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KI-E 2023-2024: Minutes BM 1

Online - October 14th, 2023

Participants: Josy Glatigny (Pt) ; Martien van der Meer (Imm Past-Pt) ; Elio Garozzo (VPt) ; 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) ; Svein Gunnard Aanerud (Norden) ; Simona Dragu ® ; Beverly Bogle (UK).

Guests : Vincent Salembier (Int Trustee); Manfred Puchner (Bylaws); Roland Franzi (Social project); Franz Nagelseder (Membership) ; Jan Boen (Sr Director Eur) ; Jan van Hove (Dir Membership & Education) ; Dolores Muniz (Dir BMC)

- Agenda :**
1. Approval agenda & minutes BM 0
 2. BTR: Social project
 3. Amendment to KI-E bylaws by adding a sentence
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Josy welcomes participants and proposes a moment of silence for children in difficulty. He thanks the Board members for having understood and adopted the "Back To the Race" program. The next step is to make the program our own, by taking inspiring actions in our own districts. Josy's text is appended. The Board then agreed to hold the meeting electronically.

1. Approval agenda & minutes BM 0

1.1 the agenda has been slightly adapted. Michel explains the changes.

The Board approved the modified agenda listed above.

1.2 The report of the BM 0 meeting was approved without comment.

1.3 The Board unanimously agreed that the meeting should be recorded to facilitate the drafting of the minutes.

1.4 Everyone is asked to respect the timing. If the time limit is exceeded, a small bell will be rung to signal this.



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2. BTR: Social project

Roland explains the evolution of the project.

- On Sept 28 the project was presented to KCF, who accepted it enthusiastically. Details are now being discussed in a smaller group. Note that KCF would also like to keep its logo;
- A contract with SOS is under advanced discussion. An activity report is planned;
- Roland is preparing a multilingual communication for Kiwanians;
- The question of issuing a tax certificate is complex, given local legislations. It is proposed not to issue a certificate for club donations, and to have an agreement with SOS for private donations.
- The implementation phase should be completed by the end of October.

3. Amendment to KI-E bylaws by adding a sentence

The suggested sentence is as follows: « Kiwanis has no race, religion, gender, color or political bias”.

This message is implicit in our bylaws and values. There's nothing to stop us mentioning it explicitly. Putting such a sentence in our bylaws makes it very clear to the non-Kiwanian reader.

Decision: The Board confirms that the amendment can be submitted to the next General Meeting.

4. Feedback from KI Board

On behalf of the European trustees, Vincent S reports on the discussions at the KI Board meeting held in early October 2023. The text of this report is given in the appendix, as well as a summary in the general presentation (also in the appendix).

Points discussed in particular:

- “Tiers System”: the Board approved the approach of working on an amendment to be submitted to ICON in Denver.
- “Governors Elect Conference”: possible organization to be discussed at BM2 in Nancy.

5. Logos: feedback

The logos approved at BMO were submitted to KI's BMC department, which found them to be non-compliant with Kiwanis branding.

As for the logo for the social project, BMC of KI made a proposal close to the first project (see the slides of the general presentation, in appendix).

The Board approved the logo.

As for the logo for the Neo-Clubs, BMC will shortly submit a proposal. The Board gives President Josy “green light” to discuss and choose the best logo with KI's BMC department.



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6. BTR: Membership; program 2023-24

Jan VH presents the current situation in the districts.

Franz N presents the Membership program and the objectives agreed with the membership coordinators in each district. He reminds his active role in the field to help districts achieve these objectives.

See the supporting document for these presentations in the appendix.

There were no objections to the program presented, and it was therefore approved.

7. BTR: BMC; program 2023-24

Dolores and Michel present the BMC program for 2023-24, along with an update on actions already undertaken since the start of the current Kiwanis year. See the slides of the general presentation in the appendix.

There were no objections to the proposed program, which was therefore approved.

8. Online voting

Manfred explains the steps to be taken to ensure that the bylaws and “Policies, Procedures & Guidelines” (PP&G's) allow for the possibility of holding a hybrid or digital General Meeting. See the slides of the general presentation in the appendix.

He proposes that the discussion takes place at BM 2 in Nancy. It is necessary to prepare an amendment to modify the PP&G's for the General Meeting in Luxembourg.

If we want Luxembourg to be a hybrid meeting, it would be sufficient for the participants to agree at the start of the meeting to hold the meeting online.

It has been requested that a plan B be drawn up in case of unexpected technical problems.

9. Reserves at work

KI-E currently has around €500,000 in unused reserves, which remain in a bank account. As the interest rate received is lower than inflation, these reserves are gradually losing their real value. Josy suggests investing these funds gradually, and comments on the evolution of stock market indices which can counteract this loss of value, and even gain value by outperforming inflation, while diluting the risk of underperformance.

The EC supports this proposal subject to two conditions: firstly, the advice and formulation of a concrete proposal by the Financial Committee, and secondly, minimization of the risk of loss through broad diversification.



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It is made clear that the aim is not to take a decision directly, but to inform the Board of this proposal and ensure that there is no opposition in principle, so that the Financial Committee can be contacted.

Josy asks everyone to think about this investment proposal, so that the BM2 in December can take a decision based on the advice of the financial committee.

10. Grant to Norden District

The Norden district has submitted a request for financial assistance to organize a membership "summit", as in previous years.

The EC has examined this request and, in its majority, does not support it. On the other hand, the EC is of the opinion that it is necessary to support districts in matters of membership.

The EC's position elicited no reaction and was accepted as such.

Jan B explains the budget restrictions imposed on KE (Ghent office). He is still receiving requests for help for meet-ups. KI-E will have to take a position on these requests, and also on the organization of a 2nd membership training meeting.

Josy reminds that KI-E has submitted an MOA to KI and that KI's agreement could open up new financing opportunities based on the results achieved.

These requests, as others officially submitted, will all be analyzed and discussed globally at a later date.

11. Miscellaneous

No miscellaneous.

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