

Summary of the Minutes of EAY Executive Committee Meeting 5 November 2006

Place Hotel Matejko, Krakow, Poland

Attendance Peter Posner, President
 Beate Breithaupt, Vice President
 Ed Eggink, Treasurer
 Arthur Kazaryan
 Olga Lukina
 Marina Michailidou
 Dino Curcuruto
 Johan Vilhelm Eltvik, Secretary General
 Eva Tschornová, Office Manager
 Michal Szymanczak, Deputy Secretary General

Apologies Tom Cusens and Kaare Dag Mangersnes

- New member of the Executive Committee were welcomed to their first meeting. Their responsibilities were agreed as follows:
 - Dino Curcuruto - European Outdoor Network and European Sports YMCA
 - Olga Lukina - European TenSing and Volunteers for Europe
 - Arthur Kazaryan - Social Inclusion and assistance to Representation
 - Marina Michailidou - European Scouts and Jungchar and overall coordination

- It has been agreed to retain the legal name of the EAY as the European Alliance of YMCAs, but to adopt a new trading name for day-to-day use. It will be “YMCA Europe” and a new logo will be used.

It is thought the new name will be more easily understood both within the Movement and also outside.

- Reports from the various operations and committee members were received. Most notably, the financial position has been very tight but it is expected that they year-end will close with a balanced budget.
- Harald Hjort from Norway is the YMCA Europe fundraiser and advisor. He has researched the Movement and is preparing media material with which to approach corporations for funding of the YMCA Europe projects. These would include the YMCA 2008 Festival and other projects. This initiative will be re-visited at the EC Meeting in March 2007.
- The YMCA Europe Event 2008 planning committee has met several times and outline programmes and budgets are prepared. A new venue in Prague has been adopted giving better facilities with increased security. Michal Szymanczak will start his work as Event Manager from January 2007.

- The YMCA Europe Global Operating Plan is working well and in Russia, Ukraine and Belarus. The program will be extended for another period.
- The YMCA Europe Training Centre in Litomyšl is now complete, offering full training facilities plus accommodation for up to 53 people in two standards of rooms. A new company has been established in partnership with the City of Litomyšl to oversee the running of the building from 1 January 2007.

A fundraising campaign has started to fund the remaining liability YMCA Europe has to the development of the building. A campaign seeking sponsorship of chairs, beds and rooms will begin and interest has already been shown at personal and national levels.

- Johan Vilhelm Eltvik, Peter Posner and Michal Szymanczak attended the World Council meeting in Durban on behalf of YMCA Europe.
- Feedback from the General Assembly 2006 in Portugal was generally good. Despite some difficulties with some aspects of housekeeping, most attendees enjoyed and valued the Assembly.
- The General Assembly in 2007 will be from 16-20 May 2007 in Kiev, Ukraine. The planning group, consisting of Peter Posner, Marina Michailidou, Johan Vilhelm Eltvik, Michal Szymanczak and Eva Tschornova will meet in January.
- The General Assembly in 2008 will be held in Litomyšl.
- Next meetings:
 - 3. -4. March 2007 in Prague, Czech Republic
 - 2. -3. November MD meeting in Thessaloniki, Greece
 - 4. -5. November EC meeting in Thessaloniki, Greece