



MINUTES CONTACT MEMBERS MEETING

Sunday 1st August and Tuesday 3rd August 2010, Ursprung, Austria

The minutes are a merge of both meetings as it only was one agenda.

Members attending:

Mary Roberts; England / Wales
Jonna Otava, Finland
Sirku Laurila, Finland (first meeting)
Edith Schröder, Germany
Derek Quinton, Northern Ireland
Anette Paulsen, Norway
Sally Young, Scotland
Ursula Spillmann, Switzerland
Ann-Margreth Karlsson, Sweden
Martyn Quayle, President (IoM)

Anette Nilsson, First vice President (Swe)
Norbert Winkler, Second vice President, also rep. Austria
(first meeting)
Andreas Lehman, Newsletter Editor (Ch)
Geir Sandvik Hjelen, Treasurer (Nor)
Danielle Nesar, Convenor, also rep. Luxembourg
Hilde W. Riser, Secretary (Nor)

1. Welcome and Opening

Martyn welcomed everyone and opened the meeting

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted without amendments.

3. Presentation of Conference and Programme

Norbert gave a presentation of the programme and answered questions.

4. The Contact Members Responsibilities

The list of responsibilities has been sent out to every Contact Member by e-mail 15.6.2010

5. Approval of the Following Minutes

- a) Minutes of the Contact Members Meetings held in Isle of Man 2009.
- b) Minutes of the General Assembly held in Isle of Man 2009

All will be on display before the AGM. Minutes from the AGM in Switzerland are to be approved at AGM.

6. Reports on Past Activities

a) Report of the Conference in the Isle of Man 2009

The Conference reports are complete. They will be handed out to the participants at the Austrian conference: the remainder have already been posted out.

b) Executive Committee Report

The report was sent out to Contact members together with the agendas and other documents and have been published on the IFYE web site. They will also be on display in Reception.

The Contact Members expressed their satisfaction on receiving this in advance and agreed the report.

c) European Rally 2009, Estonia

Martyn attended the European Rally in Estonia last summer and had the chance to promote the IFYE programme to the participants on the Rally.

d) Country Reports on special or new Programmes

Ursula gave a brief report on behalf of Switzerland regarding the development of the exchange programme with Cameroon, that received money from the Development fund in 2009. The money has been paid out by Geir. The report will be put on display at the conference in the Reception, to inspire others to apply for funds from the Development fund too.

7. Financial Reports

This year the financial report has been sent out prior to the conference and it has been put on display in the Reception. The report includes figures for the:

a) Main Report, b) Lifetime Members Fund and c) Development Fund

Geir answered questions and read out the auditors report.

The questions were connected to the cost of the Newsletter; the different funds and the use of them and; the fact that there is a lot of money in the funds and not so much in the general accounts.

The new board will be challenged to look through the guidelines for the funds and the overall use of them and report back to the 2011 AGM. Figures will be specified in the Minutes from the AGM on Thursday.

8. Proposed Changes to the Constitution

Despite the fact that the proposals for changes in the constitution should have been sent out more than 3 months before the AGM, which is required for any changes in the constitution, contact members were requested to consider, at the country meetings, making changes to the constitution without the notice period. The proposals are not very controversial and it was suggested that countries could recommend that the changes be brought forward for voting at this year's AGM.

The proposals are detailed in the Appendices to the agendas for the different meetings. The proposals are:

- a) Introducing a limitation to individual members regarding financial liability. (Item 5. Finance)
- b) Specification of the fiscal year for the organisation (Item 5. Finance)
- c) Removing the position of Convenor in 2011 (Item 4. Administration)

9. Proposed Changes to the Development fund

a) Specification of costs that can be covered with support from the Development fund

This is as a result of the discussions at last years AGM where it was discovered that the existing text was causing misunderstandings. The proposed new text is detailed in the Appendix.

10. Budget

a) Annual Budget

b) Membership Fees

A written proposal for next year's budget has been emailed to Contact Members prior to the meeting. This also includes a proposal for the future Memberships fee and a policy for the silver pins.

There were questions related to this, which Geir answered

11. Future Activities

a) Finland 2011; 23rd -30th July: Theme IFYEland

b) Sweden 2012; 21st -28th July

c) Wales 2013

There will be invitations from Germany for 2014 and from Scotland for 2015.

12. Issues of the Week

a) Update the contact members list

Will be done during the week.

b) Country Reports

Has been sent out and published on web. Will continue with this next year.

c) The Upcoming Elections

First Vice President - position is vacant for a two year period.

Finland announced on the second meeting that they will nominate Susanna Palkkimäki from Finland.

Second Vice President from Finland - Nomination will be Sirkku Laurila

Treasurer – position is vacant for a two year period. In the first meeting there was proposal for Norbert Winkler for this position.

Newsletter Editor – position is vacant for a two year period. In the second meeting there was proposal for Hilde W. Riser, as she has announced that she wishes to step down as secretary to stand for the position as Newsletter editor.

There will be necessary to elect a new **Secretary** as replacement for one year. There was a proposal for Sally Young (Scot) for this position.

Two **Auditors** from Finland to be appointed for one year- Nominations from Finland: Jukka Koivumaki and Raija Ellä

(President Martyn Quayle (IoM), and Convenor Danielle Nesar (Lux) – were elected for a two year term in 2009 and remain in office)

d) Tombola

Will be held on Thursday morning before the AGM. Anette is in charge of the Tombola and displaying the prizes. Price for tickets: € 1 for one, € 5 for 6.

e) Collection of Membership Fees

Copies of the membership list were handed out to the Contact Members, so that they can be updated and the fees collected. The fees are: €16 annual membership and €190 for lifetime membership.

f) Greetings Received

Greetings should be handed over to Hilde at the second Contact members meeting.

g) Silver Pins

To be checked out at the country meetings before updating Geir.

12. Any Other Business

Questions on whether it will be possible to have Newsletter (pdf) with colour pictures – yes it is ☺

The Newsletter has not been sent out by post but has been brought to the conference and is available for anyone to take a copy.

Conference reports from the Isle of Man will be handed out to participants who attended last year's conference, by Angela.

Hilde W. Riser
August 2010