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KI-E Board meeting 1 – 2020/2021

Attendees: EC members, Board members, KI President, KI Executive Director, KI Trustees, KCF Treasurer Filip Delanote, Bylaws Advisor Manfred Puchner, Chair Committee on Resolution Nathalie Weber-Frisch, Chair BMC Thomas Schickentanz, MSC Staff

Location: ZOOM Meeting

Date: 12 October 2020

Time: 19:00

Chairman: Jon Fadri Huder

Dress code: -

Agenda

1. Opening & welcome (JFH)
2. Quorum / approval of the agenda (JB)
3. Approval report Board meeting (JB)
4. Information KI, KI-E, KI Trustees, Kiwanis Children's Fund
5. Nomination committees
 - Committee on finance
 - Committee of past KI-EF-President
 - Committee on resolutions
 - Person responsible for Kiwanis laws and regulation
 - Program Committee – Kiwanis Academy
 - Committee for branding, marketing and communication
6. Orientation Kiwanis Academy (JVH)
7. Orientation BMC (TS, DM)
8. Information KI-E
9. KI-E European Convention Zurich 2021
10. Varia

1. Opening & welcome (JFH)

Jon Fadri Huder welcomes all participants to the first KI-E board meeting. In particular he welcomes KI President Art Riley, KI Executive Director Stan Soderstrom and Past KI President Daniel Vigneron.

2. Quorum / approval of the agenda (JB)

Gerhard Guggenberger requests under point 8 the execution of a vote whether an additional special convention should be called up or not. From the point of view of the district, it is proposed to waive this. The change to the agenda is approved unanimously. The quorum is 17 people.

3. Approval report Board meeting (JB)

The minutes are approved unanimously.

4. Information KI, KI-E, KI Trustees, Kiwanis Children's Fund

- KI President – Art
 - Focus on new membership and club opening.
 - Leadership development
 - Lot of new things coming.
 - KI global image
 - Also, in several languages, next to English
 - Meet with Europe leaders at least once per month.
- KI CEO – Stan
 - Budget has not been approved, will be in Jan 21
 - Approved spending against previous year spending
- KI Trustees Elio/Gunnstein
 - Approved motion from membership committee when members are removed from a club and want to move to another club.
 - Charter celebration within 90 days of creation of club.
 - Extend distinguished member/club program.
 - Approved several Circle-K policies, focus on clarity and efficiency.
 - Adjusted plan for bylaws modernization was approved.
 - Approved policies to avoid improper use of social media for election purposes.
 - Not use KI logo's etc on social media in combination with personal political views.
 - Online leadership training
 - Emergency condition continues into 20-21 because of the COVID pandemic.
 - Amended bylaws to properly reflect new ways of doing thing during an emergency such as on-line meetings, electronic voting etc
 - Romania approved dues relief, so they pay in Tier C for 20-21
 - No budget yet, pending membership numbers but approved spending authority.
 - Waive fees for new members joining existing clubs until 31 Dec 20 and expect Districts to also waive their fees.
 - Review KI dues structure so it fits better to economic reality in the countries.

- Finance questions – Stan
 - Funding for Kiwanis Academy will come via Ghent office.
 - District matching grants will be evaluated under the known system.
 - Field Service Reps/KND to be evaluated and decided on later.
- KCF – Filip Delanote – Treasurer KCF
 - Two European Focus Groups to see what KCF can do in Europe.
 - Explained European KCF team, too many names to list here.

5. Nomination committees

The persons proposed by the president are elected unanimously. The overview can be found at the invitation.

6. Orientation Kiwanis Academy (JVH)

Jan van Hove informs about the now active Kiwanis Academy platform. This is now available at <https://academy.kiwanis.eu>. The first online meetings are online, and registrations are possible. For the first short ones, the officials will be invited by e-mail. **Please register if you have not already done so.**

7. Orientation BMC (TS, DM)

More digital meetings/communications.

Reach out to younger audience.

Creative ways to present is to the world.

One plus one plus one

District level

- One extra member per club
- One club saved
- One KCF project

Europe level

- One more country
- One new Academy
- One successful convention

Who to talk to = focus Kiwanis Member

Presence in classical printed and social (on-line) media

Develop campaigns to meet the objectives

The meetup strategy using learning from Slovakia KND experience

- Norden?, Bulgaria?

