



European IFYE Alumni

International Farm/4H Youth Exchange

MINUTES

60th Annual General Meeting of the European IFYE Alumni

Thursday 26th July 2018, Antrim, Northern Ireland

1. Welcome and Opening

The President Anna Persson (Swe), extended a warm welcome and thanks to everyone attending. A special welcome was extended to new members and friends joining us from outside Europe.

2. Introduction of Office Bearers

Anna introduced the Executive Committee: Andreas Poelzl (Aut) 1st Vice-President; Pauline Armstrong, (NI) 2nd Vice-President, Linda Steele (NI) Secretary and Ursula Spillmann (Swi) Treasurer.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted with no amendments.

4. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were recorded from Anita Eckerstorfer (Aut) Newsletter Editor, and congratulations and best wishes were extended to her and Jens on the recent arrival of Felix, their second son. In addition, Linda advised that the Apologies for Absence and greetings received from members were available for viewing on the conference notice board.

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

Deb Clarke (Aus) and Dale Yonkers (USA) were appointed as the counters. There were 137 eligible voters. (In the event of a vote, 69 votes were required for a majority).

6. Approval of the Minutes of the 59th Annual General Meeting held in Vaumarcus, Switzerland

The minutes, which were circulated previously, available on www.ifye.eu and on the conference notice board, were agreed.

7. Matters arising from the Minutes

Any matters arising from the minutes will be addressed on the agenda.

8. Reports on Past IFYE Activities

8.1 Report on the IFYE Conference in Switzerland in 2017

Sonja Siegwart from the Swiss Conference Committee thanked all those who attended and advised that the administration, finance and operation of the conference had been a success. The conference brochure was sent out during the year and everyone agreed it was a lovely reminder of an excellent week.

8.2 Executive Committee Report

The report was circulated to Contact Members with the papers for the conference, is displayed on the conference noticeboard and is available on the www.ifye.eu website.

8.3 Country Reports on Special or New Programmes

Anita has been working on a new format for the information contained in the country reports and it will be available soon, on the www.ifye.eu website, taking into account recent data protection legislation.

8.4 Report on European Rally NI and greetings from RYE

Linzi Stewart, Group 1 board member for Rural Youth Europe brought greetings and gave a short report on last year's European Rally in Latvia. Best wishes were extended to the organisation on their forthcoming European Rally in Scotland.

9. Financial Reports (Accounts for the period 01.07.17 to 30.06.18)

Ursula presented the financial reports, previously presented to the Contact Members and members at the country meetings.

9.1 Main Report

Extract: "The general account decreased CHF 2,636.83 and is now at CHF 8,387.21.

Last year the costs were almost CHF 4'000 lower than the budget. The main reasons are:

The 60th anniversary team had only one meeting and spent CHF 1,537.22 instead of CHF 3,000. The IFYE Board too spent only CHF 1,287.51 for the mid-term meeting instead of CHF 3,200. We could stay at Linda's house which saved the cost of a hotel, etc.

The website cost only CHF 21.25 instead of CHF 700. For the anniversary booklet and other materials for the anniversary only CHF 3,361.14 were necessary instead of CHF 4,000. From memberships we got CHF 2,050 (budget = CHF 1,500) from annual members and CHF 1'680 (budget = CHF 480) from lifetime members.

On the other side we spent almost CHF 1,700 more for the conference reports for life-time members, CHF 800 more to support newcomer IFYEs and the tombola gave us CHF 600 less because of the very low ticket prices. Last year we supported 15 newcomers.

As you can see at the moment we have CHF 42,855.56 in our UBS-Account and the UBS LUX strategy fund is worth CHF 20,710.

In total we have a loss of CHF 6,660.78, instead of a loss of CHF 10,610.'

9.2 Lifetime Members Fund

Extract: 'The lifetime member fund decreased CHF 558.95. There were costs for mailing extra conference reports for a total of CHF 2,238.95. We got 7 new Lifetime-Members. The fund is now worth CHF 31'130.44.'

9.3 Development Fund

Extract: 'The tombola brought CHF 1,199.05 into the fund. There were no applications for money and only the financial subsidies for special project application was taken. The fund is now at CHF 15,599.05. After this AGM CHF 599.05 will be transferred into the General account. In the Sweden fund for Newcomer IFYEs are CHF 5'315.96. It went down last year CHF 2,400 for 15 newcomer IFYEs.'

9.4 Auditors Report

Lottie McCullough (NI) and Margaret Hemphill (NI) audited the reports and verified the following statement:

'We have checked the financial books of the European IFYE Alumni and reviewed that the balance sheet of the accounts is correct. We checked every sheet with the result and our conclusion is that the books are held in a very correct way. In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position and the operations of the European IFYE Alumni from the 1st July 2017 to the 30th June 2018. We as auditors therefore propose that the Annual General Meeting gives the Board members freedom from responsibility for the last year.'

