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KI-E 2023-2024: Minutes BM 3

Zoom - January 27th, 2024

Participants: Josy Glatigny (Pt) ; Sepp Schachermayr (Past-Pt) ; Gunnsteinn Björnsson(Pt Elect) ; Ralf-Otto Gogolinski (Treasurer) ; Michel Tefnin (Secretary) ;Dominique Swerts (B-L) ; Geneviève Donet Monteagud (F-M) ; Marco Duden (G); Björn Kristinsson (I-F) ; Francesco Garaffa (I-SM) ; Anita Turel (CH-L); Simona Dragu (R) ; Lenka Janatova (CZ-SL); Beverly Bogle (UK).

Guests : Katrina J. Baranko (Int. Pt); Kuan Yong Lee (Int Pt Elect); Manfred Puchner (Bylaws); Daniel Vigneron (Host Ctee ECON); Roland Franzi (Social project);Franz Nagelseder (Membership).

- Agenda :**
1. Welcome by the President
 2. Administrative topics
 3. Addresses
 4. BTR: Follow-up & feedback districts
 5. Financial situation of KI-E
 6. Feedback Board KI
 7. Hybrid ECON
 8. Program ECON
 9. Contracts ECON
 10. Discussion PP&G's
 11. The floor to the Governors
 12. Miscellaneous

The meeting is called to order at 3pm.

1. Welcome by the President

Josy welcomes the participants and thanks them for devoting this Saturday afternoon to this Kiwanis meeting.

He particularly welcomes our international guests.

2. Administrative topics

2.1 Quorum: the presence quorum is reached and the Board can therefore validly deliberate

2.2 Approbation de l'agenda : No comments; the agenda is therefore unanimously approved.

2.3 Approval minutes BM 2 : There being no comments, the BM 2 minutes is unanimously approved.

2.4 Recording of the meeting: No one objects to the recording of the meeting to facilitate the drafting of the minutes.



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3. Addresses

Josy gives the floor to the following guests:

- 3.1 Katrina Baranko, President KI : Katrina thanks us for the invitation to join the Board. Thanks also to everyone for the work already realized. She also welcomes the other international guests. She stresses the importance of recruitment and congratulates the Belux, Netherland and Switzerland districts, which have already created new clubs. Let's keep it up
- 3.2 Kuan Yong LEE, President Elect KI: Kuan Yong is happy to be with us and to see that Katrina has been able to find the time to participate. He has already had a 15-minute meeting with each Governor-Elect, and encourages them to work hand in hand with their predecessor. He is also happy with the collaboration with Gunnsteinn.
- 3.3 Daniel VIGNERON, past President KI: Hello everyone, and it's a pleasure to meet our international guests. He points out that new clubs are being opened in Africa and hopes to take advantage of KI-E's support to continue the work.
- 3.4 Paul PALAZZOLO, Executive Director KI : KI's new CEO thanks us for the invitation. He reminds us that the staff is at the service of the districts. Don't hesitate to call on them.
- 3.5 Gunnsteinn BJÖRNSSON, President Elect KI-E: is pleased to see that new clubs are being opened in Europe, and is determined to continue efforts in this direction.

4. BTR: follow-up & feedback of districts

Josy reminds us that the aim of the first phase of BTR (Back To the Race) was to put in place an action plan to halt the downward spiral in the European membership. The second phase, called "Push to Pass", aims to implement the actions. It's hard work, but rewarding.

- 4.1 Membership : As a reminder, a member impacts the lives of 160 children over the course of his or her Kiwanis life. The current trend is positive (+ 122 members overall). He proposes that the Governors devote 15 minutes at each meeting to talking about membership and our projects.
The available databases contain many errors and are not always usable for this reason. Please report any errors to Franz, who will take the necessary steps to correct the databases.
- 4.2 Social Balance : We need to communicate the impact of Kiwanis projects in Europe. Governors are therefore asked to collect 3 pieces of information: the amount distributed in the district for social projects in 2022/23, the number of hours devoted to social activities, and the number of members in the clubs that have provided this information (just to can extrapolate the figures received). The information we will publish will be the global figures in order to avoid any spirit of competition. Let's motivate LtGs to collect this information now.
- 4.3 Social Project : A brief reminder of the project. Our goal this year is to raise €300,000. Each club is asked to contribute €300. At present, the amount raised is still very low, but this is only the beginning. We need to keep LtGs, clubs and members informed. Only through repetition can we hope to achieve our goal. So it's time to act.



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4.4 Feedback Districts :

Anita (CH-L) : has already communicated on BTR and this point is on the agenda for a forthcoming February meeting. The district chair for membership is carrying out a study of club projects to attract new members. A new club is currently in preparation.

For the rest, the District team is good and the collaboration fruitful.

Franz N(A) : The district has 4 new club projects, one of which is nearing completion. Club Builders are in the process of being appointed. Several clubs have confirmed that they will participate in the social project.

Beverly (UK): Hopes to create 2 clubs this year. This year's main objective is to create new clubs and retain current members. Clubs carry out their projects to help children in the community. Some members are leaving for age or health reasons after long years of service and should be honored. Some clubs would like to operate on a calendar-year basis. The level of membership fees also poses a difficulty in recruiting younger members.

Dominique (Belux) : The focus is on membership. 1 new club will soon be opened, two are in formation and two are in preparation. However, there are also 3 clubs in difficulty. 33% of LtGs and 75% of clubs are aware of the need to strengthen membership. 50% of data for the social balance have already been collected.

