



European IFYE Alumni

International Farm/4H Youth Exchange

MINUTES

Contact Members Meeting, Vaumarcus, Switzerland

Sunday 16th July & Tuesday 18th July 2017

(Minutes are a record of both meetings)

In attendance:

Mary Roberts, Wales	Johanna Hakkarainen, Finland
Bettina Heinemann, Germany	Kadri Toomingas, Estonia
Maximillian Schulze Esking, Germany	Klemens Wakolbinger, Austria
Tone Ødegård, Norway	Linda Steele (NI) (Secretary)
Marianne Svensson, Sweden	Andreas Poelzl (Aut) (1 st Vice President)
Marianna Karlsson, Sweden	Sonja Siegwart, (Swi) (2 nd Vice-President)
Paul Fraser, Scotland	Ursula Spillmann, (Swi) (Treasurer)
Nora Feyder, Luxembourg	Anita Eckerstorfer, (Aut) (Newsletter Editor)
Tomas Gunnarsson (Swe) (60 th Ann)	

1. Welcome and Opening of the Meeting

The first Vice-President, Andreas, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. Apologies were recorded from the President Anna Persson (Swe), and the meeting sent their best wishes to her and her family at this difficult time.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted without any amendments.

3. Contact Member's Responsibilities

The contact members' responsibilities are published on the website and are noted in the Blue Booklet but it was agreed that these should be circulated to new members with the conference documents.

4. Presentation of the Conference & Programme

Sonja gave a short presentation of the programme for the week and answered questions on any changes to the itinerary.

5. Approval of the Minutes from Meetings held in Pärnumaa, Estonia

5.1 Contact Members Meeting: Minutes issued in October 2016 were agreed.

5.2 58th Annual General Meeting: Minutes issued in October 2016 will be recommended for adoption at the AGM.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes of the 58th Annual General Meeting

6.1 Executive Committee Report

The report was circulated to Contact Members with the papers for the conference in June and is displayed on the conference notice board and is available on www.ifye.eu.

6.2 Proposals to the AGM 2017

Following last year's AGM the Board took the points raised and discussed them at the midterm meeting. Their proposals, concerning the collection of conference fees and the setting of closing dates or criteria for registration were discussed at length and taken to the country meetings.

Further discussion led to the following proposal which will be presented to the meeting. If accepted it will come into effect in 2018.

Proposal:

The membership fee should be included in the registration fee, rather than collected separately at the conference. Life Time members will have a reduced fee.

It was decided that registration closing dates and criteria should be left to the discretion of the hosting country, depending on their circumstances and did not need to be specified by the Board.

6.3 Presentation of the website

Anita will present the developing website and the results of the survey to the meeting at the AGM. It is available for members to view and Anita welcomed comments and suggestions. She also asked for articles and photographs to include on the gallery or in the newsletter. To date it has incurred a minimal cost but there is more work to be done and an amount of €700 will be included in the next budget to cover this. Members were happy with the progress so far, especially at such a low cost to the Association and thanked Andreas and Anita for their contributions.

7. Financial Matters

7.1 Main Report 2016/2017

Ursula presented the financial report, previously circulated to the committee and the Contact Members.

Extract: 'The general account increased CHF 402.58 and is now at CHF 11'024.04.

Last year the costs were more than CHF 1'700 lower than the budget. The main reasons are:

It was not necessary to buy new silver pins. The costs for printing the certificates were CHF 117.72 instead of CHF 1'500 for silver pins and certificates.

The newcomer IFYE support was CHF 442.07 higher than the budget (= CHF 1'000). Last year we supported 9 newcomers.

For the midterm meeting we could keep the costs low at CHF 1'740.82. In the budget were CHF 3'200. The anniversary team continued their research and it was a request that they had a meeting in Copenhagen last November. The anniversary team spent CHF 1'952.69 for accommodation and travel costs. Together the Board and anniversary team spent CHF 493.61 more than was in the budget,

To develop the IFYE website did not cause any costs in 2016/2017. The next steps are planned for 2017/2018.

The tombola gave us CHF 1'662.25, which is CHF 337.75 less than in the budget.

From interests and Changing of LUX Strategy fund we got CHF 1'553.01 compared to the budget of CHF 90. At the moment we have CHF 46'598.29 in our UBS-Account and the UBS LUX strategy fund is worth CHF 20'631.00. Besides that there is some cash of CHF 632.35

In total we have a loss of CHF 977.21, instead of a loss of CHF 2'710.00.'

7.2 Lifetime Member's Fund Report

Extract: 'The lifetime member fund decreased CHF 200.20. There were costs for mailing extra conference reports for a total of CHF 680-. We got 2 new Lifetime-Members. The fund is now worth CHF 31'689.39.'

