

Minutes from Malta 2013

Friday 21-23rd June 2013

Matt: People from Prague and London to show up. Any other possible hosts – Germany?

Well done to Vivian. We made a decision to move our banking to Malta – one account.

Vivian: Malta received 2917.78. 750 came from pre reg. balance 2167.78. Expenses 94euro for website. 615euro t-shirts etc. Rent of room. Donation? Dean who set up the website. Should we pay Dean? Send him a t-shirt?

Matt: Dean spent a lot of time and stress on website, its 100 euro well spent.

Vivian: well negotiated hotel prices, free coffee, water, etc. DJ is playing for free, friend of AA. Raffle for a model boat! Malta committee and in good spirits and communication. 2 incoming Malta member. Andrew and Anna. Vivian bargained with the hotel exceptionally well and he is clearly a winner.

Vivian: If we are going to open a new a/c, what will we do?

Donate certain amount to local AA. Usually, 50/50. Only possible debt is from the Irish convention.

640euro for rooms deemed excessive. Articles in newspapers about Eurypaa, well done.

Down to business! Welcome Emma.

Discussion about how long board members serve. Good degree of experience on board. By Laws online. 'Facts, Aims, Purposes' read aloud by Johanna R.

James: Nothing to report!

Matt: A lot of outreach done in the US going all the way up to head office in NY. Grapevine. A lot of consultation. Successful group decision.

Johanna pays tribute to Matt. Matt advises board to 'pay attention and learn'. No sign of Morten. We'll get his report when he arrives.

Frederik stepped down as treasurer and won't be at the convention.

Anders consulted: He doesn't see Frederik returning to the board. We need to replace Frederik

CER and banking a/c. No American to be signature of a/c as it's highly complex. Malta is the Camyen Islands of banking in EU. Talk of a new treasurer, has to be a board member. 2 yrs sobriety needed. We need some reliable.

Johanna: Europe is hard to outreach - so many countries and languages. We could try to get Eurypaa on international conventions ICYPAA etc. Johanna would like some help on Outreach, asks Michelle to assist.

Matt: Good job done on getting convention in publications. Can work on increasing exposure to Eurypaa. Host committee can work alongside the Outreach person.

Johanna: Raises the issue of been overworked with emails.

Suggestion of directing queries to website etc

Albert: Technical stuff: postpone finish date for competition for banner design. Promote at this convention. 2 free registrations, t-shirts as prize. Pin – repost.

Agreed that Albert is the Pin King!

Concerns about the progress of founder created all of Eurypaa of thier own. Member recommends that we eradicate their name from everything related to Eurypaa.

Suggested that we create a rolling Eurypaa 2014 twitter account.

PayPal account in Eurypaa's name is a good concept, but could run into administration troubles. Albert says it's a tough process, but could be worthwhile in the long-term. Michelle suggests not to have anything in anyone's personal a/c.

Anders is concerned about difficulty of pre-registration traumas. Albert reassures him it's OK.

It is recommended that pre-registrations are paid in cash.

Peter resigns his position Mailing Chair and is likely to be elected as Archivist. He is unanimously elected as Archivist. So much he can do with this position. Photos, articles, banners, etc.

Michelle R: Talks about structure of Irish AA. Ireland is ultra conservative.

Anders: Hands out flyers! Talks about YP in CPH, says it's not really a YP meeting. Took them 1 year to paint the place. Anders no longer lives in CPH city center, but likes to try to keep in touch. He's great and is "bringing this home".

Patrick: In London, there's confusion about banking. The EURYPAA board is deemed not AA in London as we are not affiliated to any outside AA group so they see us as operating outside the traditions. Londonypaa has been active in promoting YP. Patrick succeeded in getting Eurypaa recognized as an official AA event.

Great acknowledgement on website of AA Britain to YP in AA. Mentioned Londonyapaa, contact has been established with them. It is a broad sweeping nod to YPAA.

FAQ's? Can be impersonal. Thought best to decide on answers as an informed group.

Saturday 22nd June 2013

Well done to Johanna and Michelle on getting on pre reg early closure.

Discussion about the meeting on Friday night. Podium to be moved and the room to be rearranged. The atmosphere needs to be changed.

We need to accept some responsibility and have to help create a good spirit of the meeting for YPAA on the island.

Morten: Prague committee – Hotel has a (traditional Czech look), “it’s cool”. The view from the hotel is amazing. Prague is a perfect location. Downside – the AA community is fairly small, it will mostly be expat’s who will make the local AA population. 10 people available, 30 in total.

By-Laws consulted for Frederik’s Treasurers position: we don’t have to ask him. He will be replaced.

Sara from Denmark was not available to fill the role for Denmark, Martin from CPH? Identified as an alternate. Someone is going to call him. A man called Henrik from CPH recommended as treasurer.

Martin from CPH is sober 4 yrs and a good choice. This item is now left open, TBD

Signers on the a/c? A code generator – a different code for every transaction (general bank discussion)

Morten asks what our individual roles are in working with the host convention area? (discussion) We act and cooperate as an informed group. Concept 3 read aloud. Morten wants to see concrete rights of decision to board members.

Johanna says that she and Vivian were communicating fine until Matt said that the selection of speakers should be a committee decision.

Right of decision to appoint speakers to be given to the host committee (result of discussion)

Noel P: suggests that we can learn from this situation and do more research on the speakers before they speak.

Anna representing Malta is welcomed to the board. Sober date: 2011. She will add people to Facebook.

Discussion to about making the environment more festive at the convention

Michelle from Prague enters the room. Jimmy proposes poem, which is a BIG HIT, we all loved it!

Who wants to take on the job of getting Eurypaa in the international directory. Michelle R to get on it with Johanna in support.

Jim W. (guest attending) talks about GSO contact in the US and his experience with ICYPAA. There was acceptance and welcomes from the upper echelons of AA in the US, announcement in Grapevine etc.

Talk of quitting the board can be detrimental to the integrity of the group. Agreed that more Skype talks are better than Facebook chat, when possible.

Anders suggests that we call the first Martin. (unable to reach)

Michelle nominated for job of (electronic) mailing Chairperson. Peter says he has email addresses. Michelle is going to give it thought.

Fabian consulted about setting up YPAA meetings. Patrick shares his experience about setting up YP meetings in London.

Fabian is 5 yrs sober and has connections in Frankfurt and Berlin. He thinks we should get someone from one of those cities.

Michelle suggests that the fact that there's a tiny YP population in Fabians area is all the more reason to join the board.

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Elections for the new Treasurer, Patrick Read was nominated to the role and accepted. Vote was unanimous for his acceptance.

Noel is added to board as member in Ireland

Andrew, Anna are added to the board from Malta

Fabian is added to board as an appointed member.

Reconfirmed that we are opening bank account in Malta, Patrick Read, Morten Broberg, and back-up signature in Malta Andrew Falzon