

# **MINUTES YMCA Europe Executive Committee meeting Litomyšl, Czech Republic - May 29th, 2014, 13.00 - 16.00 hrs**

## **PARTICIPANTS:**

Evert (Ed) Eggink President  
Stepan Cerny Vice President  
Mike Will Treasurer  
Beate Turck Recording Secretary  
Birgir Urbancic Ásgeirsson Assessor  
Martin Winter Assessor)  
Kie Cummings Assessor  
Eva Magassy Assessor  
Juan Simoes Iglesias Secretary General (SG)  
Eva Tschornova Office Manager  
Michal Szymanczak Senior Executive Secretary

## **AGENDA**

1. Opening
2. Minutes ExCom meeting 28th February – 2nd March Thessaloniki and to-do list
3. Reports:
  - Meeting with European Scouts Movements 11th March 2014
  - George Williams Fund
  - Developments and discussions with YMCA Switzerland
  - Meeting with YMCA Austria
4. Proposal voting rights and membership
5. Decision chairperson Field Group Russia
6. Movement Strengthening.
7. Invitation from Y-Romania for an activity/meeting in 2015 in the framework of Cluj-Napoca being European Youth Capital 2015
8. Invitation YMCA Estonia for GA-2015
9. Report Heidi Silven about co-operation with other Youthwork organisations in Europe.
10. Update on GA-2014
11. Any other business
12. Farewell and closure.

### **1. Opening remarks and apologies**

Evert (Ed) Eggink opened the meeting. Apologies were received Ion State, Romania.  
Adoption of the Agenda: The agenda was adopted.

### **2. Minutes of Executive Committee meeting 28<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2014, Thessaloniki**

**Decision:** The minutes were approved. The to-do-list was looked through and updated.

### **3. Reports**

**3.1. Meeting with European Scouts Movements (WOSM) 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014** Juan reported.

**3.2. George Williams Fund** Ed reported. The 2013 report has been received from Tom Cusens and Peter Posner.

**3.3. Developments and discussions with YMCA Switzerland** Ed, Mike and Juan reported. A letter from the board of YMCA Switzerland of May 27, 2014 and the latest developments were discussed intensively. As a consequence, based on our Constitution, revoking voting rights seems to be unavoidable. Decision will be taken under agenda point 4.

**3.4. Meeting with YMCA Austria** Eva M. reported from her visit to YMCA Vienna. **Decision:** All reports have been adopted.

#### **4. Proposal voting rights and membership**

Mike presented an overview over National Movement debts. The ExCom notes the up-to-date position in relation to National Movement Debts as indicated and reviews the status of each debtor national movement by making decision to endorse status-quo or resolve to make a new decision. **Proposal:** The Executive Committee revokes **membership** of YMCA Italy and YMCA Latvia. **Decision:** Italy: postpone to September meeting – unanimously agreed. Latvia: postpone to September meeting – unanimously agreed. **Proposal:** The Executive Committee revokes **voting rights** of YMCA Switzerland, YMCA Wales and YMCA Moldova. **Decision:** Switzerland: approved; voting rights revoked. Wales: approved; voting rights revoked; Moldova: decision postponed to September meeting.

#### **5. Decision chairperson Field Group (FG) Russia**

**Proposal:** The Executive Committee for now keeps the FG Russia. The support by YE staff shall be reduced. The Executive Committee appoints Cornel Burgdorf (Germany) as new FG chairperson. **Decision:** unanimously decided

**6. Movement strengthening.** Postponed to September 2014.

**7. Invitation of YMCA Romania for a YE activity or meeting in 2015 in the framework of Cluj-Napoca being European Youth Capitol 2015** Juan reported. The ExCom accepts the general invitation.

**8. Invitation of YMCA Estonia for GA 2015** Juan and Michal reported.

**Proposal:** Announce at this GA the 2015 GA will be a combined conference with MS and YES network, which will lead to a one day longer meeting. Decide in principle to accept the invitation of YMCA Estonia under the condition that YMCA Estonia willing to apply for a European grant for the YES Seminar.

**Decision:** unanimously decided

**9. Report Heidi Silven about co-operation with other Youth work organizations in Europe** Stepan reported.

**Proposal:** A decision shall be taken in the Executive Committee meeting in September 2014 based on advice of the Youth Policy Group **Decision:** unanimously decided

**10. Update General Assembly (GA) 2014** Juan reported.

#### **11. Any other business**

Follow-up festival 2013 has been postponed to September 2014.

#### **12. Farewell and closing.**

Ed recognized that there will be elections for assessors in the upcoming General Assembly. Four of the current assessors run for re-election. He wishes all good luck. He also thanked the assessors for the work done in the past 2 years and for the good co-operation. Ed closed the meeting.