



MINUTES KI-E

BOARD MEETING 5 – 2022/2023

Invitees

Martien van der Meer
Josef-Peter Schachermayr (*)
Josy Glatigny
Gunnsteinn Björnsson
Ralf-Otto Gogolinski
Jan Boen
Miguel Stevens
Frédéric Zusatz
Jóhanna Einarsdóttir
Nina Schutz (*)
Roland Franzi
Franz Nagelseder
Salvatore Chianello (*)
Piet Derks
Terje Ringsby (*)
Loredana Voinea
O'Cheng Bloomfield (*)
Michal Straka

(*) Excused

Guests

Nathalie Frisch (*)
Manfred Puchner
Eliane Ott-Scheffer (*)
Vincent Salembier
Stan Soderstrom (KI CEO)
Bert West (KI President) (*)
Filip Delanote (KCF)
Michel Tefnin (BMC)
Katrina Baranko
Jon-Fadri Huder
Elio Garozzo
+
Francesco Garaffa
Franz Holzer
Marco Duden
Genevieve
Dominique
Petur
Beverly
Romania
Lenka
Anita
Christ
Miguel
Svein
+
Ghent Staff & ESC volunteers

Location: Brussels

Date: 2 Sep 2023

KI-E Board meeting



Welcome by Martien

Starts the meeting.
Extends best wishes for Eliane to get well soon.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda is approved.

Approval of minutes previous EC

The minutes are approved.

General Status Update

The eVoting/Hybrid Convention amendment was accepted by the house of delegates in Amsterdam.

Finance Report – Ralf-Otto

Ralf-Otto gives a brief overview.
We're on budget and will end with a surplus of around 60k €.
On 31 August we had approx. 535k € in the bank account.
The liquidity status is good.
KI-E supported Romania with 8.500,- € to close the gap between Tier A and B dues. Will we do this one more year?
There is no dues increase and there is 15k budgeted.
Give 9k for dues and 6k for growth.
Romania estimates they will grow from 595 to 700 sooner then expected.

Full details, see the finance report.

Membership & Training/Education Update – Jan VH

Please consult this padlet <https://kiwaniseurope.padlet.org/janvanhove/kie-board-meeting-brussels-kif9c0uz9vnkucyvl>

There are 20 new clubs and total membership stood at 25.923, the same as at the start of the year.

Romania has grown to 700 members and is the strongest growing (provisional) district proving that the European Young Kiwanis Summit (EYKS) and Meetups work.

- Stats, see Padlet

District Treasurers and Secretaries = webinars, 18 & 19 Sep 2023

BMC Training & Growth Coordinators = 6 to 8 Oct 2023

Both are earlier than in previous years.

Other training events are under review and pending available budget. It is highly likely that more will take place on-line due to budget restrictions.

Most impacted will probably be the EYKS as KE will not have (sufficient) budget and KI-E/Josy does not want to support EYKS in 2023-2024.



BMC Update - Michel

See the BMC presentation.

Jan B explains that there are 3 ways to get a grant, at least before any KI budget cuts came into effect.

In any case any grant request can best be addressed to Jan Boen as head of the Ghent office via email, jboen@kiwanis.org.

- 1- For a Kiwanis Meetup
 - a. Standard format, fast decision, budget under Ghent control
- 2- A growth related grant
 - a. Send a message with a short description on:
 - i. What you want to do for whom
 - ii. When
 - iii. Where
 - iv. How much it will cost and how much you would like to have granted
 - b. In a first case your request will be reviewed between KE and KI, if not granted it will be forwarded to KI-E
- 3- Anything else
 - a. Will be forwarded to KI-E for grant approval

Piet ask the status of a Dutch grant request.

Outside of the board meeting this was checked with Jan VH and the request was already replied. The grant request wanted funding after the activity for something that had some elements of a Meetup in it but was not deemed to meet qualification criteria.

