



European IFYE Alumni

International Farm/4H Youth Exchange

MINUTES

Contact Members Meeting, Antrim, Northern Ireland

Sunday 22nd July & Tuesday 24th July 2018

(Minutes are a record of both meetings)

In attendance:

Mary Roberts, Wales	Andrew Spencer, Wales
Pasi Piipponen, Finland	Gerde Vares, Estonia
Bettina Heinenmann, Germany	Eva Singer, Germany
Klemens Wakolbinger, Austria	Kari Bjorke, Norway
Marianna Karlsson, Sweden	Berit Nodmar, Sweden
Sandra Lont, Netherlands	Johannes Huber, Switzerland
Paul Fraser, Scotland	Nora Feyder, Luxembourg
Anna Persson, Sweden, President	Andrea Poelzl, Austria, 1 st V-P
Pauline Armstrong, NI, 2 nd V-P	Ursula Spillmann, Switzerland, Treasurer
Linda Steele, NI, Secretary	

1. Welcome and Opening of the Meeting

The President, Anna Persson, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted without any amendments.

3. Contact Member's Responsibilities

The contact members' responsibilities are published on the website and are noted in the Blue Booklet but it was agreed that these should be circulated to new members with the conference documents.

4. Presentation of the Conference & Programme

As she had been held up due to a road accident in Belfast Linda gave a short presentation of the programme for the week and answered questions on any changes to the itinerary at the end of the meeting.

5. Approval of the Minutes from Meetings held in Vaumarcus, Switzerland

5.1 Contact Members Meeting: Minutes issued in October 2017 were agreed.

5.2 59th Annual General Meeting: Minutes issued in October 2017 will be recommended for adoption at the AGM.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes of the 59^h Annual General Meeting

6.1 Executive Committee Report

The report was circulated to Contact Members with the papers for the conference and is displayed on the conference notice board and is available on www.ifye.eu.

6.2 Proposals to the AGM 2018

There are no new proposals but members we asked for comments on on-going projects such as the website and the new format of the country reports. Attention was also drawn to the need for permissions for photographs and correspondence and all agreed the conference was a good time to seek written permission.

7. Financial Matters

7.1 Main Report 2017/2018

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

Extract: 'The general account decreased CHF 2,636.83 and is now at CHF 8.387.21.

Last year the costs were almost CHF 4'000 lower than the budget. The main reasons are:

The 60th anniversary team had only one meeting and spent CHF 1,537.22 instead of CHF 3,000. The IFYE Board too spent only CHF 1,287.51 for the mid-term meeting instead of CHF 3,200. We could stay at Linda's house which saved the cost of a hotel, etc.

The website cost only CHF 21.25 instead of CHF 700. For the anniversary booklet and other materials for the anniversary only CHF 3,361.14 were necessary instead of CHF 4,000. From memberships we got CHF 2,050 (budget = CHF 1,500) from annual members and CHF 1'680 (budget = CHF 480) from lifetime members.

On the other side we spent almost CHF 1,700 more for the conference reports for life-time members, CHF 800 more to support newcomer IFYEs and the tombola gave us CHF 600 less because of the very low ticket prices. Last year we supported 15 newcomers.

As you can see at the moment we have CHF 42,855.56 in our UBS-Account and the UBS LUX strategy fund is worth CHF 20,710.

In total we have a loss of CHF 6,660.78, instead of a loss of CHF 10,610.'

7.2 Lifetime Member's Fund Report

Extract: 'The lifetime member fund decreased CHF 558.95. There were costs for mailing extra conference reports for a total of CHF 2,238.95. We got 7 new Lifetime-Members. The fund is now worth CHF 31'130.44.'

7.3 Development Fund Report

Extract: 'The tombola brought CHF 1,199.05 into the fund. There were no applications for money and only the financial subsidies for special project application was taken. The fund is now at CHF 15,599.05. After this AGM CHF 599.05 will be transferred into the General account. In the Sweden fund for Newcomer IFYEs are CHF 5'315.96. It went down last year CHF 2,400 for 15 newcomer IFYEs.'

7.4 Auditor's Report

The Auditors have considered the accounts and they are ready to be presented to the AGM.

8. **Applications to the Development Fund**

There were no applications to the development fund apart from the special project which aims to support 2 participants from England and Sweden.

