



European IFYE Alumni

International Farm/4H Youth Exchange

MINUTES

54th Annual General Meeting of the European IFYE Alumni

Thursday 26th July 2012, Kungälv, Sweden

1. Welcome and Opening

The President, Martyn Quayle (IoM), extended a warm welcome and thanks to everyone for attending.

The meeting started with a period of silence in remembrance of Ingemar Jacobsson (Swe) & Sigvard Johansson (Swe) who passed away recently.

2. Introduction of Office Bearers

Martyn introduced the Executive Committee: Gerhard Steinberger (Aut) 1st Vice-President; Anette Nilsson (Swe) 2nd Vice-President; Norbert Winkler (Aut) Treasurer and; Sally Young (Sco) Secretary).

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted with no amendments.

4. Apologies for Absence

Hilde Riser (Nor) Newsletter Editor gave her apologies for absence for the meeting. In addition, Martyn advised that the Apologies for Absence and Greetings Received from members were available for viewing on the conference notice board. The message received from the first President, Pieter R. Dijkhuis (NL) was read out.

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

Deb Clarke and Dean March (Australia) were appointed as the counters. There were 103 eligible voters. (In the event of a vote, 52 votes were required for a majority).

6. Approval of the Minutes of the 53rd Annual General Meeting held in Metsäkartano, Finland on the 28 July

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

7. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

8. Reports on Past Activities

8.1 Report of the Conference in Finland in 2011

Kati Nurminen, the conference secretary, advised that the administration, finance and operation of the conference had been a success. The conference brochures were posted to attendees and lifetime members who had requested a copy early in 2012.

8.2 Executive Committee Report

The report was circulated to Contact Members with the papers for the conference in June, was published in the June 2012 edition of the IFYE newsletter, is displayed on the conference notice board and, is available on the www.ifye.org web site.

8.3 Country Reports on Special or New Programmes

The Country Report were circulated to Contact Members with the papers for the conference in June, were published in the June 2012 edition of the IFYE newsletter, are displayed on the conference notice board and, are available on the www.ifye.org web site. There were no special or new programmes to report this year.

9. **Financial Reports** (Accounts for the period 14.07.11 – 30.06.12)

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

9.1 Main Report

'The books for this year show a loss of -2074,10 CHF. This is less than the budgeted figure for 2011/12, which forecast a loss of -3751,85 CHF. This is mainly due to the cost of the silver pins being a third less than budgeted for, as a lower number than originally planned were purchased.'

The four IFYE accounts total 66570,77 CHF. They are split into two bank accounts: the UBS Account contains 49656,77 CHF and the UBS Lux Strategy Account contains 16914,00 CHF.'

9.2 Lifetime Members Fund

'The fund has gone down by 1685,86 CHF and is now worth 28475,87 CHF. This is due to the cost of purchasing the silver pins; printing the silver and golden certificates and; the printing and postage costs of the 2011 conference brochures for Lifetime Members who did not attend the conference. The cost of silver pins was lower than originally budgeted for, as less pins were purchased. There was one new Lifetime Member.'

9.3 Development Fund

'The fund has gone up by 909,71 CHF, and is now worth 15909,71 CHF therefore, 909,71 CHF has been transferred to the General Account to return the balance to 15000,00 CHF before closing the books. The tombola brought 1231,46 CHF into the account. Between closing last year's books and opening this year's books a transaction of 1120,70 CHF to the General Account was carried out to return the account to 15,000CHF. In the future the transaction between the Development Fund and the General Fund will be carried out before the books are closed, as has happened this year.'

9.4 Auditors Report

Brigitta Sigfridsson (Swe) and Karl Eric Nilsson (Swe) audited the accounts. Brigitta advised:

"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 01st July 2011 to the 30th June 2012. 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**

The Finnish IFYE's submitted an application to seek funds of 1748,60 CHF from the Development Fund for the publication of a promotional brochure and the organisation

of a 'mini conference' to promote the IFYE alumni to their new exchangees. The Executive Committee recommended:

The application to the Development Fund for 1748,60 CHF from the Finnish IFYE organisation be given financial support.'

Recommendation agreed unanimously.

11. Budget

Annual Budget: The under-noted budget for financial year 2012 - 2013 was adopted.

-100 CHF	Hosting Rural Youth Europe
-800 CHF	Extra Conference Reports
-100 CHF	Gifts
-1280 CHF	Baby IFYE Support
-3200 CHF	Mid Term Meeting
<u>-5480 CHF</u>	<u>Total (General Expenses)</u>
0 CHF	Newsletter & Web site
0 CHF	Postage
0 CHF	Printing
<u>0 CHF</u>	<u>Total (Newsletter & Web site)</u>
2000 CHF	Annual Membership
480 CHF	Lifetime Members
0 CHF	Membership Fees Eastern Countries
<u>2480 CHF</u>	<u>Total (Membership Fees)</u>
-1748 CHF	Development Fund
<u>-1748 CHF</u>	<u>Total (Development Fund)</u>
1500 CHF	Tombola Income
-100 CHF	Tombola Expenditure
<u>1400 CHF</u>	<u>Total (Tombola)</u>
200 CHF	Interest
-100 CHF	Bank Charges
- CHF	Lux Strategy Fund
<u>100 CHF</u>	<u>Total (Interest)</u>
-100 CHF	Tax Expenses
100 CHF	Tax Refund
<u>0 CHF</u>	<u>Total Tax</u>
<u>-3248 CHF</u>	<u>Total</u>

12. 60th Anniversary of IFYE Conferences in 2018

The Association will celebrate its 60th Anniversary of Conferences in 2018. To mark the event it was proposed to prepare a commemorative report to record the events, occasions and memories of conferences since the inception of the Association in 1948. See Appendix 1.

