



Minutes of Management Committee Meeting held online on Wednesday, 20th January, 2021

Committee in attendance:

Keith Griffiths, Pizza Hut (Chairman)
Richard Harrow, Freiburger
Richard Norman, Jestic
Phillip Quinn, Papa Johns
Gayle Hunter, Whitworths
James Faulkner, Leathams
Ian Kent, Stateside
Sunny Chhina, The Fat Pizza
David Jones, Pan Artisan
Jon Watkin (Dawn Farm Foods)
Steven Glass, Just Eat
Richard Thorpe, Ornu
Maurice Abboudi, Consultant
Lynne Utting, Glanbia
Jessica Earith, Glanbia

Secretariat:

Jim Winship
Sandra Bennett
Caron Parry

Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising

These were approved.

AGM

Jim Winship reported that the elections for the Committee had been held in December and the Committee remained unchanged but with the addition of Khalil Rehman from Caprino's who has joined to represent the delivery sector.

Coronavirus Update:

Supply chain: The Association is continuing to press the Government for support for suppliers to the foodservice sector who have had no help despite the overheads they carry. Richard Harrow confirmed that a further letter has been sent to the Chancellor, signed by a group of food industry bodies, including PAPA, highlighting the plight of this forgotten sector.

Loans: Jim Winship raised concerns that businesses that are already struggling will soon have to start paying back Bounce-back and CIBLs loans. The Association has written to the Chancellor suggesting that the repayment holiday might be extended to allow these businesses to get back on their feet before having to start repayments.

PHE Obesity Targets

The meeting discussed the two consultations that were issued by the Department of Health, one prior to Christmas proposing a ban on the advertising (both on TV and online) of products high in fat, salt and sugar (HFSS) and the other consulting on the enforcement of a ban on volume promotions and product displays at key locations in stores.

The Association has responded to both consultations.

The meeting felt that these measures were excessive and 'the thin edge of the wedge' which would lead to furthermore stringent controls in the future that would affect foodservice businesses as well as retailers. They also felt that the measures continued to put the onus and blame on food businesses without addressing the key issue of educating consumers to manage their diets. It was felt that the issuing of the consultations when businesses are wholly focused on survival and the complications of Brexit meant that many had not realized the implications of the proposals.

The meeting agreed that PAPA should liaise with other trade bodies to establish their position over these proposals and should consider raising funds for a lobbying campaign to challenge the approach and put forward calorie labelling as a better alternative.

Jim Winship to establish the cost of employing a lobbying agency.

Richard Harrow reported that the Food & Drink Federation Round Table, which PAPA is part of, discussed this issue and it was clear that the concern is shared by other trade bodies. The FDF is planning to organize a meeting with other trade organisations to discuss this further.

Jim Winship reported that he had also had a conversation with Kate Nicholls who runs UK Hospitality and has shared PAPA's concerns with them. They have similar concerns but are focused entirely around the foodservice sector.

Westminster Speech

Jim Winship reported that he had agreed to speak at a Westminster Nutrition Conference on 2nd February and would use this platform to put across the case for clearer calorie labelling. A copy of the draft speech is attached.

PAPA Awards Dinner & EPPS Show

Caron Parry told the meeting that the Association was expecting to resume the normal arrangements for the 2021 awards with a dinner at the Royal Lancaster in November. However, due to the European Pizza & Pasta Show moving to a date in October, the chef competitions will take place at the show with the overall winner announced at the dinner. In view of this, the intention is to launch the awards in April this year.

On-Line Member Meetings

The Association is planning a full programme of on-line member meetings this year, starting with a presentation on the food-to-go market by the Institute of Grocery Distribution on 27th January. This

will be followed in February by a further IGD presentation, a presentation on allergens and a technical briefing from Campden BRI. Dates and links for these will be circulated to members in advance.

Next Management Committee Meeting and AGM

The date of the next meeting, which will include the AGM, will take place online on Thursday 18th March 2021 at 11am – an invitation will be sent nearer the time.