

European IFYE Alumni

International Farm/4H Youth Exchange

MINUTES

Contact Members Meeting, Hamar, Norway

Tuesday 13th August & Wednesday 14th August 2019

(Minutes are a record of both meetings)

In attendance:

Berit Nodmar, Sweden	Andrew Spencer, Wales
Minna Kaunela, Finland	Gerde Vares, Estonia
Wienke Müller, Germany	Maximilian Schulze Esking, Germany
Klemens Wakolbinger, Austria	Tone Ødegård, Norway
Françoise Tetelain, Belgium	Andrea Marti, Switzerland
Neil Brims, Scotland	Laura de Fontaines, France
Anna Persson, Sweden, President	Andrea Poelzl, Austria, 1 st V-P
Anette Paulsen, Nor, 2 nd V-P	Ursula Spillmann, Switzerland, Treasurer
Linda Steele, NI, Secretary	Nora Feyder, Lux, Newsletter Editor

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. Apologies for absence

None

4. Contact Member's Responsibilities

The contact members' responsibilities are published on the website and are noted in the Blue Booklet. The secretary took a list of current e-mail addresses so the contact members list could be up dated.

5. Presentation of the Conference & Programme

Anette answered questions on arrangements for the week.

6. Approval of the Minutes from Meetings held in Antrim, Northern Ireland.

Contact Members Meeting: Minutes issued in October 2018 were agreed.

60th Annual General Meeting: Minutes issued in October 2018 will be recommended for adoption at the AGM.

7. Matters arising from the Minutes of the 60th Annual General Meeting

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 . All items will be addressed later in the agenda.

Country Reports

Anita had begun a database and this will be developed further, within GDPR regulations. In the meantime it was agreed that it would be useful to include a workshop for contact members in the conference programme where they could meet and share information on exchanges or make contacts for after the conference.

8. Reports on past IFYE Activities

Linda Steele reported that last year's conference in Northern Ireland had been successful and the report had been sent out in July.

Some contact members spoke about new exchanges they were involved in and again suggested that they would appreciate more time to discuss this and exchange experiences with their peers.

9. Financial Matters 2018/19

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

Main Report

Extract: 'The general account decreased CHF 2,705.24 and is now at CHF 5,681.97.

The IFYE Board spent only CHF 2,286.341 for the mid-term meeting instead of CHF 3,200 but there were costs of CHF 1,748.45 for the layout of the 60th anniversary books which were outstanding.

The extra conference report costs were higher at CHF 3,933.52 (budget = CHF 1,000) as this included Switzerland and Northern Ireland's reports.

However, due to a high attendance in 2018 and changes in the conference fee, for memberships we got CHF 2,275.92 (budget = CHF 1,500) from annual members, CHF 230.83 (budget = CHF 480) from lifetime members and 1,371.76 (budget = CHF 700) from non members; a total of CHF 3,878.51 (budget = CHF 2,680.00). The tombola gave us CHF 2,430.06 (budget = CHF 1,800.00) We spent CHF 1,223.84 to support 8 newcomer IFYEs.

As you can see at the moment we have CHF 34,406.65 in our UBS-Account and the UBS LUX strategy fund is worth CHF 21,151.00.

In total we have a loss of CHF 4,875.01, instead of a loss of CHF 5,410.00.'

Lifetime Members Fund

Extract: 'The lifetime member fund decreased CHF 3,702.69. There were costs for mailing the extra conference reports of a total of CHF 3,933.52. We got 1 new Lifetime-Member. The fund is now worth CHF 27,427.75.'

Development Fund

Extract: 'The tombola brought CHF 2,430.06 into the fund. There were no applications for money and only the financial subsidies for the special project application were taken. The fund is now at CHF 16,973.69. After this AGM CHF 1,973.69 will be transferred into the General account. In the Sweden fund for Newcomer IFYEs are CHF 5,474.24. It went up last year, CHF 158.28, as there was money from non members at the conference.

