



European IFYE Alumni

International Farm/4H Youth Exchange

Minutes

62nd Annual General Meeting of the European IFYE Alumni
Thursday 21st July 2022, Korpilahti, Finland

1. Welcome and Opening of the meeting

The President Andreas Poelzl (Aut) extended a warm welcome and thanks to everyone attending. A minute's silence was observed to honor those members who have recently passed away.

2. Introduction of Office Bearers

Andreas introduced the Executive Committee; Sam Hawks (NI), 1st Vice-President, Marita Pynnönen (Fi), 2nd Vice-President, Nora Feyder (Lux), Newsletter editor, Ursula Spillmann (Swi), Treasurer; Mari Kindsbekken (No), Secretary.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted with no amendments.

4. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence and greetings received from members were available for viewing on the conference notice board.

5. Appointment of the Counters and the Establishment of the number of eligible voters

Anna Parker (USA) and Scott (USA) were appointed as the counters. There were 118 eligible voters. (In the event of a vote, 59 votes were required for a majority).

6. Approval of the Minutes of the 61st Annual General Meeting

The minutes, which were circulated previously, available on www.ifye.eu and on the conference notice board, were agreed without any amendments.

7. Matters arising from the Minutes of the 61st Annual General Meeting

In the last contact member meeting 2019 it was agreed that it would be useful to

include a workshop for contact members in the conference program where they could meet and share information on exchanges or make contacts for after the conference.

The feedback from the contact members was that they wanted an extra meeting. Thus, from 2023 onwards, a "working lunch" will be scheduled in the first days of the conference for the contact members and people involved in organising an exchange.

8. Matters arising during the last 3 years at the board

Switzerland has asked to use the official IFYE logo. The board discussed it on the midterm meeting and agreed that this is OK, and has notified Switzerland about it.

The official colours are written in the Blue Booklet.

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9. Reports on Past IFYE Activities

9.1. Report on the IFYE Conference in Norway, 2019

Mari Kindsbekken from the No Conference Committee thanked all those who attended and advised that the administration, finance and operation of the conference had been a success. The conference brochure was sent out in 2020 and everyone agreed it was a lovely reminder of an excellent week.

9.2. Executive Committee Report

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

9.3 Country Reports on Special or New Programmes

Finland applied for money from the development fund to organised a home coming event to get younger people to come to conference. They tried to aim it more towards the young members, 10 years or less since they went on exchange. Found a easy access location, in a youth hostel. The group was board and younger IFYE's Some activities to get to know each other, games and bar visit. Most important personal contact. 23 attended, 6 of them had never before participated in IFYE

9.4. Report on European Rally, and greetings from RYE

Iiristiina Heinonen board member for Rural Youth Europe brought greetings and gave a short report on the work of the committee and the plans for the European Rally, on the theme of sustainability, to be held in Germany early August.

10. Financial Matters

10.1. Main Report 2019 – 2021

Ursula presented the financial reports, previously presented to the Contact

Members and members at the country meetings.

Main Report

Extract: 'The general account decreased CHF 541,84 and is now at CHF 5,140,13.

The IFYE Board spent CHF 4,475,85 for the mid-term meeting instead of CHF 3,200, but we had two mid-term meetings instead of one, because of it's 3 years since last AGM.

The extra conference report costs were CHF 0 (budget = CHF 1,000) as the extra conference reports was sent out digitally.

For memberships we got: CHF 1702.85 (budget = CHF 1,800) from annual members, and 740.00 (budget = CHF 1000) from non members; a total of CHF 3,878.51 (budget = CHF 2,680.00). The tombola gave us CHF 2,528.00 (budget = CHF 1,800.00) We spent CHF 3040.00 to support 19 newcomer IFYEs.

As you can see at the moment we have CHF 31,175.10 in our UBS-Account and the UBS LUX strategy fund is worth CHF 19,679.00.

In total we have a loss of CHF 4,703,55, instead of a loss of CHF 4720.00.'

10.2 Lifetime Members' Fund Report

Extract: 'The lifetime member fund decreased by only CHF 28.20. There were no costs for mailing the extra conference reports. We got 9 new Lifetime-Member. The fund is now worth CHF 27,399.55.'

10.3 Development Fund Report

Extract: 'The tombola brought CHF 2,432.00 into the fund. Finland got the money they applied for in 2019. The fund is now at CHF 15140.18.

In the Sweden fund for Newcomer IFYEs are CHF 3174.24. It decreased last year by, CHF 2300, there was income from non-members CHF 740.00 at the conference, but there was also 19 Newcomer IFYEs.

10.3 Auditor's Report

Kati Nurminen (Fin) and Salla Rahnasto (Fin) audited the reports and verified the following statement:

We have audited the financial statements of the European IFYE Alumni Association for the years ended 30.6.2022. The financial statements comprise the balance sheet, income statement, cash flow statement and notes. In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the European IFYE Alumni Association's financial performance and financial position in accordance with the Blue Booklet.

*We conduct our audit in accordance with good auditing practice in Finland. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion
In our opinion, the financial statements of the European IFYE Alumni Association have been properly prepared and are in good order.*

The accounts were passed unanimously.

10.4 Applications to the Development Fund

There were no applications this year.

11. Proposals from the Board

11.1 Loan for IFYE conference 2023

Austria applied for a loan of 5000€, interest-free, to start the work to prepare the World IFYE conference in 2023.

Andreas put the proposal to the meeting, and it was passed unanimously.

