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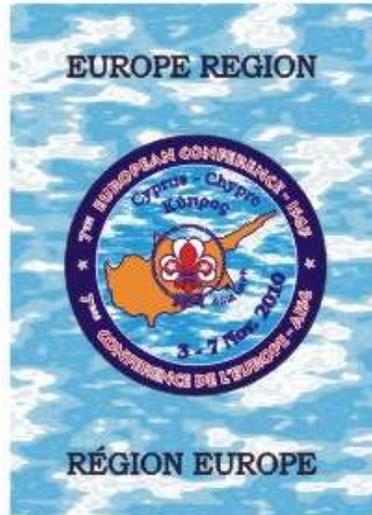


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EUROPE REGION/REGION EUROPE

Minutes of the 7th European Region Conference Agia Napa, Cyprus 3th – 7th November 2010



Plenary Session No 1 – Thursday 4th November 2010

1. Welcome

Jane Wardropper, Chairman of the Europe Region Committee, welcomed all guests, delegates and observers to the Conference.

2. Remembering Departed Friends

All attendees stood for one minute in silence.

3. Apologies

Apologies have been received from: Rigmor Lauridsen, Denmark (World Committee liaison), András Dezső Somogyi, Hungary, Allan Page, UK

4. Roll Call

A Roll Call was held and 25 countries were either attending in person or had given proxy votes to another country. Four countries were missing. The meeting was declared to be in quorum.

5. Approval of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Carol Bowen and Jean Antoniadis were proposed as Chair and Vice Chair respectively by the European Committee. The delegates approved their appointments unanimously.

6. Approval of Rules of Procedure

The Rules of Procedure for the World Conference were proposed by the European Committee for use as the rules governing the Conference. The delegates approved this unanimously.

7. Approval of Tellers

The Tellers, members of the Cypriot Organising Committee, were introduced to the meeting. Their appointment was proposed by the Cypriot delegation, seconded by the Greek delegation, and approved by the Conference.

8. European Region Triennial Report

Jane Wardropper presented her report on the work undertaken by the Committee since the last Conference in Krakow 2007. The Conference approved the adoption of the report.

9. Financial Report

Werner Weilguny presented the accounts for the last triennium. The Conference approved the accounts.

Werner proposed that the Europe fee remain at €40. The need for advance notice of any raise in fee was acknowledged. Thus the proposal was approved by the Conference.

Werner proposed that Gjermund Austvik be re-appointed as Auditor for the next triennium. This proposal was approved by the Conference.

10. ISGF World Committee Chairman

Brett Grant spoke of the ongoing work of the World Committee.

11. Ambassadors Guild Presentation

Paulli Martin spoke of the membership and work of the Guild.

Plenary Session No 2 – Thursday 4th November 2010

12. Roll Call

A Roll Call was held and the Conference was declared quorate.

13. Motion No 1

Europe Region Constitution

This Motion was proposed by Jane Wardropper on behalf of the Europe Committee, with the additional amendment to the draft Constitution previously circulated:

In Paragraph 5 – the word ‘is’ shall be substituted for the words ‘may be’: thus Paragraph 5 would read: “The Europe Region is sub-divided into Sub-Regions, by agreement with the ISGF World Committee”.

The Motion was carried unanimously by the Conference (100 votes in favour).

14. Motion No 2

Increase in the number of members of the Europe Region Committee

This Motion was proposed by Austria and seconded by Poland.

Strictly in accordance with the Constitution, this Motion was submitted after the deadline for the submission of motions had passed. The Conference decided that the Motion should be discussed (90 votes to 10 votes).

Several delegates spoke for or against the Motion with the voting finally being:

For: 57

Against: 42

Abstain: 1

This Motion was lost as the required 2/3 majority was not reached.

15. Motion No 3

Language of the Europe Region

This Motion was proposed by the Europe Region Committee German be adopted as a third language for a trial period of 6 years with a review after 3 years (in 2013)

The Motion was carried by a 2/3 (73 votes in favour).

16. 2013 Europe Conference

Gunilla Engvall, Chairman of the Nordic Baltic Sub-Region, invited delegates to attend the 8th Regional Conference to be held in Scandinavia in the summer of 2013.

Delegates unanimously approved this invitation (100 votes).

17. 2011 World Conference

Riccardo Della Rocca, Italy, representing MASCI, who are organising the World Conference in Como, Italy, gave some information about the event:

18. Special Olympics 2012

Maria Fagogeni, Greece, spoke of the Games. Application form for the volunteers wishing to take part in the Games were available.

19. Country Presentations

The UK and Netherlands gave presentations on their work in the last triennium. Denmark invited participants to the Jutland Jamboree in July 2012.

