



European IFYE Alumni

International Farm/4H Youth Exchange

MINUTES

Contact Members Meeting, Hesselberg, Germany

Sunday 20th July & Tuesday 22nd July 2014

(Minutes are a record of both meetings)

In attendance:

Neele Heinemann, Germany

Küllike Altenberg, Estonia

Martyn Quayle (IOM)

Reelika Rütli, Estonia

Francoise Tetelain, Belgium

Gerhard Steinberger, (President)

Anna Moxnes, Norway

Linda Steele (Secretary)

Maria Mårdh, Sweden

Anna Persson (1st Vice President)

Gabi Hagenbuch, Switzerland

Katharina Steinrücke, (2nd Vice-President)

Paul Fraser, Scotland

Norbert Winkler, Austria (Treasurer)

Mary Roberts, England/Wales

Laura Sartamo, Finland

1. Welcome and Opening of the Meeting

The President, Gerhard, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. Contact members were invited to introduce themselves and their organisations.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted without any amendments.

3. Contact Member's Responsibilities

The contact members' responsibilities were sent out by e-mail in June with the conference papers and are noted in the Blue Booklet.

4. Presentation of the Conference & Programme

Katharina gave a short presentation of the programme for the week and answered questions on any changes to the itinerary.

5. Approval of the Minutes from Meetings held in Monmouth, Wales

5.1 Contact Members Meeting: Minutes issued in October 2013 were agreed.

5.2 55th Annual General Meeting: Minutes issued in October 2013 will be recommended for adoption at the AGM.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes of the 55th Annual General Meeting

There are no matters arising from the minutes.

7. Reports on Past IFYE Activities

7.1 Report on the IFYE Conference in Monmouth in 2013

Mary Roberts informed the meeting that the administration, finance and operation of the conference had been a success and the conference reports have been circulated. Alison Spencer will report at the AGM.

7.2 Report on World Conference 2013, Thailand

Martyn gave a short report on the world conference where he and Anna Persson represented EIFYEA. They reported that the next world conference is planned for 2018 in Uganda although there have been some concerns raised about human rights issues. There is also an interim conference planned for Asia and the Pacific in India in 2015.

7.3 Executive Committee Report

The report was circulated to Contact Members with the papers for the conference in June and was published in the June 2014 edition of the IFYE newsletter, is displayed on the conference notice board and is available on www.ifye.org.

7.4 Country Reports on special or new programmes

The Country Reports are available on the www.ifye.org and on the conference notice board. There were no special or new programmes to report this year.

8. Financial Matters

8.1 Main Report 2013/2014

Norbert presented the financial report, previously circulated to the committee and the Contact Members.

Extract: 'The general account went down 1463,51 CHF and is now at 9494,12 CHF. Part costs of the World Conference were paid to Martyn Quayle, as he represented the European Board. Holding the mid-term Executive Committee meeting in Frankfurt saved travel costs. The actual costs were 1933,46 CHF compared to the budgeted costs of 3200 CHF.'

The stock markets climbed, and the LUX strategy fund has gone up 1390,30 CHF and is now worth 19823,30 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 2014/15. A line is set to balance this right in our account sheet.

All accounts and funds sum up together to a positive result of 1453,76 CHF. When the decreasing of the fund is deducted, the accounts are balanced.'

8.2 Lifetime Member's Fund Report

Extract: The lifetime member fund went down 144,34 CHF. These are the costs for posting the conference reports to the Lifetime Members. We got no new LT members. The fund is now worth 32680,83 CHF.'

8.3 Development Fund Report

Extract: 'The development fund is now at 17299,72 CHF. The tombola brought 2471,31 CHF into the account. There were no applications for money out of the development fund.'

8.4 Auditor's Report

The Auditors will consider the accounts before the AGM. Therefore no report is available. Action: Norbert & Gerhard

9. **Applications to the Development Fund**

There were no applications to the development fund.

10. **Budget 2014/2015**

10.1 Annual Budget

The undernoted budget will be recommended for adoption at the Annual General Meeting.