Leverage Kiwanis Academy

Working on the website

Regularly send a newsletter

Use the network of PR coordinators and have regular calls.

8. Information KI-E

At the beginning of this agenda item, the President informs about the current situation.

The non-profit organization is established and registered in Luxembourg.

In the preamble to the new statute of KI-E, which is now registered, it says "KI-E continues the informal association KI-EF (civil society) at all levels and in all positions." This means that KI-E is the universal successor of KI-EF.

It also means that KI-E takes over all assets of KI-EF with its existence, that all officers of KI-EF are officers of KI-E as of October 1st, 2020.

It also means that all members of KI-EF are also taken over by KI-E.

Because KI-E is a universal processor, the members have to pay their fees to KI-E as before.

This sentence in the preamble has been signed by all members of the board of the EC with the Chairs for Resolution and Bylaws.

There are no disadvantages for the individual member - on the contrary - with the regulation concerning liability there are essential advantages. The financial liability to "KI-E" of each of its members is limited to the current annual dues. They are not liable for the liabilities of KI-E itself.

Process is also requested by KI as follows.

What does this mean for us?

Beside the huge majority, who are not interested in the matter at all - there are now 2 opinions: one expects further discussions and further formal decisions!

On the other hand, there is also another expectation which is not presented so pointedly. The expectations of the proponents are:

Implementation of the formally correct Luxembourg decision.

This is important because it provides security - in terms of liability but also administratively. Competence of the execution has the board! The advantage is that they are no unnecessary costs and everything can be changed by an amendment at the next convention in Zurich!

Therefore, we have statement against statement - but the president pointed out that with Nathalie and Manfred we have our own consulting lawyers whom we really should trust and their opinion is very clear.

All these points were also brought the attention at the KI Board meeting last week. We only have to confirm these points after today's meeting!

For this reason, the president strongly recommend that we now act as a united KI-E Board, that we rely on the KI-E bylaws to accomplish our tasks, and that we discuss any desired changes in a well-founded manner in the districts/nations and submit then amendments for the next convention. Let us keep calm and concentrate on the main focus, because these are the expectations of the large majority of members

In the following discussion, Maura Magni emphasized that she could not understand the procedure and still demanded a survey of the members to transfer KI-EF to KI-E. Jürgen Winkelsen also points out that there are concerns about the procedure in the district of Germany.

The suggestion of the president how the result of the discussion should be recorded is not questioned. Therefore, the Board recognize the special situation and continues to work as a universal processor body to achieve the goals of Kiwanis under the name KI-E. The KI-E bylaws can be amended by application at the next European Convention. They must refer to the new KI-E bylaws. These are published on the website at www.kiwanis.eu.

8.b.: It is unanimously decided that no additional special convention will be held. The application was initially submitted by the District of Austria. The vote was taken by roll call.

9. KI-E European Convention Zurich 2021

After a short presentation by JFH the board decides that due the special Corona situation

- the convention will be hold as a hybrid convention
- that online voting will be organized
- that the registration will only be open by the end on January 21 (house of delegates till 4th April 2021)
- Fees: Saturday evening EURO 100 / Friday evening EURO 60
- cancellation regulation: Possible Corona clause: until end of February 100%; until end of March 50%; no refund after end of March as most costs will have been incurred - any remaining balance will be donated to Kiwanis Children's Fund.
- that all all information are available under www.kief-convention2021.ch

10. Varia

For the moment, the following have announced themselves as Vice President Candidacy: J. Glatigny and A. Götze-Rohen.

Organization of the 1st Club of the Year in Francophone Africa in Douala, Cameroon with the very active participation of John POUHE, Founding President of the YAOUNDÉ Club (CAMEROUN) - thank you Jacques GEUTHER.

Youth camp: Next year 2 camps will be offered. Information can be found under the following links

<https://www.kiwanis.at/youth-camp/2021-villach.html>

www.kiwanisyouthcamp.com

Next meeting Berlin 29/30 January 2021

The deadline for full cancellation, free of charge is 14 December.



Jon Fadri Huder
KI-E President



Jan Boen
KI-E Secretary