



European IFYE Alumni

International Farm/4H Youth Exchange

MINUTES

64th Annual General Meeting of the European IFYE Alumni

Thursday 1st August 2024, Cloppenburg, Germany

1. Welcome and Opening of the meeting.

The President, Andreas P (Aut), extended a warm welcome and thanks to everyone attending. A minute's silence was observed to honour those members who have recently passed away.

2. Introduction of Office Bearers

Andreas introduced the Executive Committee; Sam Hawks (NI), 1st Vice-President, Johannes König (Aut), 2nd Vice-President, Nora Feyder (Lux), Newsletter editor, Marc Andre Zuber (Swi), Treasurer; Mari Kindsbekken (No), Secretary

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted with no amendments.

4. Apologies for Absence

See attached list.

5. Appointment of the Counters and the Establishment of the number of eligible voters

Ellen Paine (USA) and Dale Yonker (USA) were appointed as the counters. There were 118 eligible voters.

6. Approval of the Minutes of the 63rd Annual General Meeting

The minutes, which were circulated previously, available on www.ifye.eu and on the conference notice board, were agreed without any amendments.

7. Matters arising from the Minutes of the 63rd Annual General Meeting

- 7.1. Can members who have been at Rally be a part of Conference?
There is no need to change to the wording in the Blue Booklet, it allows everyone who can be national organization can be part of the conference.
An application from England / Wales from 2019 which was started as an open discussion. People who have not done an IFYE exchange but are members of Rural Routh should also be given the opportunity to become members of the IFYE association. This proposal is based on a change in the law in the UK, which could make it almost impossible to find IFYE host families in the UK in the future, which could result in the possible end of the IFYE program in the UK.
According to the wording in the Blue booklet, everyone who can be a member of their national organization, can participate at the conferences. We can't decide who the national organizations will allow into their organization.

7.2. Austria suggested at the contact member meeting in Velden that the annual membership fee to be cancelled for conference participants under 18 years of age. The contact members were asked to discuss this point again in the respective country meetings and in their own organization and if one or more nations find a clear formulation that is clearly understandable for everyone, please inform the board. The executive committee's suggestion is to add this to the Blue booklet in page 4, under Membership, with the wording: Membership fee shall not be collected from children under the age of 16 years attending IFYE conference.

7.3. Conference Report for Life – Time members who did not attend the conference.

The e-mail address lifetimemember@IFYE.eu, has been installed. We send out an e-mail to all lifetime members on the members list to ask if they still want to receive the conference report if they did not attend the conference, and if they want it printed or via e-mail. If there was no response to the e-mail the contact details will be removed from the list to receive the report.

If we have not received any feedback, the contact members of the respective country will now be asked for help with verification and if no feedback is received, the contact will be finally removed from the list.

8. **Suspension of the exchange between US & Europe in 2024.**

We have been in contact with USA and offered to help out, not with money, they need to reorganize, they survive on founding from the government. They expect to have a small exchange in 2025, but this is not confirmed. IFYE USA have paid employees, it's not based on voluntary work as in Europe. They want to go ahead with the program, but at the moment there are no money.

The situation with USA and IFYE is still the same.

Dale Yonker informed us that they have a plan to have a small exchange with Chile, they hope for founding from the government, the inflation has reduced the amount that IFYE alumni are willing to support. They hope to be ready for May next year, which will be too late for us to have exchange with US in 2025.

9. **Reports on Past IFYE Activities**

9.1. Report on the IFYE Conference in Austria, 2023

Alois and Sabine gave a short report on the last conference. They had a lot of questions regarding what would happen after 2 cancelled conferences. They wanted to show the agricultural and the area where we stayed, also giving the rest of Europe the opportunity to show their countries for one night. They will transfer 3000 Euro to Newcomer fund.

9.2. Executive Committee Report

The report was circulated to Contact Members with the papers for the conference, is displayed on the conference noticeboard and is available on the www.ifye.eu website.

9.3. Country Reports on Special or New Programs

NI: YFA have been more involved in the election process and with ideas, support. YFA is taking a week of hosting. They have a 5-nation conference, a mini European Rally, a 5 night conference, YFA is a part of it. Irish delegates are participating.

Swiss: 9 outgoing to 15 incoming, might start exchange with Thailand and Luxembourg.

Finland: Finland want to welcome everyone to Finland October 5th, 60th anniversary. Mänattä club. Any question to the Finnish IFYEs regarding travels etc.