End of Plenary Session No 2

Plenary Session No 3 – Saturday 6th November 2010

20. Roll Call

A Roll Call was held and the Conference was declared quorate.

21. Clarifying statement from Europe Region Committee Chairman

Jane offered her apologies to Greece for some misunderstanding made during the call for papers before the Conference.

She also informed the Conference that the question about the need to fill a vacancy on the Committee caused by unforeseen circumstances would be put to the next European Conference. Should such a vacancy arise in the meantime, all member NSGFs in the sub Region affected will be asked to elect a Committee Member for the remainder of the time to the next Conference.

22. Presentation of Burundi Project

Martine Levy spoke of this project and it's progress to date.

23. Presentation by Cypriot Guides

Panayiota Xenaphontos, Chief Commissioner of Guides of Cyprus, gave a comprehensive presentation of the history and highlights of the very active 50 years of Cypriot Guiding.

24. Report from Lara Tonna, Chairman WAGGGS Europe Committee

Lara told of the work of WAGGGS Europe and their vision for the future.

25. Report from Craig Turpie, Chairman WOSM Europe Committee

Craig told of the work of WOSM Europe and their vision for the future

26. Sub-Region Reports

a) Central

Werner Weilguny told of the countries in the Sub-Region, and of the Sub-Region activities, including an electronic newsletter, sponsoring, and of the difference in income between these countries. For the future, it is hoped that all the countries in the former Eastern Bloc will be able to receive support and information in German, as many members do not speak English.

b) Nordic-Baltic

Olav Balle spoke of the Board, which consists of the President and International Secretary from each Country, with one meeting per year, held on a rota basis. There is a newsletter (either paper or electronic), and the 2012 Gathering may be held in Lithuania.

c) South

Christos Loukatos spoke of the formation of the Sub-region from those former Europe member NSGFs who formerly attended the Mediterranean Gatherings, and also the French speaking part of Switzerland. The Gathering of 2009 was in Portugal, and the 2012 Gathering will be in the Spanish city of Cadiz – information will be available soon.

d) Western

Jane Wardropper noted that there is no Board in this Sub-Region, therefore there are no formal meetings, rather the members come together at Gatherings/Europe/World Conferences. Within the Sub-Region, membership numbers are dropping with consequent decrease in support for programmes, but enthusiasm remains high.

End of Plenary Session No 3

Plenary Session No 4 – Saturday 6th November 2010

27. Roll Call

A Roll Call was held and the Conference was declared quorate.

28. Reports on Workshops

a) Workshop I – Cyprus 2008 – this workshop, “the Future and Foundation for Growth” concentrated on developing friendships between Guilds and offering support to local Guiding and Scouting.

b) Workshop II – Czech Republic 2009 - this workshop concentrated on the future and the foundation for growth with the main focus being to promote fellowship and mutual understanding as this is surely the firmest foundation for growth

c) Workshop III – Germany 2010 – this workshop, attended by 47 participants representing 18 NSGFs, concentrated on communication, using the title: Be Seen, Be Active, Have Fun.

Two workshops were held during the Conference with members working in Sub Regional groups.

The first was on “The Way Forward” and the conclusions were that Guilds be encouraged to develop friendships between other Guilds, both in their own countries and internationally, to offer support to local Guiding and Scouting.

The topic for the second was “Peace” where ways of working toward Peace in the world and in the community were discussed. Guilds were encouraged to take part in The United Nations Day of Peace which is held on 21st September each year.

Workshops a - c were reported in the Chairman’s report and the report from the Conference will be sent out separately to the NPs and ISS

29. Year of The Volunteer

Anne Dupont, World Committee, spoke on the ‘European Year of Volunteering 2011’ decided by the European Parliament and suggested participants to follow what would be achieved in their countries in relationship with that year, together with their NSO’s and MO’s”.

30. Country Presentations

Greece spoke of their work during the last triennium.

Portugal – three presentations were made, one by each Organisation.

Austria presented their work in the Vienna area, including the dedication of a forest clearing to BP, with the aim to promote nature to town-dwelling scouts.

31. Closing of the Conference

Jane Wardropper closed the Conference, thanking Carol Bowen and Jean Antoniades for their Work as Chairman and Vice chairman during the Conference.

She also thanked Christos Loukatos and Werner Weilguny for their time as members of the Europe Committee.

The new Committee was presented: Chairman Olav Balle (Nordic-Baltic Subregion), Vice chairman Hans Slanec (Central Europe Subregion), Secretary Katharine Diver (Western Subregion) and Treasurer Photis Mammidis (Southern Subregion).

Austria presented to Jane the Golden Badge of Central Europe, with grateful thanks for her hard work during her term of office.

End of Plenary Session No 4