

**Minutes**  
**YMCA Europe Executive Committee meeting**  
**Prague, Czech Republic**  
**19. May 2012**

**Participants:**

Evert Eggink	President
Stepan Czerny	Vice President
Mike Will	Treasurer
Beate Turck	Recording Secretary
Kie Cummings	Assessor
Birgir Urbancic Àsgeirsson	Assessor
Martin Winter	Assessor
Juan Simoes Iglesias	Secretary General (SG)

Evert Eggink opened the first meeting of the new elected Executive Committee (ExCom) with a prayer. Elected assessors but not present are Eva Magassy and Ion State.

**Agenda**

1. Introduction
2. Technical issues
3. How to work in the ExCom
4. Division of roles in
5. Information George Williams Fund
6. Representative for European Youth Forum (2012-2014)
7. GA 2012 – next ex com
8. Next meeting
9. Any other business

**1. Introduction**

Evert explained role of the Secretary-General (SG). He has a standing invitation to attend all ExCom meetings, but he has no voting right. Every ExCom member has always the right to speak freely.

**Proposal:**

The office manager by role should attend all ExCom meetings (standing invitation). Other staff participation is decided before every meeting by the SG. ExCom members will get online access to all monthly reports of staff (via basecamp).

**Decision:** unanimously decided.

**2. Technical issues**

Evert reported.

Meeting language is English, which is for most of the ExCom members their second language. Just be aware of this. There are two annual meetings of the ExCom. Costs for these meetings (travel and accommodation) are covered by the YE travel fund. Another ExCom meeting always takes place prior to the General Assembly (GA). The participation of ExCom members at GA is on budget of national movements. The locations for ExCom meetings can vary. The first meeting in fall 2012 is supposed to take part in Prague, at the Palace YMCA. For international communication all receive

ymcaeurope.com email addresses and business cards.

### 3. How to work

The general atmosphere for ExCom meetings should be: openness, confidentiality, free speaking. Evert expressed his view that the face of the ExCom for the outside world is not only the presidents or vice presidents. All members of ExCom should be able to take over roles and representation tasks. So far in the YE structure there are programme groups and field groups, but the entire structure right now is reviewed due to the new YE strategy. A programme department is in development, but the overall field has to be defined and finally decided. Communication in the time between meetings generally is via email or skype.

Evert raised the following questions:

What could be everyone's role within the ExCom right now? Where are each one's interests? It could be both programme based or country focus' areas. The new ExCom – taking into consideration the new YE strategy and its implementation – actually will be free to redefine roles and responsibilities. This should be discussed in the next meeting.

For general information - existing programme groups at this time are:

ESY – European Sport YMCA

ESG – European Scouts and Jungschar group

COG – Christian Orientation group

ETS – European Ten Sing group

VfE – YE Volunteers for Europe

YPG – Youth policy group

YERT – Europe Resource Team

YES – European Spectrum Group

Existing Field groups at this time are:

Albania, Belarus, FYRoM, Georgia, Russia, Ukraine

### 4. George Williams Fund (GW Fund)

Evert explained the intermediate results with regard to the new GW fund. The outgoing ExCom has already decided on the constitution of the GW Fund and made a proposal for the Board of Trustees:

Chairman:	Peter Posner (England; former treasurer and president of YE)
Treasurer:	Andreas Baer (Switzerland; former internal auditor of YE)
Recording Secretary:	Tom Cusens (Malta; former assessor of YE)
Member:	Per Anders Aglert (Sweden; former internal auditor of YE)
Member:	vacancy
Member qualitate qua	Evert Eggink (President YMCA Europe)
Member qualitate qua	Mike Will (Treasurer YMCA Europe)

### 5. Representative for European Youth Forum

Evert reported.

Until today Gerard Tosserams was representing YE in the European Youth Forum. Gerard has to step

back and he proposed as his replacement Heidi Silvén, Finland ([hsilven@mail.student.oulu.fi](mailto:hsilven@mail.student.oulu.fi)).

**Proposal:**

The ExCom appoints Heidi Silvén (Finland) as representative for YE to the European Youth Forum (period 2012-14). The YES group should be contacted to nominate a substitute.

**Decision:** unanimously decided.

**6. Next meeting**

Evert explained that the outgoing ExCom proposed to move the ExCom meeting so far taking place always in November to September (or October).

The next meeting of ExCom therefore is scheduled for September 7-9, at the Palace YMCA, Prague.

The meeting will start at Friday 14 hrs, and will last until Sunday 12 hrs.

Everyone should look for his/her travel arrangement as soon as possible and should book the cheapest way of traveling.

**7. Any other business**

Youth policy group

The outgoing ExCom took the following decision:

***European Representation***

*Evert gave the report and presented a concept paper “Youth Policy Group”.*

*The concept paper to establish a new YE platform written by Kie Cummings and Gerard Tosserams has been discussed (see appendix).*

***Proposal:***

*The ExCom generally supports the concept paper.*

*Candidates for the composition of the core group shall be nominated by the group itself for the next ExCom meeting in fall 2012. Juan will talk with Kie and Gerard during the GA. The point “4.1 Staff time” needs further consideration.*

***Decision:*** unanimously agreed

YE Training Centre Litomysl

As Evert Eggink was elected on 17th. May 2012 as President of YMCA Europe, he will join Juan Simoes, Jan Nissen, Eva Tschornova, Radek Hlavsa and Stepan Cerny on the Board of the YE Training Centre. This is in line with earlier decisions of the ExCom.

Evert Eggink closed the meeting.

Evert Eggink  
(President)

Beate Turck  
(Recording Secretary)