



European IFYE Alumni

International Farm/4H Youth Exchange

MINUTES

Contact Members Meeting, Elgin , Scotland

Sunday 16th August & Tuesday 18th August 2015

(Minutes are a record of both meetings)

In attendance:

Jens Huntemann, Germany	Klemens Wakolbinger Austria
Martyn Quayle (IOM)	Reelika Rütli, Estonia
Francoise Tetelain, Belgium	Gerhard Steinberger, (President)
Tone Ødegård, Norway	Linda Steele (Secretary)
Maria Mårdh, Sweden	Anna Persson (1 st Vice President)
Regula Puentner-Berli, Switzerland	Nan McLachlan, (2 nd Vice-President)
Paul Fraser, Scotland	Ursula Spillmann, (Treasurer)
Mary Roberts, England/Wales	Avril Herdman (Newsletter Editor)
Marita Pynnönen, 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

Nan 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 Hesselberg, Germany

5.1 Contact Members Meeting: Minutes issued in October 2014 were agreed.

5.2 56th Annual General Meeting: Minutes issued in October 2014 will be recommended for adoption at the AGM.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes of the 56th 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 Hesselberg in 2014

Jens informed the meeting that the administration, finance and operation of the conference had been a success and the conference reports will be circulated as soon as possible. Eva Singer will report at the AGM.

7.2 Executive Committee Report

The report was circulated to Contact Members with the papers for the conference in June and was published in the July 2015 edition of the IFYE newsletter, is displayed on the conference notice board and is available on www.ifye.org.

7.3 Country Reports on special or new programmes

The Country Reports are available on the www.ifye.org and on the conference notice board.

Regula reported on two projects Switzerland had been involved in with Denmark, to re-establish a link, and a new project with Azerbaijan. The latter however was unsuccessful as the participants had different expectations and aims from the IFYE programme and so this programme will not be continuing.

7.4 Report on European Rallies

Mary reported on their visit to the Rural Youth Europe event in Port Talbot, Wales in 2014 where they had advertised the IFYE programme and Gerhard reported on his attendance at the RYE GA in Linz in 2015, bringing greetings from their Chairman, Lukas Helfenstein.

8. Financial Matters

8.1 Main Report 2014/2015

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

Extract: 'The general account increased CHF 2'283.84 and is now at CHF 11'777.96.

Except for purchasing new Silver pins last summer, there were no other special costs to take over.

The costs for the midterm-meeting were kept low at CHF 1'594.19, due to the very good location at Dublin airport which kept costs low. In the budget we had CHF 3'200.-.

We got 4 new lifetime members and membership-fees were at CHF 1'499.44. That is almost CHF 200 more than the budget.

The tombola gave us CHF 2'170.42, which is CHF 520.- more than in the budget.

From interests and Changing of LUX Strategy fund we got CHF 715.42 compared to the budget of CHF 50.-. At the moment we have CHF 51'500.41 in our UBS-Account and the UBS LUX strategy fund is worth CHF 20'433.-'

In total we have a profit of CHF 1'967.92, instead of a loss of CHF 2'980.34.'

8.2 Lifetime Member's Fund Report

Extract: 'The lifetime member fund increased CHF 133.38. There were costs for Silver Pins and Printing Certificates of a total of CHF 1'436.32. We got 4 new Lifetime-Members and the Changing of the LUX Strategy fund put CHF 609.70 into the Lifetime Members Fund. The fund is now worth CHF 32'814.21.'

8.3 Development Fund Report

Extract: 'The tombola brought CHF 2'170.42 into the fund. There were no applications for money and the fund is now at CHF 17'170.42. After this AGM CHF 2'170.42 will be transferred into the General account. In the Sweden fund for Newcomer IFYE's are still CHF 10'070.82. It went down last year CHF 320 for 2 newcomer IFYEs. This year we supported 6 newcomer IFYEs.'

8.4 Auditor's Report

The Auditors will consider the accounts before the AGM. Therefore no report is available. Action: Ursula and Mary Turner

9. Applications to the Development Fund

There were no applications to the development fund.

10. Budget 2015/2016

10.1 Annual Budget

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

-325,00	Hosting Rural Youth Europe
-200,00	Extra Conference Reports
0,00	Silver pins and certificates
-100,00	Gifts

-1000,00	Newcomer Ifye support
-200,00	European Rally Representation
-3200,00	Mid-term meeting
-5025,00	Total (General Expenses) CHF
-600,00	Website, Webhotel, Layout
0	Postage and Printing
-600,00	Total (Newsletter and website) CHF
1200,00	Annual members
480,00	Lifetime members
0,00	Membership fees Eastern Countries
1680,00	Total (Membership fees) CHF
0,00	Future of IFYE programme applications
0,00	Promotional materials
0,00	Total (Development fund) CHF
2000,00	Tombola Income
-150,00	Expenses
1850,00	Total (Tombola) CHF
30,00	Interest
-100,00	Bank charges
0,00	Changing of LUX Strategy fund
-70,00	Total (Interest) CHF
0,00	Tax expenditure
0,00	Tax expenses
0,00	Total (Tax) CHF
-2165,00	Total CHF

It was noted that the association is in a healthy financial state and there was some discussion as to how these assets could be best used. As there are quite narrow criteria for allocation of the Development fund Avril asked the group to consider what we should do with this money. The contact members were asked to consult their countries on ideas for the development of the organisation. One of these could be to allocate money to the website so we could see some progress on its development.

11. Future IFYE Conferences

- 11.1 Estonia 2016: The Conference will be held in Pärnumaa, Estonia in July 2016. There was a presentation to the conference during the week, giving details on travel and accommodation options.

11.2 Switzerland 2017/ Northern Ireland 2018

Switzerland has booked a venue near Berne which is the French speaking part of the country and the programme is now being planned. It will probably be held at the end of July. Northern Ireland are currently considering possible venues.

11.3 Invitations for 2019 and beyond

A number of countries are considering the possibility of hosting including England in 2020 and Norway and Austria for 2019 or 2021.

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: Promoting the organisation and future conferences; 60th Anniversary and creating an online archive. 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 Dorothy and Katharina to give a brief update on the ideas of the sub-committee on the 60th Anniversary. An offer has been made to help create an on-line 'museum' which will be investigated. The hosting country for 2018, Northern Ireland, will also look at possible souvenir ideas. It is hoped that the workshop will develop these ideas further.

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. Election required.

1st Vice-President: Anna Persson (Swe) was elected in 2014 for a 2 year term and remains in post.

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

Secretary: Linda Steele (NI) was elected in 2013 for a 2 year term. Election required.

Treasurer: Ursula Spillmann (Swi), elected in 2014 for a two-year term and remains in post.

Newsletter Editor: Avril Herdman (NI): Elected in 2014 for a one-year term and will be retiring. An election is required.

Auditors: Two representatives from Estonia 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 two tickets for £1.

14.5 Collection of Membership Fees

The fees are to be collected by the Contact Members and given to Ursula before the AGM. The membership fees are £13 for Annual Members and €160 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 Anna or Linda 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

There was some discussion on the upcoming conferences in India and Uganda. The website was circulated for the Asia Pacific conference and Anna has arranged to meet with Dale to get an update on Uganda.

It was pointed out that some countries attending the conference do not have a contact member present and should be formally invited to attend meetings or join another country group so they are fully informed on all matters before the AGM.

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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