Auditor's Report

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

10. Applications to the Development Fund

There has been one application to the Development fund from Finland who wish to organise a homecoming event for returning exchangees. This is in a bid to increase their recruitment and all present agreed that we could learn some valuable lessons from their project. The budget was considered and approved to go forward to the AGM for ratification.

Gerde Vares (Est) suggested that more detailed criteria or examples of past projects which had been funded might encourage more countries to apply for funding in the future. The Board will look at this in the incoming year.

11. Proposals from the Board

The Board proposed that the newcomers support, from the Sweden Fund, should be continued for the next 5 years, instead of the usual 3 years, finances permitting.

They also proposed that the Special Project, to support new organisations or older members from existing organisations, costing a maximum of 1000 CHF per year from the Development Fund, be continued for another 5 years, finances permitting.

All members were in agreement that this would be a positive use of the funds.

12. Budget 2019/2020

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

-300,00	Hosting Rural Youth Europe
-1000,00	Extra Conference Reports
0,00	Silver pins and certificates
-300,00	Gifts
-3000,00	Newcomer Ifye support
0,00	Travel costs to World Conference
-200,00	European Rally Representation
0,00	Anniversary team meeting
-3200,00	Mid-term meeting
-8000,00	Total (General Expenses) CHF

-700,00	Website, Webhotel, Layout
0,00	Anniversary booklet
-700,00	Total (Newsletter and website) CHF
1800,00	Annual members
480,00	Lifetime members
1000,00	Non-members Sweden Fund
3280,00	Total (Membership fees) CHF
-1000,00	Future of IFYE programme applications
0,00	Promotional materials
-1000,00	Total (Development fund) CHF
1800,00	Tombola Income
-100,00	Expenses
1,700,00	Total (Tombola) CHF
100,00	Interest
-100,00	Bank charges
0,00	Changing of LUX strategy fund
0,00	Total (Interest) CHF
-4,720,00	Total CHF

Membership/Conference Fees

Members were informed that these will remain at CHF 20 for annual members and other conference participants and CHF 240 for lifetime members.

Development Fund

Members were informed that this fund remains in a healthy state due to high tombola sales in the last couple of years.

Report on the IFYE Conference in Antrim, Northern Ireland, 2018.

Linda informed the meeting that the conference had been a financial success.

13. Future IFYE Conferences

8th -15th August 2020: Lancashire, England

Invitations for 2021 and beyond

Sweden have invited for 2021, Finland for 2022 and Austria for 2023. There is a vacancy in 2024 and members were asked to consider inviting. Germany are considering 2025 and Estonia 2026.

14. Election of Office Bearers

President: Anna Persson (Swe): Elected in 2017 for a two-year term. Election required. One nomination: Andreas Poelzl (Aut)

^{1st} Vice-President: Andreas Poelzl (Aut): Elected in 2018 for a two-year term. (Election required if elected President)

^{2nd} Vice-President: Anette Paulsen (Nor) elected in 2018 for a one-year term. A representative from England required.

Secretary: Linda Steele (NI): Elected in 2017 for a two-year term. Election required. One nomination: Mari Kindsbekken (Nor)

Treasurer: Ursula Spillmann (Swi): Elected in 2018 for a two-year term. Remains in post.

Newsletter Editor: Nora Feyder (Lux): Elected in 2018 for a two-year term. Remains in post.

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

Members were asked to discuss the nominations and let the next meeting know if there were any further names to put to the meeting.

15. Any Other Business

Letter received from IFYE USA

The letter was discussed and although everyone supported the basic ethos, which they considered we were already implementing, they agreed that there was no concrete proposal which could be put to the meeting.

They also agreed that the Committee could not impose too many restrictions on countries as each made their own arrangements, which had to adapt to fit their own circumstances. Our main aim was to work with them and encourage them to remember the basic ideology of the IFYE programme.

Tombola

The tombola will be held on Friday morning immediately after the AGM. Andi and Anette will organise it along with the newcomer IFYEs. Prizes are to be placed in a box in reception. The ticket prices are 1 for 10 Kr, 6 for 50 Kr.

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 Friday's AGM.

Members were also reminded to add apologies to the list on the noticeboard.

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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