

**Beverley Lemgo Twinning Association**

**Minutes of the Management Committee**

**Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2009**

**Present:** Mrs. E. La Pensée (Chair), Mr. G. Pearson, Mr. M. Revell, Mr. H. Cressey, Mrs. C. Chamberlain, Mrs. L. Dawson, Mr. S. Harrison

**Apologies:** Mr. H.T. James, Mrs. B. Ayre, Mrs. G. Vosseberg-Benson, Julia Blackwell

**1266**      **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2009 were approved. There were no matters arising.

**1267**      **Introduction to Beverley Fire Brigade**

Mrs. La Pensée welcomed and introduced Mr. Harrison to the Committee. He explained that the link between the Fire Brigades at Beverley and Lemgo was forged back in 1981 and that he himself has organised the visits for the last 10 years. These are bi-annual; Lemgo in June, Beverley in July or August. The Youth Fire Service also has a visit to Beverley every year, usually in October. Mr. Harrison went on to say, however, that he finds it increasingly difficult to offer the same hospitality here as is offered in Germany, due to limited resources. He was pleased to report that the Chief is now fully supportive and has made minibuses available for use. Mr. Harrison is very keen to take part in the Committee and would like to organise visits and activities jointly with the Twinning Association. It was agreed that such cooperation would be beneficial for both parties.

Mr. Pearson mentioned the Association website and suggested including a link to the Fire Brigade. Mr. Harrison also offered a meeting room at the Beverley Fire Station for future Committee meetings. This offer was gratefully accepted by the Committee.

**1268**      **Applications for Membership**

The Hon. Treasurer reported that there has been 1 renewal.

**1269**      **Reports of Officers**

(a) Hon. Secretary (vacancy)                      Nothing to report.

(b) Hon. Treasurer

The Hon. Treasurer presented the Committee with the Financial Statement for August.

(c) Travel Officer (vacancy)                      Nothing to report.

(d) Supper Club Organiser

Mr. Cressey reported that approximately 33 people will be attending.

(e) Accommodation Officer (vacancy) Nothing to report.

(f) Youth Officer (vacancy)

There have been 2 requests from Lemgo:

- Sina Starke (17) – 12<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> October. Mrs. Ayre will host her and she may work on the Comenius Project.
- Noémi Raman (19) – January/February 2010 for 6 weeks. She would like to work in a medical environment. Mrs. La Pensée has a contact in a rehabilitation centre. Accommodation will be a problem, however.

(g) Website Officer

Mr. Pearson said that there is still a problem with the newsletter. Mrs. Chamberlain will re-assess.

(h) Euro Grants Officer (vacancy) Nothing to report

(i) Press Officer

In light of the problem with the website, Mrs. Chamberlain will send a copy of the newsletter to the Council for distribution with the Minutes. She also requested a picture of the Charity Stall.

**1270 Market Charity Stall, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

The letter has been circulated. Mrs. La Pensée described the contents of the 20 hampers from Stendal and suggested that the items could be sold on the stall, apart from the beer which could be sold at the Christmas Market.

**1271 Nominations for Management Committee & format of Agenda**

Mr. Pearson read out his proposal for the new agenda, which was accepted in the main. He will amend it slightly and re-submit.

**1272 Comenius Project**

Mrs. La Pensée explained that the members are currently working on a list of activities. There will be a visit every quarter, beginning with a delegation from Lemgo in November.

**1273 Any Other Business**

Hull Collegiate is working on 'Skype' projects. This link has been set up by the Heads of Languages there and at the *Marian-Weber-Gymnasium*.

Mrs. La Pensée suggested holding a german film evening, particularly during winter, as a new social event. The Committee thought this was a good idea.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (amended or new dates in bold)**

4<sup>th</sup> September - Supper Club, Cottingham Parks Golf & Country Club, 7.30 pm

12<sup>th</sup> September – Charity Stall, 8.30 am - 12 noon

18<sup>th</sup> September - Stammtisch, Cottingham Parks Golf & Country Club, 8 pm onwards

**22<sup>nd</sup> September – German Conversation Group, 16 Hill Brow, Kirkella, 7.30 – 9 pm**

**13<sup>th</sup> October - German Conversation Group, 16 Hill Brow, Kirkella, 7.30 – 9 pm**

16<sup>th</sup> October - Stammtisch, Cottingham Parks Golf & Country Club, 8 pm onwards

**10<sup>th</sup> November - German Conversation Group, 16 Hill Brow, Kirkella, 7.30 – 9 pm**

20<sup>th</sup> November - Stammtisch, Cottingham Parks Golf & Country Club, 8 pm onwards

**24<sup>th</sup> November - German Conversation Group, 16 Hill Brow, Kirkella, 7.30 – 9 pm**

**8<sup>th</sup> December - German Conversation Group, 16 Hill Brow, Kirkella, 7.30 – 9 pm**

13<sup>th</sup> December – Festival of Christmas Market

18<sup>th</sup> December - Stammtisch, Cottingham Parks Golf & Country Club, 8 pm onwards

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