

Minutes
YMCA Europe Executive Committee meeting
Manchester, England
9. May 2013, 14:00-16:15.

Participants:

Evert (Ed) Eggink	President
Stepan Cerny	Vice President
Mike Will	Treasurer
Beate Turck	Recording Secretary
Kie Cummings	Assessor
Martin Winter	Assessor
Eva Magassy	Assessor
Ion State	Assessor
Juan Simoes Iglesias	Secretary General (SG)
Eva Tschornova	Office Manager
Michal Szymanczak	Senior Ex. Officer

AGENDA

1. Opening
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Minutes of Executive Committee meeting
1-3 March 2013
4. National Contributions Wales and Switzerland
5. YMCA Portugal
6. Discussion note about our presence in Brussels
7. Update Festival
 - 7.1 budget, participation numbers; 7.2 PR/marketing; 7.3 participation in expo areas (YE and its programmes)
8. Roles and tasks of the ExCom members during this General Assembly
9. Any other business
 - 9.1 next meetings
10. Closing remarks

1. Opening remarks and apologies

Ed Eggink opened the meeting of the Executive Committee (ExCom).
 Apologies from Birgir Urbancic Asgeirsson, Assessor

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Minutes of Executive Committee meeting

- 1. – 3. March 2013, Litomysl

Decision: minutes were approved.

The to-do-list was updated.

4. National Contributions

Juan reported about the debt situation of 2 National Movements.

National Movement 1 –Delegates are expected to be at the GA. SG and treasurer will have a meeting with them during the GA.

Proposal:

A final decision about outstanding debts and voting rights shall be taken in a next meeting.

Decision: unanimously decided.

National Movement 2: – The debt situation was discussed

Proposal:

The ex com does not agree with the decision of this National Movement to lower its National Contribution. The outstanding debts from 2012 will be transferred into the budget for 2013. A letter shall be sent to the board. The NGS of this National Movement will be informed about this decision during the General Assembly. The situation will be discussed again by the ExCom in the September 2013 meeting.

Decision: unanimously decided.

5. YMCA Portugal

Information sharing about the situation with YMCA Portugal and the developments regarding a new initiative for a new national organization. In our meeting in September a proposal for decision will be tabled.

6. Discussion note about our presence in Brussels

A short report with general opinions from a working group of national General Secretaries is discussed. Juan will mention this issue in his annual report at the GA.

To be discussed again at the ExCom meeting in September 2013.

7. Update Festival

Juan reported.

There will be a presentation of Kerry and Pete at GA. Updates on participants and payments/financial commitments have been sent to ex com by Juan last week.

The reduction of costs and some infrastructure by the festival steering group have some impact on programmes. Now the process takes place to count programme demands and adapt them to reality.

YE will be presented with a stall in the festival expo area. Juan will delegate the organization of this to Radek.

8. Roles and tasks of the ExCom members during this General Assembly

The agenda has been discussed and responsibilities have been divided. Stepan will chair the Newcomers Meeting. Mike will chair the national contribution review Meeting and the Interest group on Finances.

Information about Change Agents project can be given in Interest group WAY (Friday).

Sara Martinez and Andreas Axelson will serve as GA hosts.

The following interest groups are planned: 1. Finances (Mike), 2 Y's Men (Poul, Paol-Henrik), 3. Youth Policy (Gerard, Kie), 4. Movement Strengthening (Adam, Michal), 5. WAY (Juan, Romulo).

Table talks: Martin will introduce method to plenary and will make the daily announcements, Beate will arrange tables with English volunteers and will collect table talk results.

Ed will ask Tina (YES board) to do the final remarks and "thank you" at the end of the GA.

9. Any other business

Advisory board on youth of the Council of Europe

Kie reported.

YE is asked to propose again a candidate for the next working period of the advisory board on youth for the Council of Europe. A candidate shall not be older than 35 years and preferable shall be involved in YMCA on national level and in YE activities. The working period will last 2 years.

In this outgoing period our representative has been: Gerard Tosserams; The Netherlands. The YE YPG has forwarded 2 nominations.

