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To:
Presidents of affiliated national partners
World Barbecue Association

Official invitation

Minutes of the 13th World Barbecue Association Annual General Meeting AGM

8th of May 2009 Oslo Norway

Agenda points:

1. Welcome to the audience by the President World Barbecue Association Rolf Zubler Switzerland
2. Acknowledgment of present members under voting power and there approval
3. Voting of the vote counter
4. Apologies
5. Announcement and voting of the secretary for the minutes
6. Present member list of voting members and guests to the secretary minutes for approval
7. Additional minute points if applicable
8. Approval of the minutes of the last AGM at Frauenfeld Switzerland 11th Feb. 2008
9. Presidential Report 2008/2009 (will be send ahead of the meeting)
10. The national Presidents introduce themselves to the Convention
11. Main task of the meeting: is World Barbecue Association essential for the future of Barbecue?
12. General discussion decision and voting of this topic.
13. What are the essential duties of the world body ? (if applicable)
14. How is the structure of the world body ? (if applicable)
15. Financial report and budget 2009 by Bernhard Greiner Chief Finance WBQA
16. Report of the book alternates Jost and Rummel (in written and officially signed format)
17. Approval of the financial report by the voting convention
18. Additional minute points
19. next annual Presidential convention Date and Place
20. final speech by WBQA President

Previous to the AGM, World Barbecue Association Norway (WBQANO) will be welcomed to the WBQA and signed by the President WBQANO. The present Presidents are welcome to sign as witness for the WBQA and its members.

The AGM will start at 10.30 local time
Break will be made according the forthcoming discussions
Lunch 12.00 to 13.15
Approximately End of the 13th AGM 17.00

This 13th AGM is the first of its kind.

Solely Presidents of the national partners are entitled to speak and vote at this AGM.

The agenda is heavily packed.

Short and clear answers allow achieving the most possible benefit out of the meeting.

The status reports by the World President will be given in short words and most in written format, to keep the information's short and clear.

I thank you all in advance for the time and patience for coming to Oslo and make this our own world organization to grow and be the tool that serves us all, and makes this family sport to a great work, out of our life.

A great thanks to Steve Westerby and his team in Norway to make this great move happen, linked with the great appreciation for the wonderful welcome and organization of the foundation ceremony for the welcome of Norway to the WBQA and all of us to Oslo.

With great honor in your work and loyalty to our assembling goal and slogan:

Make people happy, let's barbecue and make friends around the world

Yours

Sincerely

Rolf Zubler
President World Barbecue Association

Minutes transcript
Oslo 08.05.2009 - Meeting start 11:20

Place:

Norwegian Meat Marketing Board,
Lørenveien 40
0513, Oslo

Norway

Attended

Rolf Zubler, WBQA Head office

Steve Westerby, Norway

Aniko, Hungary

Ivo and Charly, Belgium

Robert Meyer, Germany

Presiding

Rolf Zubler
Secretary
Steve Westerby

1.

Rolf Zubler opened the meeting and wished all attendees welcome to this historical first presidential convention in Oslo.

2.

Acknowledgment was made without any further comments

3.

Aniko was suggested by Rolf and unanimously elected as vote counter

4.

Rolf Zubler read all apologies that were sent and now replies

Apologies came from:

Poland,

Russia, due to family health reasons

Spain, due to business reasons

Austria, due to business reasons

Denmark, Kim Skjults, due to attending Memphis in May

Luxemburg

The Netherlands, due to attending Memphis in May

Czech Republic

Congo

Australia

No replies from the following:

Lithuania

Ukraine

France

South Tyrol, Bernhard Greiner

Italy,

5.

Steve Westerby was suggested by Rolf Zubler and unanimously elected as secretary to the minutes

6.

Copy of this list was given to the secretary and approved

7.

Mr. Robert Meyer informed the board of an additional point to be taken up during the point 18. in the agenda. The suggestion is Election for World Barbecue Championship in Münster, Germany 2011. This was noted.

8.

Rolf Zubler read the minutes from the last AGM, these were read in German and approved by all members, as new member Steve Westerby sustained from voting.

9.

As the presidential report was sent to all National presidents by e-mail beforehand, Rolf Zubler asked the members to sustain from reading and asked for any questions. The suggestion and report were accepted with no questions

10.

The National presidents presented themselves:

Robert Meyer, Germany

Joined WBQA in 1996, today there are approximately 100 teams. Robert has a catering firm with about 50 employees. He is a 3rd generation master butcher but this business has

been dissolved. WBQADE had almost become insolvent and in 2006 Robert took over the accounts and finances and the board was dissolved. Robert informed that there are about 40 thousand visitors to German championships with about 20 teams participating. The event produced black numbers. Roberts visions are more products including the treatment of sponsors, judge training and to increase his knowledge to the best for Germany.

Charlie:

Belgium has been there from the beginning, and they were there for the championship in '96. There has been held 4 Belgian National Championships in several locations. In 2008 the 10th world championship was held with 30,000 visitors. The 30th of August is the 5th national championship in Torhout. The regions will begin with national competitions in Belgium with WBQABE supervision. The local partners will have the economic and the legal responsibilities. Vision – 10 provinces with 10 local WBQA partners, if this is not workable then WBQABE will take over the responsibility from the local partner.

