

# European IFYE Alumni

# International Farm/4H Youth Exchange

# **AGENDA**

# Contact Members Meeting,

# Korpilathi, Finland

#### In attendance

#### This agenda is for both meetings

| President: Andreas Poelzl, Aut          | Germany: Jens Häussermann, Wienke<br>Müller |
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| 1st Vice President: Sam Hamks, NI,      | Ireland: Not attending                      |
| 2nd Vice President: Marita Pynnönen, Fi | Luxembourg: Nora                            |
| Secretary: Mari Kundsbekken, No;        | Northern Ireland: Sam Hawks                 |
| Treasurer: Ursula Spillmann, Swz,       | Norway: Hilde Hjelt                         |
| Newsletter Editor: Nora Feyder, Lux,    | Scotland: Niel Brims                        |
| Austria: Sabine Gallager                | Slovenia: Not attending                     |
| Belgium: Not attending                  | Sweden: Jørgen                              |
| Denmark: Not attending                  | Switzerland: Marc Andre                     |
| England: Alison Roberts                 | Wales: Alison Roberts                       |
| Estonia: Not attanding                  |   |
| Finland: Jemma Järvenpää                |   |

# 1. Welcome and Opening of the Meeting

The President welcomes everyone and opened the meeting.

# 2. Adoption of the Agenda

No adoptions

# 3. Apologies for absence

Every country at the conference with an IFYE organization has a contact member at the meeting.

# 4. Contact Member's Responsibilities

The contact members' responsibilities are published on the website and are noted in the Blue Booklet. The secretary has taken a list of current e-mail addresses so the contact members list will be updated.

# 5. Presentation of the Conference & Program

No questions.

#### 6. Approval of the Minutes from Hamar 2019, Norway.

Contact Members Meeting: Approved.

61st Annual General Meeting: Approved

# 7. Matters arising from the Minutes of the 61st Annual General Meeting

#### **Executive Committee Report**

The report must circulate to Contact Members with the papers for the conference and is displayed on the conference notice board and is available on <a href="https://www.ifye.eu">www.ifye.eu</a>. All items will be addressed later in the agenda.

Andreas read the Report to the meeting, as not all contact members at the meeting had received the report because not all have updated the list to EIFYEA.

No comments.

#### Other matters raised:

In the last contact member meeting 2019 it was agreed that it would be useful to include a workshop for contact members in the conference program where they could meet and share information on exchanges or make contacts for after the conference. This is to replace the former Country reports.

Have to be discussed at the country meeting if we want to have the workshop.

Could it be done during lunch? Could we have smaller meetings between the countries, to discuss things like IFYE exchanges between the countries.

# Matters arising touring the last 3 years at the board:

Swiss want to use the IFYE logo. The board discussed it on the midterm meeting and agreed that this is OK.

# 7.1 Matters arising from the Minutes of the 61st AGM in 2019 and couldn't proceed touring the last years in case of canceling the conferences in 2020 & 2021

# 7.1.1 Changes in the Blue Booklet – Changes are marked in Version xx

Membership, new suggestion:

Membership of the Association is open to anyone who has participated in a long term and has been selected to represent their country to another country in International Farm Youth or 4H Exchange type of programme and/or are members of National European IFYE Alumni Association.

Open membership to people who have been selected to represent their country at European Rally. → opening a discussion. No votes this year on this. Members should discuss it and in 2022 we will review it. (maybe it could come to a vote for this in 2023)

#### Reason:

The objectives of the Association shall be to provide an organization with the purpose of:

- a. contributing to international understanding and world peace.
- b. retaining the interest of members in the Association by regular meetings to revolve between the participating countries.

#### Voting procedure:

- 5. During elections candidates leave the room if there are more than one. Voting is by a show of hands or paper ballot, if it's done by paper ballots the candidates can stay in the room.
- 8. If it is not possible to have a Conference and the AGM the board will stay the same until the next possibility to have a conference and a AGM. If any decisions have to be made the contact members will be contacted.

Can we find a solution to have a meeting online? There are several meetings during the week, will be hard to have all of them.

#### Responsibilities of IFYE Contact Members

#### Remove:

Prepare a Country Report detailing your National IFYE Alumni Association's activities and submit it to the Secretary on an annual basis.

#### Membership

To attend the European IFYE Conference you must be a member, or a guest of a member

Reason: To legalize this, regarding the guests.

#### Second Vice President

Add: To organise the midterm meeting, and ensure board members have a bed

#### at the conference.

Is it necessary to have it in the Blue Booklet?

#### (2) Sweden Fund / Newcommer fund

**Income:** The fund was opened with a lump sum, 14 229 CHF (81 480 SEK), one third of the surplus from the 2003 World Conference in Sweden and is to be retained by the Association. until it is transferred to the organizers of the next World Conference (hosted in Europe) as starting capital. (As agreed at the AGM of the Association in Germany 2005). To provide an annual income a participation fee, equal to a voter's annual membership fee, will be collected for non-voting conference participants and allocated to the Sweden fund. (From 2018)

**Fund Rules:** For the current agreed purpose the fund rules were agreed by the General Assembly in 2007, 2011 and 2016. They are:

- (1) A Newcomer IFYE can be offered 160 100 CHF subsidy towards the cost of attending the IFYE conference for the first time.
- (2) A Newcomer IFYE must complete an application form to receive the subsidy.

