



Minutes of Management Committee Meeting held at Just Eat, Fleet Place, London at 11am on Wednesday 5th February.

Committee:

Geoff Parsons, Basilico (Chair)	
Keith Griffiths, Pizza Hut (Vice-Chair)	
Clare Fisher (Papa John)	Phil Goodall (Stateside Foods)
Lynne Utting (Glanbia)	Wayne Macdonald(Just Eat)
Sunny Chhina (The Fat Pizza)	Richard Harrow (Consultant)
John Watkin (Dawn Farm Foods)	Gayle Hunter (Whitworths)
Rupi Zani (Pizza Express)	

Secretariat:	Jim Winship, Director	Gavin Rothwell
	Caron Parry	Sandra Bennett

Apologies: James Faulkner (Leathams)
Ian Kent (Stateside)
Maurice Abboudi (Consultant)
Richard Thorpe (Ornua)
Richard Norman (Jestic)

Minutes of the last meeting

These were approved.

Employment

The meeting discussed the outlook for employment in the UK post election, given what is likely to be a challenging position for labour seeking to enter the UK. PAPA is very much here to articulate its members' concerns to government, there is a fear that the strength of the Government's majority will make them less willing to listen to the concerns of business.

Health & allergens

The meeting discussed the Food Standards Agency's proposed guidelines for allergen labelling of foods which are Prepackaged for Direct Sale and the concerns the Association has expressed over the added risk they pose for allergen sufferers by giving them a false sense of security. The committee harboured concerns over the interpretation around implementation of these guidelines.

The guidance highlights a need for full ingredients listing on each individual product. This appears likely to be excessively onerous on parts of our sector, including delivery, adding cost and complexity to the process, if individualised labels need to be printed on every single product. There are several challenges this will provide, impacted strongly by the personalised nature of many pizzas in the sector requiring dedicated personalised printing of labels for every pizza.

The FSA's draft guidance is available as a consultation document. You can download a copy [here](#). The deadline for responding to this is 6th March. Please get back to Jim Winship with input over this with your input to enable us to consolidate the findings and input our association position well ahead of the 6th March deadline. A draft response will then be circulated to the Committee for their input.

While the Association will be responding to this and highlighting concerns about the risks involved, it is difficult to argue with the need to provide consumers with the right information or to challenge the guidance as the concern is with the fundamental approach rather than the detail.

It was mentioned that the current 14 strong allergen list is outdated and requires renewal.

After the meeting, Public Health England issued proposals for new salt targets to be achieved by 2023 – Jim has distributed these separately.

Listeria

The Association, in conjunction with sister association BSA, has continued to press for the NHS to adopt its new listeria guidance as a minimum requirement for supplying chilled foods to hospitals and care homes. Jim Winship has supplied information to the chair of the Hospital Food Review, Peter Shelley, and had a conversation with him about building this into their recommendations. He has indicated that he supports this and a further meeting is being arranged.

A meeting has also been held with the NHS co-ordinator for food, who is similarly supportive of the guidance but is waiting for the Review to report before taking any action. She also told Jim that she is keen to work with the Association on an ongoing basis. However, it will take time to implement changes as all the NHS Trusts are independent operators.

The Association is also continuing to press STS, who set standards and audit suppliers to the NHS, for the removal of their zero Listeria tolerance which the Association believes to be counterproductive.

A formal request has also been sent to the Food Standards Agency urging it to remove reference to the 4-hour at ambient rule in relation to chilled foods. The Association is concerned that some EHOs appear to be saying this is OK in relation to hospitals, which is a major concern.

A 12 point plan for action has also been drawn up - attached – which Jim Winship went through at the meeting. This has been sent to Phillip Shelley and the NHS.

We are expecting the Hospital Food Review report to be published in the next couple of months, most likely in March or April.

Deposit return scheme - update

The meeting discussed the Scottish bottle return scheme and concerns over the way this has been structured, not least the concern about the food safety risks of glass bottles being returned to small takeaways and restaurants where food is being prepared. The Association has expressed its concern to the Scottish Government over this.

The Association has also responded to a consultation from the Welsh Assembly about a similar scheme they are proposing. While supporting the concept of the scheme, the Association has called for careful thought to be given to the risks and complications of returning soiled plastic and glass to foodservice businesses.

Waste – a focus on the recyclability of packaging

The meeting was told that Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall is planning to focus on sandwich packaging in his TV programme in April.

A special meeting to discuss packaging and waste is being organised by the Association on 12th February in London. While this will primarily focus on sandwich packaging (for sister association BSA), it will also consider the wider context. For that reason, PAPA members are also invited to take part.

It is generally felt that the industry has not really done enough to show the work that it has been doing to address packaging issues and the intention is to publish a report following this meeting on the work so far, the obstacles to change and the longer term prospects.

Anyone interested in taking part in this process and being involved in future meetings is advised to contact gavin@papa.org.uk.

Members' breakfast briefing

The first PAPA members breakfast briefing was due to be held on February 5, ahead of this meeting. However, this was postponed until 1 April. You can sign up by emailing gavin@papa.org.uk

Awards – Review Categories

We are currently reviewing the awards listing for the 2020 PAPA awards. Caron highlighted how we are reviewing the awards criteria, which we will then distribute to the committee for feedback.

National Pizza Week

PAPA is investigating the opportunity to run a National Pizza Week. Further detail of our initial thinking has been circulated to the committee, and feedback is invited on this for

those who haven't responded already. We'd look to run this in November, to coincide with the PAPA awards and the EPPS show.

Sigep exhibition in Rimini, Italy

The event organisers of Sigep (<https://en.sigep.it>) have offered to pay expenses for UK buyers wanting to attend the January 2021 session. Please contact Jim for more details of this if of interest.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place in London on 1st April 2020, at Just Eat, Fleet Place. Timings will be confirmed nearer the time, but it will likely be an 11am meeting following on from the first PAPA breakfast briefing at 9.15.