Minutes

Present:
- Eduardo Rojas Briales (Chair)
- David Ford (1st Vice Chair)
- Riikka Joukio (2nd Vice Chair)
- Richard Ali
- Sara El Kadri
- Guy Gleysteen
- Josien Tokoe (partially)
- Lena Ek (partially)
- Nurudeen Idrisu
- Sarah Khatib
- Fatimah Mohammad (partially)
- Gerald Pfiffinger
- Kurt Ramskogler
- Suzette Weeding

Apologies:
- Dradjad Wibowo

In attendance:
- Michael Berger (Acting Secretary General)
- Brian Kernohan (Chair of the SFM working Group)
- Esa Härmälä (Chair of the Nominations Committee, partially)
1. **AGENDA**

1.1 Declarations of potential conflicts of interest with agenda
- No declarations of interest were declared.

**BOD/32/2022** Unanimously agreed:
- To approve the Agenda.

1.2 Affiliations update
- Changes in the Board Affiliation Register were made for Richard Ali.

**BOD/33/2022** Unanimously agreed:
- To approve the Board Affiliations Register.

2. **MATTERS ARISING**

2.1 Q1 PEFC Secretariat Progress Report
The Q1 Progress Report was not considered because of reasons of time.

2.2 Update PEFC Russia and PEFC Belarus
- The Acting Secretary General gave an update on the developments with PEFC Belarus and PEFC Russia. Since a positive development in communication with PEFC Russia can be clearly recognized he suggested to add five business days to the ultimatum given in the letter to PEFC Russia dated 27 April 2022.

**BOD/34/2022** Unanimously agreed:
- To add 5 business day to the ultimatum given in the letter to PEFC Russia dated 27 April 2022.

2.3 Nominations process for the November Board elections
The Chair of the Nominations Committee introduced the process for nominations and elections.

Sarah Katib announced that she will leave France nature Environment (FNE) and cannot represent the French ENGO anymore. Therefore, she must leave the PEFC Board as well.

It was suggested by the Chair of the Board to replace the current 2nd Vice Chair, who is leaving the Board in November, by Suzette Weeding.

2.4 General Assembly 2022

**BOD/35/2022** Unanimously agreed:
- To hold the PEFC Members Meeting 2023 in May together with SFI in Vancouver.
- To further discuss whether and how to hold a General assembly during this Members Meeting.

3. **STRATEGIC ITEMS**

3.1 Soft Review of the Strategy 2018-2022
The Soft Review of the Strategy was not considered because of reasons of time.

3.2 Prioritization of the items in the Chair’s paper

**BOD/36/2022** Unanimously agreed:
- To consider the previously called “Chair’s paper”, based on the General Assembly speech in November 2021, as the “Board’s discussion paper”.
- To establish a small Task Force to simplify the key message of paper for the strategy session with the members in Dublin.

3.3 Tools for the Board (governance /controlling/management)
The Tools for the Board were not considered because of reasons of time.

4. COMMITTEE UPDATES

The following short updates were given:

- Marketing, Communication and Advocacy WG, Sara El Kadri
- Sustainable Forest Management WG, Brian Kernohan
- EU WG, Kurt Ramskogler
- Chain of Custody WG, Suzette Weeding

5. IN NEXT MEETING

BOD/37/2022 Unanimously agreed:

- To hold the next Board meeting on 20 June, remotely.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Signed:

Eduardo Rojas Briales, Chair

Michael Berger, Acting Secretary General