



European IFYE Alumni

International Farm/4H Youth Exchange

Minutes

Contact Members Meeting, Cloppenburg, Germany

Sunday 28th July & Tuesday 30th July 2024

In attendance

President: Andreas Poelzl, Aut	France: Damien De Fontaines
1 st Vice President: Sam Hamks, NI,	Germany: Jens Häußermann
2 nd Vice President: Eva Singer; Ger.	Luxembourg: Nora Feyder
Secretary: Mari Kundsbecken, No;	Northern Ireland: Sam Hawkes
Treasurer: Marc-Andre Zuber, Swz,	Norway: Tone Margret Ødegård
Newsletter Editor: Nora Feyder, Lux,	Scotland: Neil Brims
Austria: Sabine Gallager	Sweden: Maria Mardh
Belgium: Francoise Tetelain	Switzerland: Marc-Andre Zuber
Denmark: Helle Bonderup	Wales: Allison Roberts
England: Allison Roberts	
Finland: Heli Aaltonen	

1 Welcome and Opening of the Meeting

Andreas welcomed everyone to the meeting and presented the board.

2 Adoption of the Agenda

No adoptions

3 Apologies for absence

None

4 Contact Member's Responsibilities

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

5 Presentation of the Conference & Program

Jens Häußermann answered questions on arrangements for the week. And gave a short information.

6 Approval of the Minutes from Velden, Austria.

Contact Members Meeting: Minutes issued in 2023 must be agreed.

63rd Annual General Meeting: Minutes issued in 2023 will be recommended for adoption at the AGM.

7 Matters arising from the Minutes of the 63rd Annual General Meeting

7.1 Executive Committee Report

The report was circulated to Contact Members and the contact member were asked to review the report with their national member before the 1st contact member meeting at this year conference. The papers for the conference and is displayed on the conference notice board and is available on www.ifye.eu . All items will be addressed later in the agenda.

7.2 Matters arising touring the last year at the board:

7.2.1 Suspension of the exchange between US & Europe in 2024.

We have been in contact with USA and offered to help out, not with money, they need to re organize, they survive on founding from the government. They expect to have a small exchange in 2025, but his is not confirmed. IFYE USA have paid employees, it's not based on voluntary work as in Europe. They want to go ahead with the program, but at the moment there are no money.
The situation with USA and IFYE is still the same.

7.2.2 Matters arising from the Minutes of the 63rd AGM in 2023

7.2.2.1 An application from England / Wales from 2019 which was started as an open discussion. People who have not done an IFYE exchange but are members of Rural Routh should also be given the opportunity to become members of the IFYE association. This proposal is based on a change in the law in the UK, which could make it almost impossible to find IFYE host families in the UK in the future, which could result in the possible end of the IFYE program in the UK.

According to the wording in the Blue booklet, everyone who can be a member of their national organization, can participate at the conferences. We can't decide who the national organizations will allow into their organization. Andreas will contact the contact member for England/Wales Allison Roberts, and ask if they can come with a wording, they think is better.

E-mail was sent out to contact member of England / Wales and contact member was contacted again by 1st Vice President → no answer received up to know.

They agree that the wording in the Blue booklet is ok.

7.2.2.2 Austria suggested at the contact member meeting in Velden that the annual membership fee to be cancelled for conference participants under 18 years of age. The contact members were asked to discuss this point again in the respective country meetings and in their own organization and if one or more nations find a clear formulation that is clearly understandable for everyone, please inform the board. The executive committee's suggestion is to add this to the Blue booklet in page 4, under Membership, with the wording: Membership fee shall not be collected from children under the age of 16 years attending IFYE conference.

7.2.3 Conference Report for Life – Time members who did not attend the conference.

The e-mail address lifetimemember@IFYE.eu, has been installed.

We send out an e-mail to all lifetime members on the members list to ask if they still want to receive the conference report if they did not attend the conference, and if they want it printed or via e-mail. If there was no response to the e-mail the contact details will be removed from the list to receive the report. If we have not received any feedback, the contact members of the respective country will now be asked for help with verification and if no feedback is received, the contact will be finally removed from the list.

