should be anchored in the two project groups just established.

- **Revision of EU CO2 quota directive**

According to a recent proposal from the EU Commission there will be a reduction in sectors on the Carbon Leakage List from today 170 to 50. Fishmeal production will not be covered. The General Assembly agreed that EUfishmeal should aim to stay on the Carbon Leakage List. A note would be prepared and circulated.