



# European IFYE Alumni

## International Farm/4H Youth Exchange

### Minutes

#### Contact Members Meeting,

#### Velden, Austria

27<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023

In attendance

President: Andreas Poelzl, Aut	Germany: Jens Häußermann
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President: Sam Hawks, NI,	Ireland: Not attending
2nd Vice President: Johannes König, AUT	Luxembourg: Nora Feyder
Secretary: Mari Kindsbekken, No	Northern Ireland: Sam Hawks
Treasurer: Marc-Andre Zuber, Swz	Norway: Tone M. Ødegård
Newsletter Editor: Nora Feyder, Lux,	Scotland: Niel Brims/David Patterson
Austria: Sabine Gallager	Slovenia: Not attending
Belgium: Francoise Tetelain	Sweden: Maria Mardh
Denmark: Not attending	Switzerland: Marc Andre Zuber
England: Alison Roberts	Wales: Alison Roberts
Estonia: Cristina Kaska	Finland: Jenna 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.

62<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting: Approved

## **7. Matters arising from the Minutes of the 61<sup>st</sup> 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 [www.ifye.eu](http://www.ifye.eu). All items will be addressed later in the agenda.

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.

Must 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 61<sup>st</sup> AGM in 2019**

No matters arising from the AGM, but we put in to contact member meeting to have a discussion regarding who can attend European conferences. Some countries approve participants from Rally, some doesn't. This is something the contact members should have had a discussion regarding in their countries since the conference in Finland up the next conference in Austria. ➤ Feedback from the contact member regarding this point at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting expected.

### **7.1.1 Changes in the Blue Booklet**

No changes planned.

## **8. Reports on past IFYE Activities**

Conference report has been sent out by e-mail and distributed in paper at the conference.

## **9. Financial Matters 22/23**

Marc-Andre presented the financial report, (circulated to the committee and the Contact Members.) Main Report Lifetime Members Fund Development Fund Auditor's Report

### **9.1 Main Report 2022 – 2023**

Marc Andre presented the financial reports. The actual closes about CHF 3000.- better than the budget. The main reasons are:

- After the “Corona-years” it was not easy to make a budget.
- The budgets of the accounts from the Executive Committee were not even half used: about CHF 940.- less for Newcomer IFYE support and CHF 1300.- less for the Mid-term meeting. With other, smaller, less expenses it results in less expenses of totally CHF 3295.15
- The cost for the website, webhosting, layout where CHF 340.64 less than the budget
- Regarding bank charges and bank investments, we closed with a small surplus of CHF 217.78 thanks to the small increase in the value of our investment fund.
- On the other hand, there is a shortfall of CHF 571.22 in membership fees and CHF 271.08 in the Tombola. The latter comes from the fact, that we needed to buy new raffle tickets.
- This results in a plus of CHF 2947.04 compared to the budget and an effective plus of CHF 347.04.
- We have CHF 31267.14 on our UBS accounts, and the UBS LUX strategy fund is worth CHF 19934.00
- The general account increased CHF 212.05 and is now at CHF 5352.18
- This results in fortune of CHF 512101.14 30th of June 2023, and therefore an increase in fortune of CHF 347.04.

### **9.2 Lifetime Members' Fund Report**

The lifetime member fund decreased CHF 822.43. Ther where non new lifetime member and the half cost for the midterm-meeting to cover. The fund is worth now CHF 26577.12

### **9.3 Development Fund Report**

The development found is at CHF 16851.00. The last years tombola brought CHF 1851.00. After the transfer of CHF 140.18 to the general account, according to the rules in the blue buckled, and there were no applications, the account close with a plus of CHF 1710.82. After this AGM the amount of CHF 1851.00 will be

transferred to the general account, so we will be at the maximum limit of CHF 15000.00.

#### **9.4 Newcomer fund**

From non-members we got CHF 303.60 in the newcomer fund (former Seden fund for newcomer IFYE) and spend CHF 1060.00 to support 7 newcomer IFYE's. The fund stands by CHF 2480.24, a decrease of CHF 753.40.

#### **10. Applications to the Development Fund**

In July Slovenia applied for a support and the board decide to give them CHF 250.- support out of the Development Found – they have been supported by the government, so they don't need the money.

Application from Austria for a loan of 500 Euro to start the conference. The money will be paid back before the AGM 2024.

#### **11. Budget 2022/2023**

Marc-Andre introduced the budget for the next period.

##### **General expences**

##### **Budget**

23 - 24

##### **Executive committee**

Hosting Rural Youth Europe	-300.00
Extra conference report	-200.00
Silverpins/Certificates	0.00
Gifts	-300.00
Newcomer IFYE Support	-2'000.00
Other Expenses (Postage, Fees)	-50.00
Travel costs to World conference	0.00
Travel Costs visiting AGM at European Rally	-200.00
Mid term meeting	-3'000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>-6'050.00</b>

##### **Newsletter / website**

Website, Webhotel, Layout	-300.00
Anniversary booklet	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>-300.00</b>

##### **Memberships**

Annual members	1'400.00
Lifetime members	480.00
Non-Members for Newcomer Fund	300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2'180.00</b>

**Tombola**

Income	2'000.00
Expences	-400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1'600.00</b>

**Interests**

Interests	50.00
Bank Charges	-100.00
Changing of LUX Strategy fund	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>-50.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-2'620.00</b>

**Lifetime-member fund**

Expenses	-1'700.00
New Lifetime-members	480.00
<b>Total Change of Lifetime-member fund</b>	<b>-1'220.00</b>

**Development fund**

Future of IFYE program applications	0.00
others	-2'000.00
Income from Tombola	1'600.00
<b>Total Change of Development fund</b>	<b>-400.00</b>

**Newcomer fund**

Suport for newcommer	1'200.00
Non-Members for Newcomer fund	300.00
from Development fund	2'000.00
<b>Total Change of Newcomer fund</b>	<b>1'500.00</b>

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

Reduce the Newcomers, as we have proposed to reduce the amount pr Newcomer.

**11.1. Membership/Conference Fees**

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

**11.2. Development Fund**

No application this year.

## **12. Future IFYE Conferences**

Germany 2024 27 July -3 August [www.moin2024.de](http://www.moin2024.de) ,

England 2025, changed from Wales

Estonia 2026.

Switzerland 2027;

Sweden 2028 (New Zealand World conference)

Scotland 2029

Do we want to have the conference planned so many years in advance, it will make it more difficult for some countries to organize a conference, especially if we want new countries to participate in hosting conferences.

## **13. Election of Office Bearers**

President: Andreas Poelzl (Aut) Andreas is willing to do another two-year term.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Sam Hawkes (NI) Elected in 2022 for a two-year term.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: To be nominated to represent Germany.

Secretary: Mari Kindsbekken (Nor) → Mari is willing to do another two-year term.

Treasurer: Marc-Andre Zuber (Swz): Elected in 2022 for a two-year term.

Newsletter Editor: Nora Feyder (Lux): Elected in 2022 for a two-year term.

Auditor: Two Auditors are required, to be nominated by Germany for a one-year term.

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

## **14. Any Other Business**

### **14.1. Annual fee for children participating at conference with their parents.**

A suggestion of children not having to pay the annual membership fee when participating at the conference was made. Is this something we want, and up to what age, 18, 16, 14?

#### **14.2. Tombola**

The ticket prices are 1 for €1.-; 6 for €5.-The tombola will be held immediately after the AGM. Sam and Johannes will organize it along with the newcomer IFYEs. Prizes are to be placed in a box in reception.

#### **14.3. 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.

Secretary EIFYEA

Mari Kindsbekken