

Minutes 9th Board Meeting Wednesday December 20th at 19.00 CET Peoplesite

The following persons were present:

John Petersen, Chairperson
Conchi Gallego, Secretary
Siebren de Boer, Board member
Eva Valvo, Substitute

Excused their presence due to personal or technical problems:

Lászlo Dani, Deputy Chairperson
Jesper Nielsen, Treasurer
Mjellma Mehmeti, Board member
Linda Jakobsone, Board member

Invited to the meeting:

Ieva, ACC member

1. Opening of the board meeting
2. Approving of the agenda and last times minutes
3. Member-situation (informative)
4. The FEC (informative)(Ieva, John)
5. The ACC International programme office (informative + evt. vote)
6. New projects (informative, evt. vote) (Mjellma, John)
7. New committees (evt. vote)(Eva)
8. Application etc. to the AWE (John)
9. Face-to-face meeting-possibilities (informative)
10. Economy and budget (John and Jesper)
11. Next years GA + working camp (Siebren)
12. Proposal to Jesper (minutes 27.7.2000)
13. News from the Transylvania committee? (Agota, Barna)
14. More things since last meeting? Strasbourg, Maria in Portugal
15. Election of Advisory board candidate
16. Process of Civil Society Consultation on Youth policy
17. AOB

1.- Opening of the meeting

Some of the people that had confirmed are still missing a few minutes after the schedule time. The present people decides to go on with the meeting, going only through the informative points as no vote can be done. John opens then the meeting wishing Merry Christmas to everyone. He will lead the meeting.

2.- Approving the agenda and the last minutes

The last version of the agenda is approved. The minutes are not ready so the approval is postponed to the next meeting. Conchi promises to send them in advance.

3.- Member situation

John refers to the enclosures sent where it was stated that the member situation was quite fine with 110 paying members. The recommendation is to keep on looking for new members. There are printed leaflets now that could help in this duty. John informs that if someone needs some of them they should ask him so he will send them as soon as possible.

Conchi makes a remark on the fee, asking to send a reminder to the members when they have to pay this year's fee. John informs that he will send the annual to the members at the beginning of the year, and he will enclose a letter where he will remind about this topic.

4.- The Final Editorial Conference

John refers to the enclosures sent:

“The FEC went very well, as you can imagine. Jesper, Eva, Mjellma and John were present -some more, some less. There were participants from the 2000 and the 1999 minority courses present, which is great, since in my opinion we should aim at involving them more. The magazine not quite ready, since there is some more layout work to do. Ieva will do it together with the printing house in Riga. This can only start, when we have the written confirmation from the Danish Lottery funds (because they are supposed to pay the printing). I can only guess, when I say, that it will be printed and sent in January.

There are four sections in the magazine as far as I remember and the headline is of course: schools for Europe: Non-formal education, formal education, a voice for Europe, culture, and a special section about the Ryslinge Folk High School. In the beginning there is an interview with the president of the AWE, Ove Korsgaard, taken by Mjellma.

There were about 6 new members of the ACC.”

Ieva makes a positive evaluation of the Conference and comments that more results will be seen when the magazine comes.

John will upload some more information about the event and some pictures on the web of the ACC.

5.- The ACC International Programme Office

As we can't vote on this, John and the rest of the board present consider that it is o.k. that is given the freedom to negotiate on this point as the domicile in Brussels failed. John had sent in the enclosures the following information about a different option for the office:

“ b) Plan B was and is the Ryslinge Højskole in Denmark. This is the place where we had the FEC. I have negotiated with the principal more times –mainly after the FEC. The staff at Ryslinge was very impressed by the FEC and about the persons taking part in it, but there are some problems also.

The result of the negotiations is that we can have an alliance/agreement with the Ryslinge, which is like the one we had at IT-folkehojskolen:

- We can have free office-facilities, even though it is an office shared with another organization.
- Approximately 50 free overnight stayings (for arrangements like Barna and Agotas staying at the IT-school) per year.
- Linda and more EVS-persons can have room and board for the EU-prices (the amounts bound to EVS-persons for such arrangements).

There are some disadvantages though. We have to pay the phone-bill ourselves. In two months during summer there is no place for neither Linda nor office. This until August 24th as far as I remember. This would have to be solved, but I also think it could be solved.

The school would like a benefit of it. They want us to fundraise for a so-called “Community Class”. The principal imagines a group of 12 young people from all over Europe to take part in such a class for 12 weeks, and our task would be to find the money. The risk is theirs of course, but we have to give it a try (Linda and I probably). The income of the school for such an arrangement would alone in state subsidies be about 40.000 EUR, so they are is no element of mercy, idealism. humanism etc. present. Its pure business.”

John informs the board that his personal situation depends on the job the government will offer him, as he is been unemployed for certain months, and this implies that the state will assign a job for him. This could also be seen as an advantage as the ACC might be the job hi is assigned or something that leaves him time for the ACC.

6.- New Projects

- Summer School in Macedonia

John had already informed about this project and sent the board the description of the project. The link with the ACC ideology would be on the European Dimension and also as some members of the ACC member will be present, this will create the needed debate. Everybody agrees that the project is positive to take in on board and co-operate with it.

- Bellagio Conference

This is a project also sent in advance and that comes from the initiative of some board members, then it goes on the criteria and the spirit of the ACC. It is thought as a co-operative project with the AWE and it will take place in Italy, May 2002. The application will be sent in early January 2001.

7.- New Committees

John informs on the need to adopt a new committe for this activity. As Linda that will be included in the Committe has already said yes, with the approval of

the rest of the board present we can adopt the “Apple Committee” so it will start working.

Eva informs of the components of this Committee that will be Silvia and Marzia (MC 98), Monica (MC 99) and herself. Everyone agrees on it.

Point of order: As some of the board members are in a hurry and there is too many people missing, it is decided to jump to point 15, and leave the rest for the next board meeting.

15.- Election for the Advisory board Candidate

John informs that the ACC has received an invitation from the Directorate of Youth and Sports of the Council of Europe to propose candidates for the Advisory Council. Conchi makes a short introduction of what this council is and what it means to be there. This Advisory Council is the one deciding on the activities to be run by the Council of Europe and the projects and organisations to be funded. Out of the big amount of people that conform this Committee, only 5 are from organisations that don't belong to the European Youth Forum. This are the so called “new partners”. The fact that the ACC has been invited it is really important, a good step in recognition for the ACC. After considering the different people that we could propose and the circumstances (dates of meetings...), Conchi and John inform that the best option would be to nominate Agota from the Transylvanian Committee, to run for this post. Everybody agrees on that.

The last point to talk about it was some updated information about the logistics for the General Assembly in Frisia next year.

The meeting is closed.