Proposal:

The ExCom decides to nominate Liam Preston, England for the representative position, and Pablo Castineiras, Spain as substitute for the Advisory board on youth of the Council of Europe.

Kie/Ed will inform the nominees; Juan will forward the nominees officially to the EU.

Decision: unanimously decided.

Stop poverty campaign of YMCA/YWCA Norway

Ed reported.

The Norwegian delegates at the GA would like to present their "stop poverty campaign". They were asking for some time on the GA agenda. The GA will not be able to vote on the statement which has been prepared on behalf of the members of YMCA Europe as it has not been received as an official proposal according to the constitution of YE. It is agreed that the proposal will be presented and that the GA delegates will be asked to support it by applauding.

Next meetings:

Executive Committee meetings 2013/2014

19–22 September 2013 in Budapest, Hungary, the venue will be a hotel near the airport.

27/28 February – 2 March 2014

No concrete invitations from national movements so far have been received.

YMCA Europe GA 2014

28 or 29 May – 1 June 2014 in the TC in Litomyšl, Czech Republic (Thursday – Sunday). YES seminar 2014 in the same week.

10. Closing remarks

Ed Eggink closed the meeting with a prayer.

To do list

- c) Introductory remarks Programme groups**
=> There is the need to take a final decision on the terms according to the new strategy to avoid further confusions on all levels / next ExCom meeting
- g) European Ten Sing Group (ETS)**
=> on behalf of VfE send information to ETS / Beate.
=> respond to ETS chairperson / Martin
- h) Youth Policy Group (YPG)**
=> The ExCom will look through the presented list of organizations and make their minds of who could be YE's best partners to be able to take decisions at the May 2013 meeting in Manchester.
=> The ExCom also see the need to spread information about YPG events. A meeting with the board of YWCA shall be planned
- i) Volunteers for Europe (VfE)**
=> ExCom see a need for collecting statistical by YE from NM with regard to numbers of volunteers successfully placed in Europe via VfE (with support of EVS).
=> future reports should include impact assessment / numbers reached, involved / Beate/Eva T.
=> Eva T. is already working on new annual report form for national movements / Mike will contact Eva T. / draft form shall be shared in next ExCom meeting
- l) Meeting with Nordic NGS's and chairpersons**
=> respond to the Nordic NGS and chairpersons group with regard to asked questions / Birgir
- 8. Reports Treasurer**
- b) Current year 2013**
Priority 8: National Movement Debts

=> Office shall provide list of all YE members with voting rights (status) / Juan – until Sept
=> update on situation in Wales / Mike – until Sept

e) **George Williams Fund**

Priority 7: George Williams Endowment Fund (GWEF)

=> decision on other allocation of money to fund? / Mike for ExCom meeting Sep. 2013

f) **Follow up on “Friends of YMCA Europe”**

Priority 6: Friends of YMCA Europe

=> -> decision on proposal shall be taken at September ExCom meeting / Mike

12. Next meetings (2013/2014)

Executive Committee meetings 2013/2014

27/28 February – 2 March 2014

=> decision on venue and date after having received the evaluation of the 2013 MS meeting in Litomysl / next

ExCom meeting in Manchester or in September

13. Any other business

Usage of YMCA logo

=> to be discussed at next ExCom meeting in May or September 2013

To do list - Open points from ExCom meeting 7.-9. September 2012

5. Division of roles (area of programmes)

=> at GA's also reports from YE representatives at EYF, CEC, etc. shall be included in the working documents // Eva M./Birgir/Kie -> YE office

7. Minutes of ExCom meetings

• 16th May 2012

from the to-do-list:

-=> review of job descriptions – ongoing discussion in 2013, aim to present at GA 2014

9. ExCom members and National contact persons

Representational tasks

=> prepare info material for YMCA Europe // Juan

=> decide about representative for YWCA and nominate // Beate or Eva M./Eva T.

=> nominate representative for Scouts // Juan/Eva T. -> Ion State