11.2 Changes to the Blue Booklet

3. Membership

Membership of the Association is open to anyone who has participated in and has been selected to represent their country to another country in International Farm Youth or 4H Exchange type of programme and/or are members of National European IFYE Alumni Association.

Yes: 115 No: 2 Abstained: 1

Voting procedure

5. During elections candidates leave the room and voting is by a show of hands, or paper ballot, if it's done by paper ballots the candidates can stay in the room.

Yes: 117 Abstained: 1

Added:

8. If it is not possible to have a Conference and the AGM the board will stay the same until the next possibility to have a conference and a AGM. If any decisions have to be made the contact members will be contacted.

Yes: 113 No: 1 Abstained: 4

Membership

To attend the European IFYE Conference you must be a member, or a guest of a member.

Yes: 112 No: 2 Abstained: 3

Responsibilities of IFYE Contact Members

Remove:

Prepare a Country Report detailing your National IFYE Alumni Association's activities and submit it to the Secretary on an annual basis.

Yes: 113 No: 1 Abstained: 4

Job descriptions for the members of the Executive Committee

Second Vice President

To organise the midterm meeting, and ensure board members have a bed at the conference.

Yes: 97 No: 15 Abstained: 6

Financial Administration

Change of name

From Sweden Fund to Newcomer Fund

Yes: 116 No: 2 Abstained: 0

Remove from Sweden Fund, Income:

until it is transferred to the organisers of the next World Conference (hosted in Europe) as starting capital. (As agreed at the AGM of the Association in Germany 2005).

Yes: 112 No: 0 Abstained: 6

Fund Rules, remove:

(2) A Newcomer IFYE must complete an application form to receive the subsidy.

Yes: 115 No: 0 Abstained: 3

(4) Development Fund

Expenditure: The fund pays the expenses sought by countries who have submitted a successful application to the Development Fund. The General Assembly determines if the application fulfils the rules of the fund and authorises expenditure from it. Every year 2,000 CHF is transferred to Newcomer Fund.

Yes: 116 No: 1 Abstained: 1

Andreas put each proposal to the meeting, and they were all passed. The BlueBooklet will be updated and published on-line to include the recent changes

12. Budget 2022/23

12.1 Annual Budget:

The under-noted budget for the financial year 2022-23 was adopted.

| Executive committee | |
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| Hosting Rural Youth Europe | -300,00 |
| Extra conference report | -200,00 |
| Silverpins/Certificates | 0,00 |
| Gifts | -300,00 |

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| Other, Newcomer IFYE Support | -2 000,00 |
| Travel costs to World conference | 0,00 |
| Travel Costs visiting AGM at European Rally | -200,00 |
| Mid term meeting | -3 000,00 |
| Total | -6 000,00 |
| Newsletter / website | |
| Website, Webhotel, Layout | -500,00 |
| Anniversary booklet | 0,00 |
| Total | -500,00 |
| Memberships | |
| Annual members | 1 400,00 |
| Lifetime members | 480,00 |
| Non-Members for Newcomer Fund | 320,00 |
| Total | 2 200,00 |
| Tombola | |
| Income | 1 800,00 |
| Expences | -100,00 |
| Total | 1 700,00 |
| Interests | |
| Interests | 100,00 |
| Bank Charges | -100,00 |
| Changing of LUX Strategy fund | 0 |
| Total | 0,00 |
| Difference | -2 600,00 |

12.2 Membership fees

No changes:

Annual member: 20 CHF

Life Time Member: 240 CHF

12.3 Development Fund

The under-noted budget for the financial year 2022-23 was adopted.

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| Future of IFYE program applications | -2 000,00 |
| others | 0,00 |
| Income from Tombola | 1 700,00 |
| Total Change of Development fund | -300,00 |

13. Future IFYE Conferences

Austria 2023 (World and European Conference)

Germany 2024

Wales or England 2025

Estonia 2026

New Zealand 2028 (World Conference)

14. Election of Office Bearers

President: Andreas Poelzl (Aut) Elected in 2019 for a two-year term. Term was extended via votes in 2020 & 2021 to 2023.

1st Vice-President: Sam Hawkes (NI) Elected in 2022 for a two-year term.

2nd Vice-President: Johannes König (Aut) Elected in 2022 for a one-year term.

Secretary: Mari Kindsbekken (Nor) Elected in 2019 for a two-year term. Term was extended via votes in 2020 & 2021 to 2023.

Treasurer: Marc Andre Zuber (Swi) Elected in 2022 for a two-year term.

Newsletter Editor: Nora Feyder (Lux): Elected in 2022 for a two-year term.

Auditors: Gerhard Steinberger (Aut) and Simone Hutter (Aut) were elected by the Austrian IFYEs for a one-year term.

15. Any Other Business

15.1 Greetings from other organisations:

IFYE USA- Anna Parker

4H Finish – video from Tomi Alakoski

President: [Signature] *

Date: 22.07.22

Secretary: [Signature]

Date: 22.07.22

Treasurer: [Signature] **

Date: 22nd July 2022

*The above signatory is authorised by the Executive Committee of EIFYEAA to revoke or endorse a new signatory as Treasurer, should it be required for a period of 12 months from this date.

**The above signatory is authorised by the Executive Committee of the EIFYEAA to carry-out the financial duties of the organisation for a period of 18 months from this date.

Mari Kindsbecken (NOR)

Secretary

EIFYEAA

July 2022