

Held: via Zoom

Date: 11th July, 16:00 BST

Present: Mike Sandler (Chair), Michele Brady (minute taker), Mark Garavan, Willi Kiefel,
Brent Ranalli,

Apologies: Graham Barnes, John Sharry

Attending: Caroline Whyte, Morag Friel

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising
3. Financial and Membership Update
4. Caroline Activities Update
5. New Trustees: Process, Roles
6. COP-27
7. North America Update
8. AOB.

1. Apologies noted.

As noted.

2. Quorum

Noted that the quorum for a meeting of the Trustees is 3.

3. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes approved as amended.

Proposed: Michele Brady

Seconded: Brent Ranalli

4. Finance and membership report

Presented by Morag Friel

- Note on management accounts for year to date:
 - o that reports circulated (see appendices) has been updated for a reduced number of IEN and Environmental Pillar meetings and expense payments this year. Both income and expenditure to be updated. This shows a current deficit of €4000 approx.
 - o Core funding for 2022 still not finalised. We are expecting it to be a higher income than last year.
 - o Report was discussed and accepted.
 - o Reserves policy is that we hold 6 months working capital to fund a timely winddown in the case of loss of core funding and to pay redundancy payments. Actual redundancy costs to be confirmed to the next meeting.
 - o Need to review Caroline's contract as current arrangement due to finish in August.
- Insurance – combined policy due for renewal. Quote is lower than expected. Morag still having difficulty getting a quotation for Directors Liability insurance.

- Financial statements for 2021, the audit is completed but we are still awaiting feedback from the auditors on the accruals amount so we can update the Quick Books programme to agree with the final Financial Statements. AGM details to be agreed next month.

5. Communications

Presented by Caroline Whyte – Communications report (see appendices). In particular noted the web traffic reports.

BOGA - Caroline working on the paper. Ensuring that the details are correct.

6. New Trustees: Process and roles

Recap on last month's discussion:

- That the current trustee group review our function and role and our effectiveness
- That we don't take on an executive role
- That we take time to think strategically and not all business as normal.
- How do the trustees interact with Morag and Caroline and the existence of a Staff Liaison group.

Agreed need to spend time on strategic review of core values. WK feels that Europe is changing significantly, and core values are changing. For instance, from economic point of view budgets changing and sustainable economics being challenged.

On website we talk about different working groups and how Feasta works, but there is no current mechanism for those groups to feedback to the Board of Trustees. There is a risk of something occurring and not being in line with our values.

There is a risk of too many groups and side projects taking over people's energy and the central focus and values of the organisation being lost (e.g. education, resilience).

The current face of the organisation is based on historical or past activities and personalities. Current activities not translating to people doing things.

Website is good repository – e.g. Henry George Land Tax – happened over 5 years ago: it's nice that this is still on the Feasta website and if land tax comes up that information is there.

Note that there are some people very active. But there is a risk of an individual going off on a tangent.

The meeting agreed that we would have a separate Trustee meeting to explore the role of the trustee and our strategic direction.

7. COP 27

Some youth interested in attending. MS has submitted their applications (some from USA and Brazil). Noted that no minors should be included in the group.

8. North American Report

See notes circulated in Appendix.

Noted that people attending Feasta US meetings are encouraged to join Feasta as a member.

9. AOB

10. Next meeting

August 8th at 16:00 BST

SIGNED: _____ Mike Sandler _____
Chairperson

Dated: _____08/08/2022_____

SIGNED: _____Michelle Brady _____
Company Secretary

Dated: _____08/08/2022_____