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Minutes

Present:

- Peter Latham (Chair)
- David Ford (1st Vice Chair)
- Riikka Joukio (2nd Vice Chair)
- Brian Kernohan
- Eduardo Rojas y Briales
- Kurt Ramskogler
- Nurudeen Iddrisu
- Peter Crook
- Lena Ek
- Dradjad Wibowo
- Gerald Pfiffinger
- Fatimah Mohammad
- Sara Khatib

Apologies:

- Josien Tokoe

In attendance:

- Ben Gunneberg (Secretary General)
- Michael Berger (Deputy General Secretary)
- Thorsten Arndt Item 5.2
- Maja Drca Item 3.3
- Alexander Knapp Items 4.1 and 4.2

1. AGENDA

1.1 Declarations of potential conflicts of interest with agenda

- There were none.

BOD/1/2021 Unanimously agreed:

- To approve the Agenda.

1.2 Affiliations update

BOD/2/2021 Unanimously agreed:

- To approve the Board Affiliation as amended.

2. MINUTES

BOD/3/2021 Unanimously agreed:

- To approve the minutes of the last board meeting held virtually on Monday 9 November 2020.
- To recommend the minutes of the PEFC Council 25th General Assembly held virtually on Wednesday 11 November 2020 to the members for approval at the 26th General Assembly in November 2021 in Ireland.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Board Follow up (Q4 2020 Progress report)

- The Board noted the Q4 2020 progress reports provided by the staff.

BOD/4/2021 Unanimously agreed:

- To note the follow-up from last Board meeting and the Q4 2020 Secretariat's progress report.

3.2 Risk items to be considered

- There were none.

3.3 Introductions (New Board members and staff)

- The chairman asked all existing and new board members to introduce themselves and outline their areas of interest and aspirations as the Covid pandemic had not made it possible to have face to face meetings at PEFC Week. Ms Maja Drca the recently appointed EU Affairs staff member (PEFC EU Rep) also introduced herself and her work.

4. STRATEGIC DISCUSSION

4.1 Update on Survey of Members re Strategic Funding proposal – next steps

- The Board noted the presentation of the results of the survey of Members Strategic Funding proposal.
- Mr David Ford introduced the session and asked Mr Alexander Knapp (consultant to PEFC on strategic funding) to present the survey results and the follow-up actions being undertaken by both staff and the strategic Funding working group. The survey of NGB members had allowed PEFC to establish a baseline of both current knowledge of and actual fundraising and project activities, as well as the needs of members in terms of development support.

4.2 PEFC Board Fundraising Committee

BOD/5/2021 Unanimously agreed:

- To approve the remit of the PEFC Board's Fundraising Committee

5. OPERATIONAL ITEMS

Verbal Updates on a range of issue (time permitting)

5.1 External assessments of PEFC (Thorsten Arndt)

- Mr Arndt updated members on several procurement initiatives that PEFC has responded to including amongst others, Nepcon's work for the European Commission and the Accountability Framework Initiative.

Peter Latham, Chairman

5.2 Accreditation Issues (presented by Michael Berger)

- Dr Berger updated members on the latest developments with respect to the international accreditation.

Ben Gunneberg, Secretary General

6. COMMITTEE UPDATE

6.1 Membership fee taskforce (Peter Latham)

- The Chairman reported that both Ms Weeding and Mr Kernohan had agreed to join him and the secretary general to start the work of the task force.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- There was none.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday 4 May - Wednesday 5 May 2021 - ONLINE.

Signed: