

IFCI Steering Committee Meeting Tuesday 10th October, 2006 at VOICE, Upper Mount St., Dublin 2

Present: Ruth McGrath (Chairman), Barbara Maguire (Treasurer), Declan Little (Secretary), Ken Gill, Tara Ryan, Alistair Pfeifer, Anja Murray, Tony Mannion and Caroline Lewis.

Observer: Brian Tobin

1. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the SC meeting of August 29th, 2006 were agreed without amendments.

2. Matters arising

It was noted that Brian Tobin was engaged as an independent contractor since the last meeting and was attending today's meeting in an observer capacity.

The membership fee was discussed briefly and it was agreed that membership dues will take effect from Jan 1st annually. Members will be informed of membership dues in the New Year annually.

3. Correspondence

(a) Anja Murray, An Taisce; re An Taisce's position re the draft standard (see Item 4).

(b) Sunday Times.; re the submission to FSC re the decertification of Coillte. The SC discussed this matter and agreed to issue the following response: 'As the National Initiative and Working Group for Ireland accredited by FSC, IFCI Ltd. feel that this is a matter for the Company involved, its auditors and the media. Therefore, the SC of IFCI Ltd. has no comment to make on the matter'.

Proposed: Caroline Lewis. **Seconded:** Ruth McGrath.

(c) Caroline Lewis; re her understanding of what was agreed at the SC meeting in July re the Draft standard (see Item 4).

4. Draft Standard

The issue of what was agreed at the July meeting regarding the standard and cover note going to public consultation was discussed, particularly Caroline Lewis's concerns. There was a misunderstanding as to what was agreed and a number of alternatives were debated to resolve the matter.

Action: The cover note will contain the following: Not all chambers are satisfied with every element of the draft standard yet the SC has allowed the document to go to public consultation. The term 'ratify' will be replaced with 'allowed' where it occurs in the preamble and cover note to the draft standard. The views of SC member organisations can be provided via website links on the Links page.

Proposed: Anja Murray. **Seconded:** Alistair Pfeifer.

5. Public consultation.

The Draft Standard will go on the website on the 19th October or shortly thereafter. Close off date for submissions is January 31st, 2007.

The public consultation tour in November will include the following locations; Dublin (14th), Limerick (23rd), Cork (21st), Portlaoise (16th), Carrick-on-Shannon (30th) and Galway (28th). Commencement time and duration: Start at 1930 finishing at 2130.

Expenses to be paid at 65cent/mile. Overnight accommodation to be reimbursed based upon receipts submitted to the Treasurer. Brian Tobin will attend each meeting and take notes to inform the Standard review subsequently.

The Standard will be sent for printing shortly after 19th October.

Action: Tony Mannion will organise itinerary of those on the SC attending each meeting.

Alistair Pfeifer will circulate the draft presentation for comment to the SC next week.

Ruth McGrath will contact a facilitator and see if he/she can attend all meetings. Ruth McGrath and Declan Little will brief the facilitator.

Barbara Maguire will promote the consultation process via country radio shows.

Declan Little will draft a Press Release re the process for the media and will be the contact PR person for local radio.

Brian Tobin will get media contacts from J McLoughlin, Tree Council of Ireland.

6. AOB

A proposal to second Fran Igoe, Shannon Regional Fisheries Board, to SC as a Social Chamber member was made by Declan Little.

Proposed: Declan Little. **Seconded:** Tony Mannion