



European IFYE Alumni

International Farm/4H Youth Exchange

MINUTES

55th Annual General Meeting of the European IFYE Alumni

Tuesday 30th July 2013, Monmouth, Wales

1. Welcome and Opening

The President Martyn Quayle (IoM), extended a warm welcome and thanks to everyone attending. A special welcome was extended to Kadri Toomingas, Chairman of Rural Youth Europe who is attending her first IFYE conference.

The meeting started with a period of silence in remembrance of Moira Frame (Scot) who passed away recently.

2. Introduction of Office Bearers

Martyn introduced the Executive Committee: Gerhard Steinberger (Aut) 1st Vice-President; Alison Spencer (Wal) 2nd Vice-President; Norbert Winkler (Aut) Treasurer and Linda Steele (NI) Acting Secretary.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted with no amendments.

4. Apologies for Absence

Sally Young, outgoing secretary sent her apologies and best wishes were extended for her speedy recovery. Hilde Riser (Nor) Newsletter Editor gave her apologies for absence for the meeting. In addition Martyn advised that the Apologies for Absence received from members were available for viewing on the conference notice board. The message received from the first President Peter R. Djkhuis (NL) was read out.

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

Kadri Toomingas (Est) and Dale Yonkers (USA) were appointed as the counters. There were 120 eligible voters. (In the event of a vote, 61 votes were required for a majority).

6. Approval of the Minutes of the 54th Annual General Meeting held in Kungälv, Sweden

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 IFYE Activities

8.1 Report on the IFYE Conference in Sweden in 2012

Ann-Margreth Karlsson from the Swedish 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 will be available in the near future and will be posted to attendees and lifetime members who have requested a copy.

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 2013 edition of the IFYE newsletter, is displayed on the conference noticeboard and is available on the www.ifye.org website.

8.3 Country Reports on Special of New Programmes

The Country Reports were circulated to Contact Members with the papers for the conference in June, were published in the June 2013 edition of the IFYE newsletter, are displayed on the conference notice board and, are available on the www.ifye.org website. There were no special or new programmes to report this year.

8.4 Report on the European Rally held in Poland in 2012

Lukas Helfenstein, IFYE and Deputy Chairman of Rural Youth Europe gave a report on the European Rally in Poland where he spoke to representatives from the many rural youth organisations on the promotion of longer term exchanges.

9. Financial Reports (Accounts for the period 01.17.12 to 30.06.13)

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

9.1 Main Report

'The general account has gone up 1083,63 CHF and is now at 10957,63 CHF. Holding the mid-term Executive Committee meeting in the UK saved travel costs. The actual costs were 1998,65 CHF compared to the budgeted costs of 3200 CHF. The stock markets relaxed, and the LUX strategy fund has gone up 1519 CHF and is now worth 18433 CHF. The fiscal year of the Swiss IFYE does not correspond with our fiscal year. The membership fee of Swiss IFYEs who paid in the first half of the year 2013 affects our account in the year 2013/14. A line is set to balance this right in our account sheet. All accounts and funds sum up together to a positive result of 1858,60 CHF.'

9.2 Lifetime Members Fund

'The lifetime member fund went up 1440 CHF because last year 6 new LT members paid in. Nothing has been taken out. The fund is now worth 29915,87 CHF.'

9.3 Development Fund

'The development fund is now at 14828,41 CHF. The tombola brought 1661,36 CHF into the account, the application for the Finnish Organisation, which had been approved at the AGM 2012, has been paid out. It was 1832,95 CHF.'

9.4 Auditors Report

Keith Spencer (Wal) and John Young (Wal) audited the reports and 2nd Vice President Alison Spencer read the 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 2012 to the 30th June 2013. 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

Norway withdraw their application.

11. Budget 2013/14

Annual Budget: The under-noted budget for financial year 2013-14 was adopted.