9. **Budget 2018/2019**

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

-300,00	Hosting Rural Youth Europe
-1000,00	Extra Conference Reports
-1500,00	Silver pins and certificates
-300,00	Gifts
-1600,00	Newcomer Ifye support
-500,00	Travel costs to World Conference
-200,00	European Rally Representation
0,00	Anniversary team meeting
-3200,00	Mid-term meeting
-8600,00	Total (General Expenses) CHF
-700,00	Website, Webhotel, Layout

0,00	Anniversary booklet
-700,00	Total (Newsletter and website) CHF
1500,00	Annual members
480,00	Lifetime members
480,00	Non-members Sweden Fund
2680,00	Total (Membership fees) CHF
-400,00	Future of IFYE programme applications
0,00	Promotional materials
-400,00	Total (Development fund) CHF
1800,00	Tombola Income
-100,00	Expenses
1,700,00	Total (Tombola) CHF
10,00	Interest
-100,00	Bank charges
0,00	Changing of LUX strategy fund
-90,00	Total (Interest) CHF
-5,410,00	Total CHF

10. Reports on Past IFYE Activities

10.1 Report on the IFYE Conference in Vaumarcus, Switzerland 2017

Johannes informed the meeting that the conference had been a success and the conference reports have been circulated.

10.2 Country Report on special or new programmes

We discussed the value of the country reports and the benefits to contact members. Anita has been working on developing a data-base which members will be able to access, possibly with a password, bearing in mind recent data protection legislation. It was also suggested that a meeting be arranged for those wishing to discuss the IFYE programme in general and perhaps this could become a part of the annual programme.

11. Future IFYE Conferences

11.1 Norway 2019

Norway have booked a venue from 12th -18th August 2019.

11.2 Invitations for 2020 and beyond

England have issued an invitation for 2020. Finland have invited for 2022 and Austria for 2023. There is a vacancy in 2021 and members were asked to consider inviting. Sweden are in discussions and hope to make an invitation to the AGM.

12. IFYE 60th Anniversary 2018: Subcommittee

The 60th anniversary display is next to the coffee room and participants were encouraged to view it. The booklets will be presented at the dinner on Thursday night and the on-line archive will go live this week.

13. Issues for the week

13.1 Update Contact Members list

Lists will be circulated by e-mail and contact members were requested to update their contact details and notify us of any changes of e-mail addresses.

13.2 Country Reports

Country Reports will be available on www.ifye.eu at a later date.

13.3 Election of Office Bearers

President: Anna Persson (Swe) was elected in 2017 for a 2 year term. Remains in post.

1st Vice-President: Andreas Poelzl (Aut) was elected in 2016 for a 2 year term. Election required.

2nd Vice-President: A representative from Norway to be elected for a one-year term. This will be Anette Paulsen.

Secretary: Linda Steele (NI) was elected in 2017 for a 2 year term. Remains in post.

Treasurer: Ursula Spillmann (Swi), elected in 2016 for a two-year term. Election required.

Newsletter Editor: Anita Eckerstorfer (Aut): Elected in 2016 for a one-year term. Election required.

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

Ursula and Andreas are happy to be considered for election again but unfortunately Anita is standing down. Anna highlighted the valuable work Anita has done over the last few years and contact members were asked to notify the meeting as early as possible if there are any other candidates. Nora Feyder (Lux) has been suggested.

13.4 Tombola

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

13.5 Collection of Membership Fees

Membership fees have remained at CHF20 for annual membership and CHF240 for lifetime membership. These have been included in the conference fee and will be passed on to the Board.

13.6 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 so these can be prepared before Thursday. A suggestion was made to present these at the AGM rather than at the dinner so a record could be made in the minutes of the recipients.

13.7 Apologies for Absence and Greetings received

'Apologies for Absence' and 'Greetings received' are to be written on the appropriate sheet on the notice board. Any greetings received on-line will also be printed and displayed on the noticeboard.

14. Any Other Business

The growing cost of the reports for lifetime members, which was highlighted during the financial report, was discussed and some members stated that they would actually prefer to receive it digitally. It was decided that from next year this could be an option and a letter to this effect will be included with this years' report. Members can then state if they wish to have a digital or hard copy of the report in future.

There was some discussion on the upcoming world conference which will be held in the USA in September 2018. Dale Yonkers will give an update at the AGM and an extra meeting will be arranged later in the week for those attending.

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

Linda Steele (NI)

Secretary EIFYEA

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