Germany: 3 incoming, 4 outgoing all voluntary work. They have 2 weekend meetings, meeting the old and new IFYE's. They sponsor the new IFYEs so they will stay in the IFYE alumni.

Norway: Everyone is invited to the reunion from the conference in Norway 96. October 26th in Oslo.

9.4. Report on European Rally, and greetings from RYE

European Rally is in Estonia now, so no one from RYE is here from them, or any of the board are at the Rally.

10. Financial Matters

10.1. Main Report 2023 – 2024

The actual closes about good CHF 6200.- better than the budget. The main reasons are:

- The budgets of the accounts from the Executive Committee were used about CHF 1600.- less: about CHF 720.- less for Newcomer IFYE support, no hosting Rural Youth Europe, minus CHF 300.-, no extra conference reports, minus CHF 200.- and other, smaller or less expenses give this pleasing result.
- The cost for the website, webhosting, layout where rounded CHF 260.- less than the budget.
- Regarding bank charges and bank investments, we closed with a surplus of CHF 1166.45 thanks to the increase in the value of our investment fund and once a little higher interest rate.
- Because of more lifetime members and high non-member fees due to the world conference, we have a big plus in membership fees of CHF 2815.30 .
- Due to the world conference the Tombola also generated additional income of rounded CHF 526.-
- This results in a plus of CHF 6257.42 compared to the budget and an effective plus of CHF 3637.42 .

We have CHF 33'944.56 on our UBS accounts, and the UBS LUX strategy fund is worth CHF 20'894.00

The general account increased CHF 1883.98 and is now at CHF 7236.16

This results in fortune of CHF 54'838.56 30th of June 2024, and therefore an increase in fortune of CHF 3637.42.

10.2. Lifetime Members' Fund Report

The lifetime member fund decreased despite four new lifetime members CHF 564.12 . The fund covers, according to the rules in the blue buckled, the half cost for the midterm-meeting. The fund is worth now CHF 26013.00 .

10.3. Development Fund Report

The development fund is at CHF 17628.56. Last year's tombola brought CHF 2628.56. After the transfer of CHF 1851.00 to the general account, according to the rules in the blue booklet, and there were no applications, the account close with the plus of CHF 2628.56 from the tombola income. After this AGM the amount of this CHF 2628.56 will be transferred to the general account, so we will be at the maximum limit of CHF 15000.00.

From non-members we got CHF 2820.- in the newcomer fund and spend CHF 1280.00 to support 8 newcomers IFYE's. So the fund stands by CHF 3960.84, an increase of CHF 1540.-

10.4. Auditor's Report

See attached.

11. Applications to the Development Fund

There are no applications. There are money for new projects. Information about applications can be found online or in the Blue booklet.

12. Proposals from the Board

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Approved.

13. Budget 2024/25

See attached

14. Membership fees

Based on the situation today, we won't make any changes to the membership fees.

Annual member: 20 CHF

Life Time Member: 240 CHF

15. Development Fund

See attached

16. Future IFYE Conferences

- England 2025,
- Estonia 2026
- Switzerland 2027
- Sweden 2028
- New Zealand world conference 2028
- Scotland 2029

17. Election of Office Bearers

- President: Andreas Poelzl (Aut) Elected in 2023 for a two-year term.
- 1st Vice-President: Sam Hawkes (NI) Elected in 2024 for a two-year term.
- 2nd Vice-President: Christin Cooper elected to represent England.
- Secretary: Mari Kindsbekken (Nor) Elected in 2023 for a two-year term.
- Treasurer: Marc-Andre Zuber (Swz): Elected in 2024 for a two-year term.
- Newsletter Editor: Kelly Renals (Eng): Elected in 2024 for a two-year term.
- Auditor: Two Auditors are required to be nominated by England for a one-year term.
Helen Ramsay, Alistar McCormack.

18. Any Other Business

- Ria Geluk informed us that Sandra Lont, Netherlands, their contact member has become sick and could not join the conference.
- Handover Silver- and Golden Certificates for European IFYE's
- Tombola

Apologies for Absence

Trevor and Clare Woods NI
Margaret and Noel Hemphill NI.

David & Yvonne Neill

Roger and Jennifer King

Caroline Dick
Scotland.

