

Minutes
YMCA Europe Executive Committee meeting
Madrid, Spain
5. May 2016 – 12:30-16:00 hrs

PARTICIPANTS:

Evert (Ed) Eggink (President); Stepan Cerny (Vice President); Beate Turck (Recording Secretary); Birgir Urbancic Àsgeirsson (Assessor); Christian Martin Winter (Assessor); Diana Zarembiene (Assessor); Dan Carpov (Assessor); Kie Cummings (Assessor); Juan Simoes Iglesias (Secretary General) until 13:30 hrs.

AGENDA

1. Opening remarks and apologies
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Minutes (and to-do lists) ExCom meeting Hintersee, February 2016
4. Finances
 - 4.1. National Movement's debts
 - 4.2. Developments 2016
5. Report George Williams Fund 2015
6. Youth Policy Group report and proposals
7. Preparation General Assembly; division of roles, fine tuning
8. Elections
9. Invitation for GA 2018 in Hintersee, Germany
10. Meeting of all Programme Groups and working platforms in 2017
11. Changing of YE Organigram related to implementation of the strategy
12. Feedback from the WAY-ExCo meeting in Lima
13. Consultation on 8th May 2016 about YE event 2019
14. Any other business
15. Closure

1. Opening remarks and apologies

Evert (Ed) Eggink opened the meeting of the Executive Committee (ExCom) with a prayer. Mike Will (treasurer) will arrive just before the start of the General Assembly. Juan Simoes will be present in this meeting until 13:30 hr. Then he will chair the meeting of the National General Secretaries.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Minutes (and to-do list)

Decision: Minutes were approved.

The to-do-list was looked through and updated.

4. Finances**4.1. National Movement's debts 2016**

Ed reported.

According to the decision taken at the ExCom meeting in February 2016 in Hintersee, it should be reconsidered to take voting rights away of some National Movements. As both Mike and Juan are not present, the issue could not be discussed properly.

Proposal: Due to missing information by treasurer and Secretary General the Executive Committee postpones the final decision about voting rights of some National Movements to its next meeting in October 2016.

Decision: Agreed

4.2 Developments 2016

Ed reported.

Finances so far are going in line with the proposed budget for 2016.

5. Report George Williams Fund (GWF) 2015

Ed reported.

The report on the GWF for 2015 has been received by the ExCom.

Proposal : It is recommended that the Executive Committee approves the 2015 report of the GWF.

Decision: Agreed

6. Youth Policy Group report and proposals

Kie presented minutes of Youth Policy Group (YPG) meeting taking place April 2-3, 2016 in London.

Basic governing issues have been discussed. It was recommended to establish a core group (YPC) and a larger network (YPN).

Juan stated that through our YE office in Brussels we do have to deal with a new scenario. But we will continue following the principle that National Movements delegate (young) people to our groups and networks. Especially when submitting Erasmus+ applications or others a good coordination between our various working areas is required.

During this General Assembly (GA) Kie and Ilenia Ventroni will lead an interest group on this topic.

Proposal: The Executive Committee receives the minutes of the YPG. It appreciates the work done during the meeting in London and is committed to support further efforts.

Decision: Agreed.

7. Preparation for General Assembly (GA)

Juan informed about special guests for the welcome reception: the Vice President of YMCA Spain, 4 board member from National Board and the chair of international committee of YMCA Spain, some representatives from local YMCA in Madrid, the General Director for Youth in the Spanish Youth Institute, the General Director of the Regional Youth Institute.

Ed went through the programme schedule. Birgir will lead the session “ First Timers”, Ed and Stepan will lead the session “Constitutional changes”. All ExCom members will assist in discussion groups on Saturday.

The voting on the constitutional changes has been prepared.

The election of ExCom members has been prepared by the Nomination Committee.

From actual 32 member movements only YMCA Macedonia and YMCA Kosova will not be present. That means 30 member movements present, one of it without voting rights (YMCA Italy).

For constitutional changes a 2/3 representation is required (21 members).

8. Elections

Ed reported.

According to the Nomination Committee (NC) the nomination process for the ExCom election has been quite difficult. It was just possible to present this nomination list.

Regarding the election of the members of the Nominations Committee (NC) Ed pointed out that according to the constitution the NC shall consist of 3-5 members. Candidates shall be nominated by National Movements in time to the ExCom. Unfortunately until the respective deadline only 2 nominations have been received: James Reilly, Scotland and Mario Saliba, Malta. Various options were discussed. The need to review the nomination process and the role and task of NC is underlined.

Proposal: The Executive Committee proposes to the General Assembly to extend the mandate of the current Nomination Committee (James Reilly, Scotland and Mario Saliba, Malta) for one more year. The Executive Committee will review the process again and the propose the election of a new Nomination Committee in 2017.

Decision: Agreed

9. Invitation for GA 2018 to Hintersee, Germany

Ed reported.

The ExCom received an invitation letter from YMCA Germany who formally invites the GA 2018 to Germany (CVJM Aktivzentrum Hintersee in Bavaria). Regarding finances and transportation further consultation should take place. The ExCom received this kindly invitation with great pleasure.

Proposal: The Executive Committee accepts the invitation of YMCA Germany to host the General Assembly of YMCA Europe in 2018.

Decision: Agreed

10. Meeting of all Programme Groups and working platforms

Beate recommended starting working on future mutual meetings of all YE working groups and platforms. To

bring together all representatives at the same time will have positive outcomes, and will help to network more. In the past a few mutual meetings of all Programme Groups (PG) also have been quite effective. The new ExCom should work on this. It will be necessary to communicate with all working groups and platforms. A small preparation team should be considered.

Proposal: It is recommended that the newly elected Executive Committee will develop a concept for mutual programme meetings.

Decision: Agreed

11. Changing of YE organigram

In the context with the new YE strategy there is a need to review the existing YE organigram. We need to adjust also our YE working structure to our new strategy.

The SG and some ExCom members should prepare a draft, within the context of the Organisational Review as announced in the new strategy.

Proposal: It is recommended that the Secretary General and Executive Committee members will prepare a draft organigram in the context of the Organisational review as mentioned in the new Strategy.

Decision: Agreed

12. Feedback from WAY-ExCom Meeting in Lima

Ed will report during the GA.

13. Consultation on 8th May 2016 about YE Event 2019

Juan reported shortly.

There will be a brainstorming meeting for interested GA delegates on Sunday morning, chaired by him and Beate. Beate has prepared additionally a brainstorming wall in the assembly hall for all delegates.

14. Any other business

Annexes to GA minutes are not published on the website (for example all results from table talks). If interested they can be received from the YE office.

16. Closure

Ed made some final remarks and closed the meeting with a prayer.