Aniko:

The WBQAHU was established in 2002 with 24 members which varies a little. There is a wish to make changes by creating 5 regions. Although Anico was voted as president she declined this office and is now the vice president. In this capacity it is Anico that is responsible for organising. This year there will be 5 events which means that there is growth in Hungary. The president passed away in 2007, which has created a lot of work to get barbecue back on track. Vision: That the 5 regions in Hungary are self-sustaining under the WBQAHU.

11.

To this question there were several comments including the importance for framework, rules and media. This will be essential although there will be need for more credibility and a simplification of structure. Rolf said that we must create a solid organisation.

There was a unanimous decision for that the World Barbecue Association is essential for the future of barbecue.

12.

The following proposal was forwarded by Rolf:

- Leave the existing constitutions stand for the next 2-3 years
 - Point 3, voting power from "all paying members" to "National leaders in good standing"
- Unanimous decision
- Increase of member fees to the WBQA from €5 to €10.

Decision to stay with current fee of €5.

Further:

Rolf informed that Bernhard Greiner, chief treasurer, has not sent the accounts and was deposed one month ago.

From the discussions:

- Charlie suggested having a news letter to all members
- There were discussions on how the different countries approach members and competitions and payments.
- What is the need for World and European championships, why this is not one arrangement. Rolf informed for the need to see the bigger picture: media, more teams, and several locations.
- Rolf informed about coordinating our efforts with the models in the USA. This means going from 7 points to 3-4 points. Also the need for 1 main and 1 side was discussed. The following was proposed:

- a. Spare ribs + bread
- b. Fowl or fish + tomato
- c. Pork + corn
- d. Beef + Baked potato
- e. Dessert

Ways to do this may be a food basket or a box with "everything included"
Further discussions on rules and regulations were made especially addressing differences between countries customs and tastes. A possible "homeland dish" similar To The Jack Daniel Invitational was proposed for foreign teams.

Decision:

Proposal for new rules and regulations will be made and presented at the next meeting.

13.

There were several issues discussed

A. When a country partner has signed the affiliation agreement, paid the fee and becomes active then permission will be granted to hold WBQA sanctioned championships, implement judge school as well as other activities.

B. Sanctions:

- If a country partner does not fulfil their obligations?
- If a partner does not apply for a licence or pay contingent?
- If a partner does not implement the rules (WBQA CD) for national or international events?
- If partner commences promotions before receipt for tender for championship?
- If partner does not send member list before the February deadline?

Decision:

a. When a partner does not apply for licence or pay fees then the WBQA world body is to issue 2 notices after this a dismissal will be issued.

b. If the rules are not implemented then the results are not to be published on the World rank list.

c. All countries are to submit planned activities including championships, WBQA sanctioned championships etc. for approval.

d. If a country does not send in its member list after 2 notices from the world body then a discretion equation/estimation of members will be made and invoiced.

C. Official approach to the public:

The following 3 areas were discussed:

- Post card, with some information on the WBQA
- brochure/laporello, with information on Barbecue, events, etc.
- Catalogue, with information on recruiting, teams, jury, sponsors, media

D. How to choose new members

Rolf said that the organisation is growing and that the world body needs some guidelines on the ethical issues for applying member countries. His example that Ireland is interested but that Patrick O'Sullivan, who controls grilling, wants their own agreement with the WBQA which will be different to the rest of the member countries. Rolf asked the question; to what extent should we think financially, with our heart or with the rules? Belgium responded by saying that the pressure must be on doing the correct things. All attending presidents were against alternate agreements within the WBQA.

14.

a. The supreme legislative body is the annual general meeting

b. The operational body is the leader

c. The annual general meeting members are affiliate countries in good standing

15.

- After several efforts to acquire all financial items there are still no figures sent.

- On advisement from 2 controllers Mr. Bernhard Greiner is now deposed.
- Mr. Rolf Zubler requested listed to the protocol that he has full confidence in Bernhard Greiner and the probable cause for his absence is illness.
- The WBQA accounts will be sent to the taxation authorities within 3 weeks.

16.

This point is not possible for the controllers to do as the above mentioned accounts are not available (see point 15)

17.

Impossible to perform (see point 15 and 16)

18.

See point 7.

Robert Meyer informed that the date and place has not yet been decided although he believes it can take place in the approximation of Münster in the weekend of 30th of April – 1st of May 2011.

Robert requested guidelines or a streamlined paper that describes the duties and responsibilities of both world and local bodies (who does what?). To be able to achieve this, the championship must be held in the beginning of the season, by mid May, this due to sponsor considerations.

Decision:

Unanimous vote, the 2011 world barbecue championships will be hosted in Germany.

19.

After considerable discussion the place and date for the next annual presidential meeting was designated to Hungary.

Place: Budapest

Arrival: 19th of April 2010

Meeting: 20th of April 2010

Departure 21st of April 2010

20.

After the final speech by The President of The World Barbecue Association the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting end: 1700

Secretary
Steve Westerby,

Chair
Rolf Zubler,