7.3 Blue booklet

Update of the blue booklet on page 4, under Membership, with the wording:

“Membership fee shall not be collected from children under the age of 16 years attending IFYE conference” in reference to Austria's suggestion in 2023 regarding the membership fee for participants under 18 years of age, is planned.

8 Reports on past IFYE Activities

Report from Austria about the last conference in Austria, was it send out to the delegates.

9 Financial Matters 2023/24

Marc-Andre presented the financial report, (circulated to the committee and the Contact Members.)

9.1 Main report

The actual closes about good CHF 6200.- better than the budget. The main reasons are:

The budgets of the accounts from the Executive Committee were used about CHF 1600.- less: about CHF 720.- less for Newcomer IFYE support, no hosting Rural Youth Europe, minus CHF 300.- , no extra conference reports, minus CHF 200.- and other, smaller or less expenses give this pleasing result.

The cost for the website, webhosting, layout where rounded CHF 260.- less than the budget.

Regarding bank charges and bank investments, we closed with a surplus of CHF 1166.45 thanks to the increase in the value of our investment fund and once a little higher interest rate.

Because of more lifetime members and high non-member fees due to the world conference, we have a big plus in membership fees of CHF 2815.30 .

Due to the world conference the Tombola also generated additional income of rounded CHF 526.-

This results in a plus of CHF 6257.42 compared to the budget and an effective plus of CHF 3637.42 .

We have CHF 33'944.56 on our UBS accounts, and the UBS LUX strategy fund is worth CHF 20'894.00

The general account increased CHF 1883.98 and is now at CHF 7236.16

This results in fortune of CHF 54'838.56 30th of June 2024, and therefore an increase in fortune of CHF 3637.42.

9.2 Lifetime Members' Fund Report

The lifetime member fund decreased despite four new lifetime members CHF 564.12 . The fund covers, according to the rules in the blue buckled, the half cost for the midterm-meeting. The fund is worth now CHF 26013.00 .

9.3 Development Fund Report

The development found is at CHF 17628.56. Last year's tombola brought CHF 2628.56. After the transfer of CHF 1851.00 to the general account, according to the rules in the blue buckled, and there were no applications, the account close with the plus of CHF 2628.56 from the tombola income. After this AGM the amount of this CHF 2628.56 will be transferred to the general account, so we will be at the maximum limit of CHF 15000.00.

From non-members we got CHF 2820.- in the newcomer fund and spend CHF 1280.00 to support 8 newcomers IFYE's. So the fund stands by CHF 3960.84, an increase of CHF 1540.-

9.4 Auditor's Report

See attached.

10 Applications to the Development Fund

No application this year.

11 Proposals from the Board

Update of Blue Booklet as you'll find under point 7.3.

12 Budget 2024/2025

See attached.

12.1 Membership/Conference Fees

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

12.2 Development Fund

No application this year.

13 Future IFYE Conferences

England 2025

Estonia 2026

Switzerland 2027

Sweden 2028

Scotland 2029

14 Election of Office Bearers

- President: Andreas Poelzl (Aut) Elected in 2022 for a two-year term.
No election required.

- 1st Vice-President: Sam Hawkes (NI) Elected in 2022 for a two-year term.
Election is required. → Sam is willing to do one more period.
- 2nd Vice-President: Katharina Steinrücke (Ger) Elected in 2023 for a one-year term. Replaced by Germany by Eva Singer in March 2024 regarding personal issues.
Nomination from England for 2024/2025 required.
- Secretary: Mari Kindsbekken (Nor) Elected in 2023 for a two-year term.
No election is required.
- Treasurer: Marc Andre Zuber (Swz) Elected in 2022 for a two-year term.
Election is required. → Marc-Andre is willing to do one more period.
- Newsletter Editor: Nora Feyder (Lux): Elected in 2022 for a two-year term.
Election is required because Nora has reached the end of possible periods.
- Auditors: Peggy Rostin and Christine Relke were elected by the German IFYEs for a one-year term.
Election of two Auditors from England required.

15 Any Other Business

Tombola

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

The ticket prices are 1 for €1.-; 6 for €5.

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.

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

Secretary

Mari Kindsbekken