The social project is on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

Relating to the management of the district, we need to pay particular attention to our finances, because my predecessor spent a lot of money without authorization. The situation is worrying. The clubs are globally on the right track.

Geneviève (Fr-M): BTR has already been presented at the last board meeting. For the social project, it should be noted that many clubs have already contributed to Ukraine via the district foundation. Communication was also made concerning "April, the month of invitees". The number of members is currently growing. 1 club will be chartered in March, and a satellite group is being created. The district would like to create 2 Circle K.

Francesco (I-SM): The district currently has 99 new members. Examining potential Neo-Clubs. The district hopes to open 5 new clubs and is working on its social budget.

Marco (G) : The district has a small net growth. The question of new clubs is being discussed with KI. A new club will open soon, and a ladies' club is in preparation. The team works on membership and Neo-Clubs, but also on the contribution of clubs to the European social project.

As for district functioning, we're still 4 LtG short, but we're working on that, too, for next year.

Simona (R) : currently down by 5 members. The aim is to create 3 new clubs. A plan has been drawn up to create new clubs, but also to strengthen existing ones.

Lenka (CZ-SK) : Focus on membership. Currently a growth of 10 members. We're also going to focus on the social project, because there's a desire to help Ukraine.

Björn (I-FI) : The focus is on growth, with a target of two new clubs for the year.



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5. Financial situation of KI-E

Ralf-Otto comments on KI-E's financial situation as of January 25. See the figures in the slides of the general presentation.

With reference to last year, we expect to receive our dues in mid-February.

Cash situation is very healthy. It should be remembered that 100 K€ are blocked for a donation to KCF-Europe, and that another 100 K€ will be invested as approved by the board.

On Josy's proposal, the funds raised for the social project will be paid out monthly.

6. Feedback Board KI

The following points are worth noting:

- The amendment tabled by Belux was found to be in order and was forwarded to the Board for discussion. It will eventually be forwarded to the House of Delegates. Dominique pointed out that another amendment on the same subject had been tabled by District Malaysia. Perhaps it would be better to have just one amendment on the same topic.
- Stan Soderstrom is retired and has been named CEO Emeritus for services rendered during his career at KI.
- KI-E's proposal for a MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) was not approved by the Committee on Membership, for current budgetary reasons.

7. Hybrid ECON

7.1 Manfred explains that EC is proposing that ECON be held in Hybrid. For this, and according to our bylaws and regulations, we need a formal decision from the board with a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of votes. Decision: the Board unanimously approves the proposal.

7.2 The convention will now be streamed. Last year, an external company was called in at a cost of around 16.5 K€. District Belux has the necessary equipment and expertise. At a cost of 2.5 K€ + travel and accommodation expenses for the operators.

Decision: Board approves collaboration with district Belux.

7.3 Manfred explains that the articles of association should provide for the possibility of e-voting. For this purpose, a point **12.04** is to be added to the Bylaws which reads as follows:

"If a convention is convened as a hybrid or digital Convention accredited delegates and delegates at large may also exercise their voting rights at the convention in an electronic way (E-voting) and also can follow the convention via Life stream"

The PP&G's will then have to be adapted accordingly, which is already provided for in the text submitted for the new PP&G's. The whole package will then be submitted to the House of Delegates.

Decision: the board approves the proposed amendment to the bylaws.



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8. Program ECON

Daniel briefly outlines the general program of the Luxembourg convention:

Friday, May 17 :

- Welcoming international guests
- Reception at the Town Hall (on invitation)
- Dinner with guests

Saturday, May 18 (all at Parc Hotel):

- Welcoming all participants
- Executive Committee (AM)
- Lunch on invitation
- Board Meeting (PM)
- Opening ceremony
- Friendship dinner

- Partners' program : visit of Luxembourg + lunch + shopping in town

Sunday, May 19 (all at Parc Hotel except gala dinner) :

- Welcoming participants
- Past-Presidents (AM)
- 3 workshops (AM) : social project, membership, rejuvenation of our functioning
- Meet the candidates (AM)
- Free Walking lunch (offered by KI-E)
- House of Delegates (PM)
- A glass of friendship
- Gala dinner (Moselle river cruise)

- Partners' program : Visit in Echternach (UNESCO World Heritage city + lunch + guided castle tours)
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The Host Committee has put together an attractive program at a reasonable price. We look forward to welcoming many members.

9. Contracts ECON

The necessary contracts have already been signed or are in final negotiation: hotel, cruise, outside restaurants, guides, etc...

10. Discussion PP&G's

Manfred reminds us that the new version of the PP&G's has been submitted to the Board members, who will be invited to vote at the next Board meeting, which will take place just before the convention. So please don't forget to examine the draft and make any comments before the next Board meeting. The PP&G's version is attached to this report.

NB: Ralf-Otto has already sent us his comments.



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11. The floor to the Governors

Already covered in point 4.4 above.

12. Miscellaneous

12.1 New Lux law on non-profit organization : the law has not yet been definitively passed. This could have an impact on KI-E's administrative obligations (particularly in terms of accounting), as well as the date of a general meeting to approve the previous year's accounts. Nathalie and Manfred are following the issue and will keep us informed.

12.2 Waiver dues KI-E for Neo-Clubs: for purely technical reasons, it will not be possible to deduct the waiver from the dues on the invoices. Districts will therefore be asked to invoice KI-E for the amounts of the waived dues. The districts will then retrocede these dues to the clubs concerned.

12.3 PP&G's: Manfred reminds us once again to communicate comments on the draft PP&G's (Policies, Procedures & Guidelines).

The agenda is exhausted and no one has asked to speak anymore. The meeting closes at 4.50pm.