

Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting of 6th June 2023

held on Whittern Farms, Herefordshire (United Kingdom)
11:30 – 12:10

On June 6th 2023, at 11:30 a.m., the members of the International Blackcurrant Association met in an annual general meeting.

An attendance sheet has been drawn up, signed by each person entering the meeting and entitled to vote, attached hereto.

Persons present:

Jens Holme Pedersen (Denmark), Tarmo Nakkurt (Estonia), Florent Baillard (France), Guillaume Marie (France), Heiko Danner (Germany), Marinus Veraart (Netherlands), Stuart Stevens (New Zealand), Marcin Was (Poland), Przemyslaw Wijaszka (Poland), Patryk Wrobel (Poland), Julia Andersson (Sweden), Amanda Moura (United Kingdom), Harriet Prosser (United Kingdom), Anna Ralph (United Kingdom), Lyndsey Routledge (United Kingdom), Oliver Thomson (United Kingdom), James Wright (United Kingdom)

Persons absent / excused:

Franz Ennser (Austria), Stefan Lampl (Austria), Gudrun Schriebl (Austria), Bill Floyd (Japan), Jun Fujikuma (Japan), Andris Krogzems (Latvia), Laurant Vermue (Netherlands), Jakub Osrodek (Poland)

The meeting is chaired by Florent Baillard, Stefanie Sharma is secretary of the meeting.

The chairman of the meeting gives his **annual report** for the past year (attached hereto).

1st deliberation: The general assembly adopts the moral report as submitted. This deliberation is adopted unanimously.

He then asks the treasurer, Heiko Danner, to give a report of the finances of the association for the past year (attached hereto). Michael Bullinger (auditor), declares that the accounts of the IBA have been checked and approved by Gudrun Schriebl (auditor) and himself.

2nd deliberation: The general assembly adopts the **financial report** of the accounts for the financial year ending March 31st, 2023 as submitted. This deliberation is adopted unanimously.

Stefanie Sharma presents the budget for the coming year (attached hereto)

3rd deliberation: The general assembly adopts the **budget** as submitted. This deliberation is adopted unanimously.

Stefanie Sharma presents the projects that have been identified as potentially interesting to carry through over the coming year:

- Weed management : as already presented by Juliette Poirier previously to the AGM, the same project could be continued and amended over the coming year.
- Health claim (vitamin C, anthocyanins, anti-gout): a project on an international cooperation for the establishment of a health claim could be initiated and driven, starting by the identification of research institutes or persons ready to work on such a project. Subsidies from the European Union could be asked for, and the project would cover a period of a few years. An overall project manager needs to be designated, and a project manager for each participating country must be found.
- Pollination solutions : a collection of information on different solutions regarding the growing problems of good pollination in our member countries could be carried out, similar to the project on weed management. This project could be driven by Juliette Poirier.
- Plant protection: information on diseases and pests with pictures on our website could be given. This project could be driven by the IBA General Manager.
- Information on places where seedlings can be bought could be collected and communicated on the IBA website. This project could be driven by the IBA General Manager.

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- The IBA website, created in 2015, has growing technical issues and needs to be renewed. This project could be carried out by the IBA General Manager.

The assembly discusses the different projects shortly and cannot agree on priorities for either of them. All seem important and necessary. The IBA Executive will have to decide on the priorities to give to each of them at the next Exec meeting.

Florent Baillard asks for the nomination of representatives for the **IBA's independent members**.

Eligible for at least one, at most three positions, in the IBA Board are:

Julia Andersson, Olssons frö AB (Sweden – 1 voice), Jun Fujikuma, Beneseed (Japan – 5 voices), Andris Krogzems, Krogzeme Blackcurrant (Latvia – 5 voices), Amanda Moura, James Hutton Institute (United Kingdom – 1 voice), Tarmo Nakkurt, must maja OÜ (Estonia – 1 voice), Harriet Prosser, Lucozade Ribena Suntory (United Kingdom – 5 voices), Anna Ralph, Pixley Berries (United Kingdom – 5 voices), Lyndsey Routledge, Princes Ltd (United Kingdom – 1 voice), Gudrun Schriebl, Ribes (Austria – 5 voices), Oliver Thomson, Trade solutions Ltd (United Kingdom – 1 voice), Marcin Was, Polfruit (Poland – 1 voice), Przemysław Wijaszka (Poland – 1 voice), Patryk Wrobel (Poland – 1 voice)

Outgoing representatives are Franz Ennsner, Austria Juice (Austria) and Anna Ralph, Pixley Berries (United Kingdom).

Anna Ralph declares standing for re-election. Przemysław Wijaszka declares standing for election. No further candidates

4th deliberation: The IBA's independent members present at the general assembly vote for the two candidates. **Anna Ralph** and **Przemysław Wijaszka** are elected unanimously.

Florent Baillard steps back for the election of the President and asks Jens Holme Pedersen to carry out the elections of officers.

Are entitled to vote and stand for a position all members of the IBA Board, i.e. representatives of each country association designated by their members, and elected independent members:

Stefan Lampl (Austria – 20 voices), Jens Holme Pedersen (Denmark – 40 voices), Guillaume Marie (France – 60 voices), Heiko Danner (Germany – 60 voices), Bill Floyd (Japan – 20 voices), Marinus Veraart (Netherlands – 40 voices), Stuart Stevens (New Zealand – 40 voices), Jakub Osrodek (Poland, proxy vote to Jens Holme Pedersen – 100 voices), James Wright (United Kingdom – 60 voices), Anna Ralph (independent member - 5 voices), Przemysław Wijaszka (independent member - 1 voice)

The election of the president should be made by secret ballot. The persons entitled to vote agree unanimously on the proposal of Jens Holme Pedersen to make the election by raise of hands.

Jens Holme Pedersen asks for the nomination of candidates for the IBA presidency. Guillaume Marie (France) declares standing for election and presents himself to the assembly.

5th deliberation: The IBA representatives of country associations present at the general assembly vote for the candidate. Guillaume Marie is elected unanimously.

Jens Holme Pedersen asks for the nomination of candidates for the **IBA vice-presidency**. Przemysław Wijaszka declares standing for election and presents himself to the assembly.

6th deliberation: The IBA representatives of country associations present at the general assembly vote for the candidate. **Przemysław Wijaszka** is elected unanimously.

Jens Holme Pedersen asks for the nomination of candidates for the **IBA secretary**. James Wright declares standing for re-election.

7th deliberation: The IBA representatives of country associations present at the general assembly vote for the candidate. **James Wright** is elected unanimously.

Jens Holme Pedersen asks for the nomination of candidates for the **IBA treasurer**. Heiko Danner declares standing for re-election.



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8th deliberation: The IBA representatives of country associations present at the general assembly vote for the candidate. **Heiko Danner** is elected unanimously.

Jens Holme Pedersen asks **Michael Bullinger** if he and **Gudrun Schriebl** are willing to continue their task as **auditors** of the IBA accounts for the coming year. Michael Bullinger declares that both are ready to continue.

No further questions or issues being brought into the assembly, the General Assembly ends at 12:10 pm with a reminder for the dates and place of the **next IBA conference and AGM in Graz (Austria) from 11th to 14th June 2024.**