7.3 Development Fund Report

Extract: 'The tombola brought CHF 1'662.25 into the fund. There were no applications for money and the fund is now at CHF 16'662.25. After this AGM CHF 1'662.25 will be transferred into the General account. In the Sweden fund for Newcomer IFYEs are still CHF 7'715.96. It went down last year CHF 1'442.06 for 9 newcomer IFYEs.'

7.4 Auditor's Report

The Auditors have considered the accounts and they are ready to be presented to the AGM.

8. Applications to the Development Fund

There were no applications to the development fund.

9. Budget 2017/2018

The undernoted budget will be recommended for adoption at the Annual General Meeting.

-300,00	Hosting Rural Youth Europe
-500,00	Extra Conference Reports
0,00	Silver pins and certificates
-100,00	Gifts
-1600,00	Newcomer Ifye support
0,00	Travel costs to World Conference
-200,00	European Rally Representation
-3000,00	Anniversary team meeting
-3200,00	Mid-term meeting
-8900,00	Total (General Expenses) CHF
-700,00	Website, Webhotel, Layout
-4000,00	Anniversary booklet
-4700,00	Total (Newsletter and website) CHF
1500,00	Annual members
480,00	Lifetime members
1980,00	Total (Membership fees) CHF
-600,00	Future of IFYE programme applications
0,00	Promotional materials
-600,00	Total (Development fund) CHF
1800,00	Tombola Income
-100,00	Expenses
1,700,00	Total (Tombola) CHF
10,00	Interest
-100,00	Bank charges
0,00	Changing of LUX strategy fund
-90,00	Total (Interest) CHF
-10,610,00	Total CHF

10. Reports on Past IFYE Activities

10.1 Report on the IFYE Conference in Pärnumaa, Estonia 2016

Kadri informed the meeting that the conference had been a success and the conference reports will be circulated as soon as possible.

10.2 Country Report on special or new programmes

We discussed the value of the country reports and the benefits to contact members. The Board will look at some improvements or a different way for members to exchange or access information on their exchange programmes.

11. Future IFYE Conferences

11.1 Northern Ireland 2018: The Conference will be held in Antrim, Northern Ireland from 21st – 28th July 2018. There will be a presentation to the conference during the week, giving details on travel and accommodation options.

11.2 Northern Ireland 2019

Norway have booked a venue from 12th -18th August 2019.

11.3 Invitations for 2020 and beyond

England have issued an invitation for 2020. Finland are planning to invite for 2022 and Austria for 2023. There is a vacancy in 2021 and members were asked to consider inviting.

12. IFYE 60th Anniversary 2018: Subcommittee

Tomas gave a short update from the 60th Anniversary subcommittee. The booklet is almost complete and members were asked to provide numbers of copies that they may need before the end of August.

13. Issues for the week

13.1 Update Contact Members list

Lists will be circulated by e-mail and contact members were requested to update their contact details and notify us of any changes of e-mail addresses.

13.2 Country Reports

Country Reports will be available on www.ifye.eu and are displayed on the conference notice board.

13.3 Election of Office Bearers

President: Anna Persson (Swe) was elected in 2015 for a two-year term. Election required.

1st Vice-President: Andreas Poelzl (Aut) was elected in 2016 for a two-year term and remains in post.

2nd Vice-President: A representative from Northern Ireland to be elected for a one-year term. This will be Pauline Armstrong.

Secretary: Linda Steele (NI) was elected in 2015 for a 2 year term. Election required.

Treasurer: Ursula Spillmann (Swi), elected in 2016 for a two-year term and remains in post.

Newsletter Editor: Anita Eckerstorfer (Aut): Elected in 2016 for a two-year term and remains in post.

Auditors: Two representatives from Northern Ireland to be elected for a one-year term.

All members of the Board are happy to be considered for election again. Contact members were asked to notify the meeting as early as possible if there are any other candidates.

13.4 Tombola

The tombola will be held on Thursday morning immediately after the AGM. Sonja will organise it along with the newcomer IFYEs. Prizes are to be placed in a box in reception. The ticket prices are 2 for CHF1, 5 for CHF 2.

13.5 Collection of Membership Fees

The fees are to be collected by the Contact Members and given to Ursula before the AGM. The membership fees are CHF 20 for Annual Members and CHF 240 for Lifetime Members. Incoming IFYEs attending the conference as part of their exchange trip are not required to pay the membership fee.

13.6 Pins and Certificates

Members were asked to check their lists for those entitled to receive pins or certificates to commemorate more than 25 or 50 years since their exchange and inform Anita or Linda so these can be prepared for the final dinner.

13.7 Apologies for Absence and Greetings received

'Apologies for Absence' and 'Greetings received' are to be written on the appropriate sheet on the notice board. Any greetings received on-line will also be printed and displayed on the noticeboard.

14. Any Other Business

There was some discussion on the upcoming world conference which will be held in the USA in September 2018. Dale Yonkers will give an update at the AGM.

Andreas thanked the Contact Members for their contributions and help throughout the year before bringing the meeting to a close.

Linda Steele (NI)

Secretary EIFYEA

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