



MINUTES

53rd Annual General Meeting of the European IFYE Alumni Association
Thursday 28th July 2011, Metsäkartano, Finland.

1. Welcome and Opening

The President, Martyn Quayle (IoM), extended a warm welcome and thanks to everyone for attending the AGM.

The meeting started with a period of silence in remembrance of the people of Norway affected by the bomb in Oslo and the massacre in Utøya. Members linked hands in a chain in support of the outrage against the violence and in support of everyone affected.

2. Introduction of Office Bearers

Martyn introduced the Executive Committee: Gerhard Steinberger (Aut) 1st Vice-President; Sirkku Laurila (Fin) 2nd Vice-President; Hilde Riser (Nor) Newsletter Editor; Norbert Winkler (Aut) Treasurer and; Sally Young (Sco) Secretary, and conveyed his thanks to the absent retiring Convenor, Danielle Nesar (Lux).

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted with no amendments.

4. Apologies for Absence

Martyn advised that the Apologies for Absence and Greetings Received from members were available for viewing on the conference notice board. Letters and greetings received from former presidents Avril Herdman (NI) & Pieter R. Dijkhuis (NL); the President of the US IFYE organisation and; Rural Youth Europe were referred to.

5. Appointment of Counters and Establishment of the Number of Eligible Voters

Simon Garlough (Can) and Dale Yonker (US) were appointed as counters. There were 102 eligible voters (in the event of a vote 52 votes were required for a majority).

6. Approval of the Minutes of the 52nd General Annual General Meeting held in the Austria in 2010

The minutes, which had been previously circulated, displayed on the website and the conference notice board for the week, were agreed.

7. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

8. Reports on Past Activities

8.1 Report of the Conference in Austria in 2010

Norbert Winkler, the conference chairman, advised that the administration and operation of the conference had been a success, and that all financial matters had been brought to a satisfactory conclusion. The conference brochure will be issued to participants during the week, the remainder will be posted.

8.2 Executive Committee Report

The report had been previously circulated, read out at the country meetings and was on display on the notice board in the reception.

8.3 Country Reports on Special or New Programmes

There were no special activities to report this year.

8.4 Report on Internet Strategy

The Executive Committee prepared an Internet Strategy due to concerns about the authenticity of the wide range of IFYE information that is available on the web. Members were encouraged to give due consideration to the introduction of a similar strategy within their own country's organisation.

8.5 Report on the European Rally in Sweden in 2010

The IFYE organisation was not represented by a member of the Executive Committee at the European Rally in 2010, however IFYE Lukas Helfenstein (Ch), a board member of the Rural Youth Europe who had attended provided an update on the 2010 rally. Gerhard Steinberger will attend the 2011 rally in Slovenia from 06 -13 August 2011. A IFYE leaflet advertising the exchange programmes will be issued to participants.

9. Financial Reports (Accounts for the period 01.07.10 – 13.07.10)

9.1 Main Report

The accounts for the year show a positive result of 2,814.15 CHF. The higher than usual number of annual membership fees received was the major source of the increased income.

The stock markets climbed last year, therefore the Lux Strategy Fund has gone up 475.00 CHF and is now worth 17,027.00 CHF.

9.2 Lifetime Members Fund

The Lifetime Member Fund has gone down by 1,459.62 CHF during the last year. There are five new lifetime members. The cost for the last newsletter and the cost of the share of the expenses for the mid term meeting has been deducted from the fund. It is now worth 30,161.73 CHF.

9.3 Development Fund

The Development Fund is now at 16,120.70 CHF. The income from the tombola, was 1,613.40 CHF. As the Development Fund is capped at a maximum of 15,000 CHF, 1,120.70 CHF will be transferred into the General Account.

The General Account now stands at 9,571.62 CHF.

9.4 Auditor's Report

Jukka Koivumäki (Fin) and Raija Ellä (Fin) audited the accounts. Raija advised the members that the accounts, including the income and expenditure balances, were correct and that the financial statements provided by the Treasurer gave an accurate account of the financial position of the European IFYE Alumni Association from the 01 July 2010 to 13 July 2011.

10. Applications to the Development Fund

The Swiss IFYE organisation submitted an application seeking 321.85 CHF from the Development Fund, to produce posters to advertise their IFYE exchange programme.

'The Executive Committee recommended:

The application to the Development Fund for 321.75CHF from the Swiss IFYE organisation be given financial support.'

Recommendation agreed unanimously.

11. Proposed Changes to the Development Fund

At the 2010 AGM the Executive Committee was requested to consider ways of increasing the funds available in the General Account. The committee's recommendation had been previously circulated, discussed at the country meetings and, as a result of the feedback received, the original proposal had been amended to the under-noted, thereafter a vote was held:

'The Executive Committee recommends:

The total funds held in the Development Fund Account be reduced from 15,000 to 10,000 CHF, a maximum amount of 3,750CHF can be taken out in any one fiscal year.'

Doris Maurer (Ch) proposed that the recommendation be rejected.

The recommendation was rejected.

12. Silver Pin Report

At the 2010 AGM the Executive Committee was requested to consider the future of the tradition of presenting a silver pin to 25th anniversary members. The report had been circulated to the members, and discussed at the country meetings. As a result of the feedback received the original proposal was amended to the under-noted and thereafter a vote was held.

