



European IFYE Alumni

International Farm/4H Youth Exchange

MINUTES

Contact Members Meeting, Monmouth, Wales

Friday 26th July & Sunday 28th July 2013

(Minutes are a record of both meetings)

In attendance:

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| Helle Bonderup, Denmark | Marita Pynnönon, Finland |
| Katharina Steinrücke, Germany | Jonna Otava, Finland |
| Marie-Anne Kahl, Luxembourg | Martyn Quayle, (President) |
| Siv Halvorsen, Norway | Linda Steele (Acting Secretary) |
| Marie Mårdh, Sweden | Gerhard Setinberger (1 st Vice President) |
| Regula Puentner-Berli, Switzerland | Alison Spencer, Wales (2 nd Vice-President) |
| David Paterson, Scotland | Norbert Winkler, Austria (Treasurer) |
| Peggy Amos, England/Wales | Hilde Riser, Norway (Newsletter Editor) |
| Kadri Toomingas, Estonia | |

1. Welcome and Opening of the Meeting

The President, Martyn, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. He welcomed Kadri to the second of the meetings in her capacity as Rural Youth Europe Chairman and delegate to the AGM and also representing Estonian 4H and IFYEs.

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

Alison 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 Kungälv, Sweden

5.1 Contact Members Meeting: Minutes issued in October 2012 were agreed.

5.2 54th Annual General Meeting: Minutes issued in October 2012 will be recommended for adoption at the AGM.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes of the 54th 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 Kungälv in 2012

Maria Mårdh informed the meeting that the administration, finance and operation of the conference had been a success although there has been a small delay with the conference report, which will be posted out as soon as it is ready. Ann-Margreth Karlsson 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 June 2012 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. There were no special or new programmes to report this year.

8. Financial Matters

8.1 Main Report 2012/2013

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

Extract: '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.'

8.2 Lifetime Member's Fund Report

Extract: 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.'

8.3 Development Fund Report

Extract: '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.'

8.4 Auditor's Report

The Auditors will consider the accounts on Sunday. Therefore no report is available. Action: Norbert & Martyn

9. **Applications to the Development Fund**

An application had been received from Norway who withdrew it when the Executive Committee highlighted that it did not meet all the necessary criteria. However, they were encouraged to reapply in the future.

10. **Invitation to President of Rural Youth Europe**

Lukas Helfenstein had attended the European Rally in Poland last year to represent IFYE Europe and Kadri Toomingas, RYE Chairman, was invited to represent RYE at the EIFYEA AGM in return. She has been invited to experience the whole conference with a view to assessing Estonia's possibility of hosting a future reunion.

11. **Budget 2013/2014**

11.1 Annual Budget

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

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| -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 |
| -5165 CHF | <u>Total (General Expenses)</u> |

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| -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> |
| <u>-965 CHF</u> | <u>Total</u> |

12. 60th Anniversary of IFYE Conferences in 2018

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. Hilde agreed to help in seeking professional advice on suitable formats for collecting and disseminating data. It was also felt that it was almost impossible to predict a budget as publishers were unable to quote so far in advance.

13. Future IFYE Conferences

13.1 Germany 2014: Katharina advised that the conference will be held at Evang. Bildungszentrum Hesselberg from 19th to 26th July 2014. Preparations for the

conference are well underway and more information can be found online at www.ifye.de There will be a presentation to Ifyes on Monday evening.

13.2 Scotland 2015: The Conference will be held in Gordonstoun, near Elgin from 15th to 22nd August 2015.

13.3 Invitations for 2016 and beyond

As Northern Ireland were unable to host in 2016 members were asked to gauge opinion within their own areas on the feasibility of hosting a conference in the near future. Kadri then put forward an offer from Estonia to host in 2016 which was met by a very favourable response and Martyn thanked Estonia for their interest. Switzerland announced that they would prefer to host in 2017 and in this event Northern Ireland provisionally agreed to invite for 2018.

13.4 World IFYE Conference Thailand 2013: The World IFYE Conference will be held in Thailand from the 12th to the 19th November 2013. Participants were invited to create a display and give a presentation on their area so those attending from EIFYE met on Sunday afternoon to co-ordinate the gathering of information and resources. Further information is available on www.worldifye2013.co.cc

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: Martyn Quayle (IoM) is retiring and an election is required. There have been two possible nominations. Gerhard Steinberger (Aut) and Luuk Geurts (Neth).

1st Vice-President: If Gerhard (Aut) is elected then nominations are needed for 1st Vice-President for a one-year term.

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

Treasurer: Norbert Winkler (Aut), elected in 2012 for a two-year term and will remain in post.

Newsletter Editor: Hilde Riser (Nor): Elected in 2012 for a two-year term and will remain in post.

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

14.4 Tombola

The tombola will be held on Tuesday morning immediately after the AGM. Gerhard will organise it along with the baby 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 £14 for Annual Members and £167 for Lifetime Members. Incoming IFYEs attending the conference as part of their exchange trip are not required to pay the membership fee. **Action: All**

14.6 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.

Action: All

15. **Any Other Business**

15.1 Helle Bonderup (Den) spoke on behalf of the members to record thanks to Hilde Riser for her work on the newsletter and to the various contributors throughout the year.

15.2 Anniversary pins and certificates which will be presented to attendees at the Eisteddfod on Sunday evening. **Action: Hilde & Martyn**

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

Linda Steele (NI)

Acting Secretary

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