10. Applications to the Development Fund

There were no applications this year but CHF 400 will be used to support 2 applications for the special project from England and Sweden.

11. Proposals from the Board

There are no new proposals from the Board for consideration at this time. Instead, work is ongoing on the website, the development of members from new countries and supporting existing organisations.

12. Budget 2017/18

Annual Budget: The under-noted budget for the financial year 2018-19 was adopted, acknowledging the need for more silver pins.

-300,00	Hosting Rural Youth Europe
-1000,00	Extra Conference Reports
-1500,00	Silver pins and certificates
-300,00	Gifts
-1600,00	Newcomer Ifye support
-500,00	Travel costs to World Conference
-200,00	European Rally Representation
0,00	Anniversary team meeting
-3200,00	Mid-term meeting
-8600,00	Total (General Expenses) CHF
-700,00	Website, Webhotel, Layout
0,00	Anniversary booklet
-700,00	Total (Newsletter and website) CHF
1500,00	Annual members
480,00	Lifetime members
700,00	Non-members Sweden Fund
2680,00	Total (Membership fees) CHF
-400,00	Future of IFYE programme applications
0,00	Promotional materials
-400,00	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
-5,410,00	Total CHF

13. Future IFYE Conferences

13.1 Norway, 12th-18th August 2019

Anette Paulsen extended an invitation on behalf of the Norwegian IFYEs, and advised that further information will be available on-line. Registration for European members will begin in November and the rest of the world in January.

13.2 England 2020

Christine Cooper invited everyone to join them in Lancashire in England, from 8th-15th August 2020.

13.3 Invitations for 2021 and beyond

Much to the delight of the meeting, Marianne Révai Karlsson invited the conference to Sweden in 2021 whilst the invitations still stand for Finland to host in 2022 and Austria in 2023, which will be the next World Conference.

13.4 World Conference, 2018, USA

Dale Yonkers advertised the World Conference which will take the form of a cruise from Vancouver to Alaska from 8th-16th September 2018. More information will be available at a meeting later in the week and on www.ifye.eu.

14. **Election of Office Bearers**

Anna asked for proposals for the vacant positions and the following candidates were duly elected.

President: Anna Persson (Swe) – Elected in 2017 for a two-year term.

1st Vice –President: Andreas Poelzl (Aut) – Elected in 2018 for a two-year term.

2nd Vice-President: Anette Paulsen (Nor) – Elected for a one-year term.

Secretary: Linda Steele (NI) – Elected in 2017 for a two-year term.

Treasurer: Ursula Spillmann (Swi) – Elected in 2018 for a two-year term.

Newsletter Editor: Nora Feyder (Lux) – Elected in 2018 for two-year term.

Auditors: Kari Bjorke (Nor) and Tone Ødegård (Nor), were elected by the Norwegian IFYEs for a one-year term.

On behalf of the meeting Anna thanked Anita, in her absence, for all her hard work on the Board over the last few years and a gift will be forwarded to show our appreciation.

15. **Any Other Business**

Thanks were extended to the 60th Anniversary Group who have put so much work into the display, archive and book which will be given out at the dinner tonight.

Members were reminded to sign the GDPR pages to signify their permission for receiving reports, e-mails and use of photographs in which they appear.

Meg Findlay (Sco) extended an invitation to the UK YFA reunion from 26th- 29th October 2018 which will be held in Aberdeen in Scotland.

Following a suggestion at the Contact members meeting the silver pins were then presented so they could be officially recorded in the minutes, making it easier to trace who has received one in the past.

This year 11 silver pins were presented to:

Hinderk Damm (Ger) 1975, Mares Lendway (Swe) 1980, Jan Jansen(Net) 1981, Els Sliepen (Net) 1981, Sandra Lont (Net) 1984/91, Barry Barr (NI) 1984, Lorna Graham (NI) 1986, David Neill (NI) 1989, Joe Graham (NI) 1990, Sabine Tonglet (Bel) 1991, Helen Ervin (NI) 1993.

3 gold Certificates were presented to Thekla Bauer (Ger) 1967, Brigitta Sigfridsson (Swe) 1967 and Dorothy Wilson (Eng) 1967.

Thekla Bauer and David Neill both said a brief word about the benefits they had enjoyed from the IFYE exchange programme and wished the organisation well for the future.

Anna thanked the meeting and individual board Members for their invaluable contributions over the last year, especially the Northern Irish team who have organised a wonderful conference and wished the members all the best for the year ahead. Finally she thanked everyone for their participation and declared the 60th 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 the EIFYEAA to carry-out the financial duties of the organisation for a period of 18 months from this date.

Linda Steele (NI)
Secretary
EIFYEAA
August 2018