The Executive Committee recommended the General Assembly agree to:

- (i) the formation of a sub committee to gather information and prepare the commemorative report;
- (ii) seek IFYE's who would like to be involved in the preparation of the commemorative report and;

- (ii) request the sub committee to report to the General Assembly in 2013 on their progress and the financial implications of producing the commemorative report and on an annual basis thereafter.

Recommendations (i) and (ii) to be actioned by December 2012.

Recommendations agreed unanimously.

Nominations for the sub committee were received from:

- (i) Helle Bollerup (Den), nominated by Avril Herdman (NI)
- (ii) Dorothy Wilson (Eng), nominated by Mary Roberts (W)
- (iii) Inga-Lil Eriksson (Sw), nominated by Maria Mårdh (Sw)
- (iv) Katarina Steinrucker (Ger), nominated by Eva Singer (Ger)
- (v) Sirkku Laurilla (Fin), nominated by Maritta Pynonen (Fin)

All agreed to accept their nomination and progress the project.

13. Future IFYE Conferences

13.1 Wales 2013: 25th July – 01st August

Alison Spencer and Mary Roberts, on behalf of the Welsh IFYE Association, invited members to Monmouthshire, Wales.

13.2 Germany 2014: 19th – 26th July

Eva Singer extended an invitation, on behalf of the German IFYE's, to Bavaria Germany and advised that further information is available on www.ifye.de.

13.3 Scotland 2015: 15th – 22nd August

Sally Young extended an invitation, on behalf on the Scottish IFYE's, to Gordonstoun School, near Elgin in 2015.

13.4 Invitations for 2016 & beyond

No invitations were received.

13.5 World IFYE Conference Thailand 2013

The World IFYE Conference to be in Thailand from the 12th–19th November 2013. Further information is available on www.worldifye2013.co.cc

14. Election of Office Bearers

14.1 President: Martyn Quayle (IoM) - Elected in 2011 for a two-year term and will remain in post.

14.2 1st Vice President: Gerhard Steinberger (Aut) - Re-elected for a two-year term.

14.3 2nd Vice President: Alison Spencer (Wal) - Elected for a one-year term.

14.4 Secretary: Sally Young (Sco) - Elected in 2011 for a two-year term and will remain in post.

14.5 Treasurer: Norbert Winkler (Aut) - Re-elected for a two-year term.

14.6 Newsletter Editor: Hilde Riser (Nor) - Re-elected for a two-year term.

14.7 Auditors: Keith Spencer (Wal) and John Young (Wal) - Elected by the Welsh IFYE's for a one year term.

15. Any Other Business

15.1 Lukas Helfenstein, IFYE and Rural Youth Europe board member will represent the Association at the 2012 European Rally in Poland.

The President thanked everyone for attending and declared the 54th 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 EIFYEAA to carry-out the financial duties of the organisation for a period of 18 months from this date.

Sally Young (Sco)
Secretary EIFYEA
August 2012

APPENDIX 1

European International Farm Youth Exchange Alumni

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

26 July 2012

REPORT: 60th ANNIVERSARY OF EIFYEA

ABSTRACT:The European International Farm Youth Exchange Alumni will celebrate its 60th Anniversary of Conferences in 2018. To mark the event it is proposed to prepare a commemorative report to record the events, occasions and memories of conferences since the inception of the Association in 1948.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the General Assembly endorse the recommendation of the Executive Committee and agree to:

- (i) the formation of a sub committee to gather information and prepare the commemorative report;
- (ii) seek IFYE's who would like to be involved in the preparation of the commemorative report and;
- (iii) request the sub committee to report to the General Assembly in 2013 on their progress and the financial implications of producing the commemorative report and on an annual basis thereafter.

Recommendations (i) and (ii) to be actioned by December 2012.

2. BACKGROUND

At the Executive Committee meeting held in Vienna, Austria on 06 – 08 January 2012, the 60th (Diamond) anniversary of the Association in 2018 was discussed. At the Switzerland 2008 conference the 50th anniversary was marked by a commemorative dinner and fireworks display. Therefore, it is considered appropriate that the 60th anniversary be marked in some way.

All IFYE's have stories, tales and memories of their previous conferences that would make enjoyable and interesting reading for their fellow members. It would be worthwhile if these memories, particularly of the early conferences are recorded.

Previous conference brochures provide a record of the EIFYEA conferences but these are held in the Association's archive and are currently not available to the members.

3. CURRENT POSITION

The Association's archives are held in Wichtrach Switzerland. These records are available for research purposes and can not be removed from their location.

Pieter Dijkhuis (NL) has given the Association his personal records of IFYE conferences, they are currently held in The Netherlands and it is intended that they be deposited in the archives in due course. Dorothy Wilson (E) has, on her own initiative, commenced research on the history of the Association and it is hoped that this will form the basis of the proposed commemorative report, as well as to update the 'History of EIFYEA' on the www.ifye.org website.

4. PROPOSALS

It is proposed that a sub committee, consisting of 3 members, be formed to gather information from fellow members and prepare the commemorative report.

The sub committee would be able to co-opt additional members to the committee should it require to do so.

The sub committee will be requested to report progress of the Commemorative Report annually: to the Executive Committee prior to the Mid Term Meeting and to the General Assembly at the conference.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The sub committee would be required to consider the format options and the costs of producing the commemorative report and report to the Executive Committee and General Assembly on these options, in 2013.