'The Executive Committee recommends from 2012:

(1) Every member will receive a certificate on the 25th anniversary of their exchange trip and be given the option to also receive a silver pin

Recommendation agreed unanimously.

(2) A Baby IFYE is not eligible to receive a silver pin'

Recommendation agreed unanimously.

13. Baby IFYE Conference Fee Subsidy Proposal

At the 2010 AGM the Executive Committee was requested to consider the continuation of the Baby IFYE conference fee subsidy. The report had been circulated to the members, and discussed at the country meetings. As a result of the feedback received the original proposal was amended to the under-noted and a vote held.

'The Executive Committee recommended that the Baby IFYE conference fee subsidy continue. From 2012 – 2016 (a 5-year period), funding will be available each year from the "Sweden Account" (World Conference 2003) to encourage IFYE's to attend their 1st conference. Each newcomer will receive a contribution of 160 CHF towards the published conference fee. It will be subject to the following conditions:

(1) Full time attendance at the conference

- (2) Valid in any of the first 3 years following their exchange trip (an IFYE in 2011 could receive the contribution in 2012, 2013, or 2014).
- (3) The application form will be issued and submitted to the Treasurer during the conference attended, and payment made that week.'

Recommendation agreed unanimously.

14. Budget

14.1 Annual Budget The under-noted budget was adopted for financial year 2011 - 2012 (all figures in CHF):

Hosting Rural Youth Europe	-100.00
Conference Reports to Lifetime Members	-360.00
Purchase of Silver Pins	-3,600.00
Gifts	-100.00
Other (Baby IFYE conference fee subsidy):	-800.00
Mid Term Meeting	-3,200.00
Total	<u>-8,160.00</u>
Newsletter	0.00
Website	0.00
Total	<u>0.00</u>
Membership Fees (Annual Members)	2,000.00
Membership Fees (Lifetime Members)	480.00
Membership Fee Subsidy (Eastern Countries)	0.00
Total	<u>2,480.00</u>
Development Fund (Applications for funding)	-321.85
Total	<u>321.85</u>
Tombola Income	2,000.00
Tombola Expenses	0.00
Total	<u>2,000.00</u>
Bank Interest	350.00
Bank Charges	-100.00
Change to Lux Strategy Fund	0.00
Total	<u>250.00</u>
Tax Refund	100.00
Tax Expenditure	-100.00
Total	<u>0.00</u>
Grand Total	<u>-3,751.85</u>

The expenditure on the silver pins is the main reason for the negative grand total.

15. Future IFYE Conferences

15.1 Sweden 2012: 21st - 28th July

Anette Nilsson, on behalf of the Swedish IFYE association, invited members to Kungälv, near Gothenburg for the 2012 IFYE conference.

15.2 Wales 2013: 25th July – 01 August

Alison Spencer and Mary Roberts, on behalf of the Welsh IFYE association, invited members to Monmouthshire, Wales.

15.3 Germany 2014: 19th – 26th July

Edith Schröder extended an invitation, on behalf of the German IFYE's, to Germany in 2014.

15.4 Scotland 2015

Sally Young extended an invitation, on behalf on the Scottish IFYE's, to Scotland in 2015.

15.5 Invitations for 2016 & beyond

No invitations were received.

16. Election of Office Bearers

a) President: Re-elected for a two – year term: Martyn Quayle (IoM)

b) 2nd Vice President: Elected for a one – year term: Anette Nilsson (Swe)

c) Secretary: Re-elected for a two -year term: Sally Young (Sco)

d) Auditors: Elected by the Swedish IFYE's for a one year term: Karl-Eric Nilsson (Swe) and Birgitta Sigfridsson (Swe)

1st Vice President Gerhard Steinberger (Aut), elected in 2010 for a two-year term; Treasurer Norbert Winkler (Aut), elected in 2010 for a two-year term and; Newsletter Editor Hilde Riser (Nor), elected in 2010 for a two-year term, all remain in office.

17. Any Other Business

17.1 IFYE Website: It was suggested that historical information about the initiation of the IFYE organisation be posted and a memory board be created, on the www.ifye.org web site. Stories and memories from exchange trips as well as the details of the conferences should be included. **Action: Sally & Hilde**

17.2 World IFYE Conference: The world IFYE conference will be held in Thailand from the 12 - 19 November 2013. Information is available on the website www.worldifye2013.co.cc

17.3 Attendance at IFYE Conferences: It was suggested that more should be done to encourage new countries i.e. Estonia, to attend the IFYE conference. **Action: Sally, Martyn & Gerhard**

17.4 Social Network Sites: Members were advised to use due care and consideration in their use of the internet & social networking sites when sharing IFYE information.

The President thanked everyone for attending and declared the Annual General Meeting closed.

President:*

Date.....

Secretary:

Date.....

Treasurer:.....**

Date.....

*The above signatory is authorised by the Executive Committee of EIFYEAA to revoke or endorse a new signatory as Treasurer, should it be required, for a period of 12 months from this date.

**The above signatory is authorised by the Executive Committee of EIFYEAA to carry-out the financial duties of the organisation for a period of 18 months from this date.

Sally Young (Sco)
Secretary EIFYEA
August 2011