Reason: There are no applications; all newcomers automatically get the money. We must make sure we have enough rings of raffle tickets; *At least 10 rings must be sold. If we don't have enough newcomers for selling rings, the new board members and the contact members should jump in and also sell tickets.* 

Is there something we can do to get more money, to not reduce the amount each new comer get. The Board will have a new discussion about it next midterm meeting, will not be on the vote for AGM 2022.

#### (4) **Development Fund**

**Expenditure:** The fund pays the expenses sought by countries who have submitted a successful application to the Development Fund. The General Assembly determines if the application fulfils the rules of the fund and authorises expenditure from it. Every year 2,000 CHF is transferred to Sweden Fund/New Comer Fund.

# 9. Reports on past IFYE Activities

Report from Norway about the last conference in Norway was send out to the delegates. Any additional information's if required should be prepared.

What are the rest of Europe doing to help out at the conference? Austria is planning on organize the conference as a European conference, but might need some help during the conference with things like translations. The rest of Europe want to be included to show it's Europe that are hosting, not just Austria.

#### 10. Financial Matters 2019/22

Ursula will present the financial report, (circulated to the committee and the Contact Members.)

Main Report

Lifetime Members Fund

Development Fund

**Auditor's Report** 

See reports from Ursula.

This has been for 3 years, due to no AGM.

Good tombola at Hamar, many new Life Time Members and Newcomers at Hamar.

Budget, a little over budget for Midterm meeting as there was 2 meeting, not just one.

#### 11. Applications to the Development Fund

Finland application to the Development fund was approved by the AGM 2019. Finland will present the report and outcome of the workshop at the AGM 2022

#### 12. Proposals from the Board

Applications from Austria for a loan of 500 Euro to start the conference. Will be paid back before the AGM 2024.

# 13. Budget 2022/2023

Ursula will introduce the budget for the next period, see info from Ursula.

No big changes from earlier, budget with -2600 CHF, but we usually don't spend as much money as budgeted.

Reduce the New commers, as we have proposed to reduce the amount pr Newcommer.

## Membership/Conference Fees

Proposal from the board discussed at midterm meeting: Leave as it is. No reason to increase.

#### **Development Fund**

No application this year.

#### 14. Future IFYE Conferences

27<sup>th</sup> August -2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023: Velden, Austria

Contact Member from Austria will introduce.

Future Information for 2024 and beyond

Germany 2024 27 July -3 August <a href="www.moin2024.de">www.moin2024.de</a> , England and/or Wales 2025, the college will give an answer by the end of the year if they can have the conference at the same college as was planed for 2020, Estonia 2026. Wales and Sweden will look in to the possibility of hosting 2027, 2028 etc.

#### 15. Election of Office Bearers

- a. President: Andreas Poelzl (Aut) Elected in 2019 for a two-year term. Term was extended via votes in 2020 & 2021 to 2023.
- b. 1st Vice-President: Sam Hawkes (NI) Elected in 2019 for a one-year term. Term was extended via votes in 2020 & 2021 to 2022. Is willing do another 2 year term.
- c. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Christine Cooper. Term was extended via votes in 2020 & 2021 to 2022 & Marita Pynnönen appointed from Finland for a one-year term. A representative from Austria is required. Johannes König
- d. Secretary: Mari Kindsbekken (Nor) Elected in 2019 for a two-year term. Term was extended via votes in 2020 & 2021 to 2023.
- e. Treasurer: Ursula Spillmann (Swi): Elected in 2018 for a two-year term. Term was extended via votes in 2020 & 2021 to 2022. → Ursula will stand back. A new treasurer must be found. Marc Andre Zuber is suggested from Austria, and willing to do it.
- f. Newsletter Editor: Nora Feyder (Lux): Elected in 2018 for a two-year term. Term was extended via votes in 2020 & 2021 to 2022. Is willing to do another term.
- g. Auditor: Two Auditors are required, to be nominated by Austria for a one-year term. Simone Hutter and Gerhard S

Members were asked to discuss the nominations and let the next meeting know if there were any further names to put to the meeting.

#### 16. Any Other Business

- a. RYE is organizing an Autumn meeting in Ireland, Sam might be going to visit.
- b. Germany will look into European Rally in Germany when and where it is, does anyone live locally and are able to visit.

#### c. Tombola

The tombola will be held immediately after the AGM. Sam and Marita will organize it along with the newcomer IFYEs. Prizes are to be placed in a box in reception.

#### d. Pins and Certificates

Members must be asked to check their lists for those entitled to receive pins or certificates to commemorate more than 25 or 50 years since their exchange so these can be prepared before AGM.

Ursula have a list of who we have on the list. 7 Silver, 4 gold, all contact members will ask at their meeting if there are any missing.

Remind Members to add apologies to the list on the noticeboard.

e. Add info regarding GDPR to organizing conference

Mari Kindsbekken