-325,00	Hosting Rural Youth Europe
-360,00	Extra Conference Reports
-1395,34	Silver pins and certificates
-100,00	Gifts
-800,00	Baby Ifye support
-200,00	European Rally Representation
-3200,00	Mid-term meeting
-6380,34	Total (General Expenses) CHF
-530,00	Newsletter and website
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-530,00	Total (Newsletter and website) CHF

1800,00	Annual members
480,00	Lifetime members
0,00	Membership fees Eastern Countries
2280,00	Total (Membership fees) CHF
0,00	Future of IFYE programme applications
0,00	Promotional materials
0,00	Total (Development fund) CHF
1800,00	Tombola Income
-150,00	Expenses
1650,00	Total (Tombola) CHF
200,00	Interest
-150,00	Bank charges
0,00	Changing of LUX Strategy fund
50,00	Total (Interest) CHF
0,00	Tax expenditure
0,00	Tax expenses
0,00	Total (Tax) CHF
-2930,34	Total CHF

11. Future IFYE Conferences

11.1 Scotland 2015: Paul advised that the conference will be held at Gordonstoun School, Elgin from 15th to 22nd August 2015. Preparations for the conference are well underway and more information can be found online at www.ifyescotland.org.uk There will be a presentation to Ifyes on Tuesday evening.

11.2 Estonia 2016: The Conference will be held in Pernü, Estonia in July 2016.

11.3 Invitations for 2017 and beyond

Switzerland intend to invite for 2017 and Northern Ireland for 2018.

12. Conference Workshops

The Executive committee wish to hear ideas and source expertise from members on a range of issues which have come up in previous meetings. For this purpose an hour has been set aside on Tuesday morning for discussions on: Website and PR, New members, Future conferences, 60th Anniversary. The titles and questions to promote discussion will be posted on the noticeboard and contact members were asked to encourage their members to attend.

13. IFYE 60th Anniversary 2018: Subcommittee

Gerhard read a short report from Helle and Katharina gave a brief update on the ideas of the sub-committee on the 60th Anniversary. A book was felt to be too expensive and they were looking into other ideas such as a DVD, on-line recordings and podcasts or a small brochure. It is hoped that the workshop will provide further ideas or useful contacts.

14. Issues for the week

14.1 Update Contact Members list

Contact members were requested to update their contact details on the circulated list.

14.2 Country Reports

Country Reports were circulated with the conference papers, were available on www.ifye.org and are displayed on the conference notice board.

14.3 Election of Office Bearers

President: Gerhard Steinberger (Aut) was elected in 2013 for a 2 year term and remains in post.

1st Vice-President: Anna Persson (Swe) was elected in 2013 for a 1 year term and is willing to stand again. An election is required.

2nd Vice-President: A representative from Scotland to be elected for a one-year term.

Secretary: Linda Steele (NI) was elected in 2013 for a 2 year term and remains in post.

Treasurer: Norbert Winkler (Aut), elected in 2012 for a two-year term and will be retiring. An election is required.

Newsletter Editor: Hilde Riser (Nor): Elected in 2012 for a two-year term and will be retiring. An election is required.

Auditors: Two representatives from Scotland to be elected for a one-year term.

Members were asked to consider possible nominations for the above positions.

14.4 Tombola

The tombola will be held on Thursday morning immediately after the AGM. Anna will organise it along with the newcomer IFYEs. Prizes are to be placed in a box in reception. The ticket prices are one ticket for £1, 6 tickets for £5.

14.5 Collection of Membership Fees

The fees are to be collected by the Contact Members and given to Norbert before the AGM. The membership fees are €16.50 for Annual Members and €198 for Lifetime Members. Incoming IFYEs attending the conference as part of their exchange trip are not required to pay the membership fee.

14.6 Pins and Certificates

Members were asked to check their lists for those entitled to receive pins or certificates to commemorate more than 25 or 50 years since their exchange and inform Hilde so these can be prepared for the final dinner.

14.7 Apologies for Absence and Greetings received

'Apologies for Absence' and 'Greetings received' are to be written on the appropriate sheet on the notice board. They will not be read out at the AGM. Any greetings posted on fb will also be printed and displayed on the noticeboard.

15. Any Other Business

Thanks was extended to Hilde, in her absence, for her excellent work on the newsletter and to the various contributors throughout the year.

Gerhard thanked the Contact Members for their contributions and help throughout the year before bringing the meeting to a close.

Linda Steele (NI)

Secretary

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