Minutes for meeting of the Board of Responsible Forest Management Australia Ltd
Wednesday, November 12th, 2008
ITC Limited Boardroom, Level 1, 21-31 Goodwood St., Richmond, 3121
From 8.30 am

MEETING START – 8.45am

1. Attendance: Tim Anderson, Vince Erasmus, Kevin O’Grady, Sean Cadman, Jonathan La
Nauze, Lindsay Hesketh, Rohan Dean, Jim Adams
In attendance: Michael Spencer (Hon. Chief Executive); Carly Bannon (Executive Officer),
Michael Conroy (guest)
Minutes: Carly Bannon
Apologies: Frank Strie

2. Confirmation of Agenda – All OK, except point 5 now cancelled as Emily Blackwell unable to
attend.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting – approved via email previously

4. Discussion of Woodmark/Vicforests and formal Board response (eg. Letter)
Specific letter regarding Vicforests/Woodmark would be inappropriate. General letter to ASI
regarding certification processes approved. Action – redraft and resend to ASI directly.

5. Discussion of Woodmark/Vicforests with Soil Association– Emily Blackwell (to attend between
9-9.45am) CANCELLED DUE TO WOODMARK NOT IN ATTENDANCE

6. Review and discussion of GA.
Discussion of issues:
- Controlled Wood Standard
- Forest Carbon
- Governance Issues
- Disputes Process
- Pesticides

7. Executive update/CEO’s Report – Michael Spencer
   a. Financial Report - CB to send once event income and expenses up to date
MS/CB discussed progress on obtaining Gift Deductable Status – including need for extraordinary General Meeting to change constitution.

b. Organisational growth – as per presentation MS gave night before at Awards Dinner

8. Discussion on Guidance Note for securing controlled wood from Tasmania

SC to draft Guidance – to include links to maps and minimum requirements for stakeholder consultation. Guide to be published on FSC Australia website

10.30am – Vince Erasmus leaves with apologies and Michael Conroy invited into meeting.

VE- formal vote of thanks to Carly for all her efforts to put Dinner and Awards Night together – all passed

9. New Membership Applications – Jamie Durie, Forest Strategy and VicForests all accepted, with concerns noted re. adherence to Principle 9 and VicForests

10. Policy and Standards

a. Update on progress of Indigenous Steering Committee

b. Update on progress of Controlled Wood Risk Assessment Team

Board members to work on getting constituents to submit comments

Diagram showing deliberative process to be sent out – KOG, JA and SC to work on

Proposal to extend submission period by 60 days – all passed

c. Update on progress of PPAG

SC noted and commended work done so far by PPAG

11. Discussion with Michael Conroy (‘governance in multi-stakeholder initiatives’)
12. Board discussion on FSC Board governance and performance
Board – need to define strategy for coming year to help focus objectives

13. Other business
  • JA - Illegal Logging – opportunity for FSC Australia – JA, SC, MS to schedule day in Canberra to discuss with Federal Government
  • KOG – CANZUS - expanding

14. Next meeting (previously set as Dec 1 & Feb 9 with AGM on 13 March)
No need for December meeting
Keep February 9 and add extra day (Feb 10th) for strategic workshop and extraordinary meeting

MEETING ENDS – 12.24pm