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KI-E 2023-2024: Minutes BM 0

Brussels - September 3rd, 2023

Participants: Josy Glatigny (Pt) ; Martien van der Meer (Imm Past-Pt) ; Gunnsteinn Björnsson (Pt Elect) ; Elio Garozzo (VPt) ; Ralf-Otto Gogolinski (Treasurer) ; Michel Tefnin (Secretary) ; Franz Holzer (A) ; Dominique Swerts (B-L) ; Geneviève Donet Monteagud (F-M) ; Marco Duden (G) ; Björn Kristinsson (I-F) ; Francesco Garaffa (I-SM) ; Christ van Oevelen (NL) ; Svein Gunnard Aanerud (Norden) ; Anita Turel (CH-L) ; Simona Dragu ® ; Lenka Janatova (CZ-SL) ; Beverly Bogle (UK).

Guests : Katrina Baranko (Int Pt) ; Stan Soderstrom (KI/KCF CEO); Vincent Salembier (Int Trustee); Daniel Vigneron (Past Int Pt + Convention + KCF-E); Manfred Puchner (Bylaws); Franz Nagelseder (Membership) ; Jan Boen (Sr Director Eur) ; Jan van Hove (Dir Membership & Education) ; Dolores Muniz (Dir BMC) ; Samyrra Bafdel (Events)

Agenda :

1. Welcome by Josy;
2. Justification of Board 0;
3. Confirmation of the following 2023-24 offices: Secretary, Treasurer, representative of Governors in EC, committees & chairs;
4. Approval of "Back to the Race" program
 - European social project
 - Social balance
 - Rejuvenation:NEO clubs & April, month of invitees
5. Approval Name & Logo of social project
6. Approval working and logo of Neo-clubs
7. Proposal amendments bylaws KI
8. Proposal to KI of agreement for membership
9. Call for candidates KI-E Vice-President and KI Trustee
10. Visibility: jackets and stickers
11. Miscellaneous & group pictures

1. Welcome by Josy

Josy welcomes the participants and draws attention to the fact that everyone is present. Well done! He also gave a special welcome to guests Katrina Baranko (KI President Elect), Stan Soderstrom (KI CEO), Vincent Salembier (KI Trustee) and Daniel Vigneron (Past Int. Pt & KCF-E representative). Josy then asked for a minute silence for children in difficulty.



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2. Board 0: justification

An advanced BM is justified for reasons of costs and logistics. Firstly, it was a good opportunity to see each other, as we were all together for the handover. Secondly, a year goes by very quickly, and projects need to be launched as soon as possible, particularly the Back To The Race (BTR) program.

3. Approval of the team

Josy then presents the members of his team, and more specifically the people in the following positions: Secretary (Michel Tefnin), Treasurer (Ralf-Otto Gogolinski), the representative of the Governors in the EC (Anita Turel), and the chairs of the following committees: Social project (Roland Franzi), Membership (Franz Nagelseder), Bylaws (Manfred Puchner), Resolutions (Nathalie Frisch), Convention (Daniel Vigneron), BMC (Michel Tefnin).

All those people and positions are formally approved by the Board.

4. Approval of the BTR program

Josy reminds that the BTR program has been discussed in detail and adapted during the preparatory meetings. May we formally approve the program?

There is no objections; the BTR program is therefore approved in its entirety (Social Project - Social Report – Neo-Clubs).

5. Social project

Roland Franzi, who is in charge of the project, was unable to attend. He has released a video showing the progress of the project. The video is available via a link hereunder.

A second video is shown. It includes an explanation of the project by the head of SOS Children Villages in Ukraine. This video is also available via a link.

The proposed name for the project is "War Torn Children in Ukraine", abbreviated to WTCU. The name has been approved by the board.

The project will be represented by a logo. We received two logo proposals. The first was submitted by a member of the Belux district, and the other by a member of the Switzerland-Liechtenstein district.

The Board approved the Belux member's logo.

At Dolorès' suggestion, a discussion took place on whether the chosen logo was consistent with the Kiwanis branding. In view of this remark, a second vote was held, and the Board's first decision was confirmed.

At Jan Boen's suggestion, the Board decided that the chosen logo would nevertheless be submitted to KI's communications department to check its conformity with the branding.



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6. Neo-Clubs

Josy reminds members that a Neo-Club is a club that recruits at least two members under the age of 40 during the year 2023-24.

These Neo-clubs will be awarded a label which will be placed on the KI-E website and may also be placed on the club's website.

A call for logos has also been launched for the Neo-Clubs. Only one logo was received from a member of the Belux district. It was therefore approved by the Board, subject to also be submitted to the KI communications department.

7. Amendments to the bylaws

7.1 Tier system: Trustee Vincent briefly explains that the amount of the dues is based on an old "Tier" system, taking into account the Kiwanians' financial possibilities (see attached note).

This system, which is still in force, should now be adapted to still achieve the objective of fairness, essentially by increasing the amounts of the tiers.

The Board supports this approach and delegates to the European Trustees the task of introducing the debate at KI level with a view to proposing an amendment at ICON 2024 in Denver.

7.2 Addition of a sentence as a preamble to the KI-E bylaws. This sentence would read as follows: "Our organization has no racial, color, gender, political or religious bias".

This point will be discussed at a future Board meeting; please give it some thought in the meantime.

8. Proposal agreement for membership

The aim of the proposal is to boost membership growth. This is also the aim of BTR.

Reference is made to the explanatory document on the proposal sent out before the meeting (see appendix). It is made clear that there is no question of requesting a grant from KI, but of making an investment by drawing on KI-E's reserves, and, if successful, sharing the costs and benefits of the action with KI.

The person in charge would be the Chair of Membership, Franz Nagelseder, who would work closely with Jan van Hove, a member of the Ghent staff who is responsible for membership.

The Board is in favor of the proposal and of initiating the process.

9. Conclusions

- Jan Boen reminds members that the Ghent staff is available to help them with their activities. Do not hesitate to call on them if necessary.
- A WhatsApp group has been set up for the KI-E 2023-2024 Board.
- Kiwanis jackets and stickers were distributed to participants, and a group photo was taken.
- Josy then closes the meeting by encouraging applications for the forthcoming governorships, and confirms the election in Luxembourg of a KI-E VP and a KI Trustee. He then wishes everyone every success in their duties and invites everyone to inspire.