KI-E Strategy

Piet reports that the strategy workgroup initially wanted to address these questions:

What is the purpose of KI-E?

Is what is the added value for the clubs.

Are we able to execute?

Volunteers in the districts will have to do the majority of the work

In general, there is progress but not all work groups have done their work.

Not all results are of the expected level.

Will be reviewed in Nancy, during the December meetings.

Shall we have smaller groups and/or less working groups?

Suggest EC + strategy committee.

Attendance of workgroups

Counting on volunteers

Must think out of the box

Strategy versus Tactical

Strategy requires vision not just experience

PP&G work for eVoting to be allowed.

Must consider EU GDPR impact on eVoting.



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A revised strategy workgroup is created with as members Markus Lanz, Piet Derks and Dominique Swerts. They will work towards the Nancy meeting in Dec 23 and in Nancy the EC + the strategy workgroup will meet and review progress.

KCF Update – by Filip Delanote

Warm winter shoes for children in Romania

33 months ago (24.11.2020), KCF organized fundraising in Europe for 'warm winter shoes for children in Romania'. The result was overwhelming: 4791 pairs of shoes and stockings worth €176,265.42 were donated to Romania and delivered personally by a KCF delegation.

Ukraine

The second fundraising (01.03.2022) was urgent in view of the war in Ukraine. The generosity of some European districts. I would like to mention especially the District Switzerland-Lichtenstein, Japan, and the United States created an opportunity to send 1.231.954.35€ worth of goods to the war zone. At the moment there is still 252.868€ available to send further food to the affected villages in Ukraine.

Earthquake in Turkey and Syria

The earthquake in Turkey and Syria have once again appealed to the generosity of our European Kiwanians. On 24.03.2023 we started another fundraising to help children in the border region of Syria and Turkey. 56,726.88€ was donated. 20,000€ was donated to Terre des Hommes for controlled aid in Syria. As well as € 20,000 for Turkey. Today there is still €16,726 available for further assistance.

As always, all donations are checked beforehand where they will be used. A team, consisting of the KIE President, KCF President, KCF Trustee for Europe, and the KCFE in formation Chair, must approve the donations before they can be implemented!

KCF-E legal entity

We hope to finally start the KCF Europe legal entity in the very near future! We are waiting for the green light from Luxembourg!

KI President-Elect – Katrina

Katrina focuses on growth and membership during her presidency.

KI CEO – Stan

Have been coming to Europe for 14 years as CEO and now retirement is coming close. The Eliminate project was a major step forward. The Netherlands District was the first to donate 1M USD to this project.

Updates from the KI Trustees

Vincent

Europeans will be paying a little less KI dues in 2023-2024 due to the USD to EUR exchange rate. Vincent explains that he is in favour of a reward based grant system. European trustees are working with ASPAC trustees to formulate a common view on the tiers system. An eVoting resolution is being prepared. A new European trustee will have to be elected as Eliane's tenure comes to an end.



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Samyrra & Jan:

Samyrra is the point of contact for any face 2 face meetings/events organised during a Kiwanis year (with the exception of the European Convention).

For each of the face 2 face events an “Practical Information Page” is created.

Please READ this page attentively as it contains all the information you need.

The information page is updated as needed.

At the bottom of this page you will find the button to register for participation.

Once you have registered for an event Samyrra will contact you by email for further follow up as needed.

Once you submit a registration form it takes up to 1 minute to complete so please be patient.

Registration is only final when the payment is complete.

Marco:

The German District has a 40k € budget for a social media campaign.

It is meant as a wake-up for existing members.

Encourage own children to join Kiwanis.

Asks each District/Nation to provide 5 lines of text explaining why to join Kiwanis.

Next Meeting:

Date & Time: Saturday 14 October 2023 starting at 15:00 CET

Location: Zoom

Board Meeting 0: takes place on line via Zoom on 3 Sep 2023.

Michel Tefnin will handle the invitations

Jan Boen

KI-E Secretary