-325 CHF	Hosting Rural Youth Europe
-360 CHF	Extra Conference Reports
-100 CHF	Gifts
- 480 CHF	Baby IFYE Support
-500 CHF	World IFYE Conference Representation
-200 CHF	European Rally Representation
-3200 CHF	Mid Term meeting
<u>-5165 CHF</u>	<u>Total (General Expenses)</u>

-30 CHF	Newsletter and website
0 CHF	Postage
0 CHF	Printing
<u>-30 CHF</u>	<u>Total (Newsletter & Website)</u>

1800 CHF	Annual members
480 CHF	Lifetime members
0 CHF	Membership fees Eastern Countries
<u>2280 CHF</u>	<u>Total (Membership fees)</u>

0 CHF	Future of IFYE programme applications
0 CHF	Promotional Materials
<u>0 CHF</u>	<u>Total (Development fund)</u>

1800 CHF	Tombola Income
0 CHF	Tombola Expenditure
<u>1800 CHF</u>	<u>Total (Tombola)</u>

200 CHF	Interest
-150 CHF	Bank charges
CHF	LUX strategy fund
<u>50 CHF</u>	<u>Total (Interest)</u>

200 CHF	Tax Expenditure
-100 CHF	Tax expenses
<u>100 CHF</u>	<u>Total (Tax)</u>

-965 CHF **Total**

12. Future IFYE Conferences

12.1 Germany 2014: 19th-26th July.

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

12.2 Scotland 2015: 15th-22nd August

Meg Finley extended an invitation, on behalf of the Scottish IFYEs to Gordonstoun School, near Elgin in 2015.

12.3 Estonia 2016:

Kadri Toomingas extended an invitation on behalf of the Estonian 4H IFYEs to Estonia in 2016.

12.4 World IFYE Conference Thailand 12th-19th November

Those who are attending the World Conference will co-ordinate to prepare a display and presentation on the European Region.

12.5 USA IFYE Conference

Dale Yonkers brought greetings from Richard Whitner, President of IFYE USA who extended an invitation to any countries who don't currently have an exchange with the USA. He also invited members to attend the USA conference to be held in Reno, Nevada 19th-22nd June 2014. Further details available on www.ifye.org

13. IFYE 60th Anniversay 2018: Subcommittee Update

The Association will celebrate its 60th Anniversary of Conferences in 2018. To mark the event it is proposed to prepare a commemoration report to record the events. Helle Bonderup (Den) gave an update on the discussions of the sub-committee and informed members that they will soon be seeking contributions and interviewing members on their experiences. Martyn thanked the group for their work so far.

14. Election of Office Bearers

- 14.1 President: Gerhard Steinberger (Aut) – Elected for a two-year term.
- 14.2 1st Vice –President: Anna Persson (Swe) – Elected for a one-year term.
- 14.3 2nd Vice-President: Katharina Steinrücke (Ger) – Elected for a one-year term.
- 14.4 Secretary: Linda Steele (NI) – Elected for a two-year term.
- 14.5 Treasurer: Norbert Winkler (Aut) – Elected in 2012 for a two-year term and will remain in post.
- 14.6 Newsletter Editor: Hilde Riser (Nor) – Elected in 2012 for a two-year term and will remain in post.
- 14.7 Auditors: Hilke Solterbeck (Ger) and Anne Wiegand (Ger) – Elected by the German IFYEs for a one-year term.

15. Any Other Business

Martyn Quayle (IoM) will represent the European Association at the 2013 World IFYE Conference. Linda Steele (NI) will represent the Association at the 2013 RYE European Rally in Tipperary, Republic of Ireland.

Lukas Helfenstein suggested that it was time to review our website and PR materials and after some discussion on how this might best be addressed it was agreed that the Board would look into the feasibility and costs of various ideas such as producing more professional leaflets, redesigning the website or running a competition to source ideas from members.

Further discussions were held on the structure of membership fees. Stephen Rennie (Sco) made a suggestion of introducing an interim membership level between annual and lifetime. Luuk Geurts (NL) also highlighted the need to consider price levels to encourage new countries to attend. Members also highlighted the need for the conference programme to be tailored to suit all age groups. Ann-Margreth Karlsson (Swe) suggested it would be useful to survey new attendees on their first impressions and their conference experiences, both positive and negative.

Thanks was extended to the individual Board Members for their invaluable contributions over the last few years, in particular to outgoing President Martyn Quayle (IoM), Secretary Sally Young (Scot) and 2nd Vice President Alison Spencer (Wal), and they were presented with small tokens of appreciation.

Thanks was also extended to Hilde Riser (Nor) and Norbert Winkler (Aut) for their work with the newsletter and accounts respectively.

Martyn then thanked the Welsh organisers for a wonderful conference and wished incoming President Gerhard Steinberger and his committee all the best for the year ahead.

Finally he thanked everyone for their participation and declared the 55th 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 EIFYEA
August 2013