Erna und Frieder Erbacher

Aune mi v. Reden Litken

Joni und Aune Wiggand

MARION MACPHAILSON

MARGARET HENICHICH

MO HENICHICH

ELIZ BRUGES

ELIZ MILLER

CHRISTINE COOPER

Hilde Hjeld NO

Ruth and Alf Johansson, Sweden

Alison Roberts

Mary Roberts

Alison Spencer,

Nicole Doidge

Kelly Renals,

Laura Flower

Nani Daniels - Gower

Anghad + Andrew Spencer

Katie Ruler

Simone Hutter

Hanna Taala Finland

Siren Mennala Fin

Kati Nurminen Fin

Jarkko Nurminen Fin

Marianne Huhtala Fin

Päivi Pynnönen FIN

Merju Pietarinen FIN

Juha Kylämäki FIN

Marita Pynnönen Fin

Kaisa-Leena Kaarlonen Fin

General expenses

	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
	22 - 23	23 - 24	23 - 24	24 - 25

Executive committee

Hosting Rural Youth Europe	0.00	-300.00	0.00	-200.00
Extra conference report	0.00	-200.00	0.00	-100.00
Silverpins/Certificates	0.00	0.00	0.00	-2'800.00
Gifts	0.00	-300.00	-11.00	-200.00
Newcomer IFYE Support	-1'060.00	-2'000.00	-1'280.00	-640.00
Other Expenses (Postage, Fees)	-64.23	-50.00	0.00	-50.00
Travel costs to World conference	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Travel Costs visiting AGM at European Rally	0.00	-200.00	-115.00	-200.00
Mid term meeting	-1'644.85	-3'000.00	-3'048.23	-3'000.00
Total	-2'769.08	-6'050.00	-4'454.23	-7'190.00

Newsletter / website

Website, Webhosting, Layout	-159.36	-300.00	-42.06	-100.00
Anniversary booklet	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total	-159.36	-300.00	-42.06	-100.00

Memberships

Annual members	1'322.18	1'400.00	1'215.30	1'200.00
Lifetime members	0.00	480.00	960.00	480.00
Non-Members for Newcomer Fund	306.60	300.00	2'820.00	300.00
Total	1'628.78	2'180.00	4'995.30	1'980.00

Tombola

Income	1'851.00	2'000.00	2'628.56	1'800.00
Expences	-422.08	-400.00	-501.74	0.00
Total	1'428.92	1'600.00	2'126.82	1'800.00

Interests

Interests	34.50	50.00	185.10	100.00
Bank Charges	-71.72	-100.00	-133.51	-150.00
Changing of LUX Strategy fund	255.00		960.00	
Total	217.78	-50.00	1'011.59	-50.00

Total 347.04 -2'620.00 3'637.42 -3'560.00

Lifetime-member fund

Expenses	-822.43	-1'700.00	-1'524.12	-1'500.00
New Lifetime-members	0.00	480.00	960.00	480.00
Total Change of Lifetime-member fund	-822.43	-1'220.00	-564.12	-1'020.00

Development fund

Future of IFYE program applications	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
others	0.00	-2'000.00	0.00	-1'000.00
Income from Tombola	1'428.92	1'600.00	2'126.82	1'800.00
Total Change of Development fund	1'428.92	-400.00	2'126.82	800.00

Newcomer fund

Support for newcomer	-1'060.00	1'200.00	-1'280.00	-960.00
Non-Members fees for Newcomer fund	306.60	300.00	2'820.00	300.00
from Development fund	0.00	2'000.00	0.00	1'000.00
Total Change of Newcomer fund	-753.40	3'500.00	1'540.00	340.00

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Annual General Meeting of the European IFYE Alumni Association
Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements 01.07.2023 – 30.06.2024.

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the European IFYE Alumni Association for the year ended 30.06.2024. The financial statements comprise the balance sheet, income statement, cash flow statement and notes.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the European IFYE Alumni Association's financial performance and financial position in accordance with Blue Booklet.

Basis for Opinion

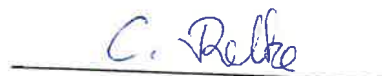
We conducted our audit in accordance with good auditing practice in Germany. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements of the European IFYE Alumni Association have been properly prepared and are good order.

Cloppenburg the 28th of July 2024



Peggy Rostin, Auditor



Christine Relke, Auditor

President: .....*

Date: 01.08.2024.....

Secretary: Mari Kins.....

Date: 01.08.2024.....

Treasurer: Hak-Indie Zuber.....**

Date: 01.08.2024.....

* The above signatory is authorized by the Executive Committee of EIFYEA to revoke or endorse a new signatory as Treasurer, should it be required for a period of 12 months from this date.

**The above signatory is authorized by the Executive Committee of the EIFYEA to carry-out the financial duties of the organization for a period of 18 months from this date.

Mari Kinsbekken (NOR)

Secretary