

Beverley Lemgo Twinning Association

Minutes of the Management Committee

Tuesday, 6th February, 2007

Present: Mrs. E. La Penseé (Chair), Mr. G. Pearson, Mr. H.T. James, Mr. M. Revell, Mr. H. Cressey, Mrs. C. Chamberlain, Mrs. M. Moore, Mrs. G. Vosseberg-Benson, Mrs. L. Dawson

Apologies: Mr. D Moore, Mr. J. Moore Mrs. J. Pape

1062 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd January 2007 were approved.

There have been no offers to undertake the Travel Officer post, as mentioned in item 1061 'Any Other Business'. Any nominations for this should be submitted for the AGM.

1063 Applications for Membership

The Hon. Treasurer reported that there had been one new application.

1064 Reports of Officers

(a) Hon. Secretary

Nothing to report.

(b) Hon. Treasurer

The Hon. Treasurer presented the Committee with the Financial Statement for January, in which there had been no expenses incurred. Mr. Cressey requested that the Association provide wine at the Annual Dinner, which was agreed by the Committee. Mrs. La Penseé and the Hon. Secretary also submitted expense claim forms.

The Hon. Treasurer then presented the Committee with an estimated breakdown of income and expenditure for this financial year, with a profit of only £200, thus illustrating how unfeasible it would be for the Association to cover the Council costs year on year.

(c) Travel Officer

Nothing to report.

(d) Supper Club Organiser

Mr. Cressey confirmed that so far 10 people are attending the next Supper Club. He appealed for members to come and also to bring guests, as it draws the membership together and raises funds.

(e) Accommodation Officers

Nothing to report.

(f) Youth Officer

Mrs. Vosseberg-Benson reported that she had received 2 new requests from Germany: Andreas Schröder and Fiona Buncher, both 16 years old. Mrs. La Penseé suggested that a meeting be arranged with them during the visit to Lemgo.

Mrs. Vosseberg-Benson would like to update the information pack with the various placement options available, for both students and school children, depending on age and requirements. Options were discussed at length and agreed upon. Mrs. Vosseberg-Benson will update as soon as possible.

(g) Website Officer

Mr. Pearson reported that we are currently only using about 9% of the website's memory capacity, so adding the Management minutes would not be a problem. It was agreed that these be stored in .pdf format for easy access.

(h) Euro Grants Officer

Nothing to report.

(i) Press Officer

Mrs. Chamberlain had emailed the 'Beverley Guardian' with the 'Tesco' story. She will also send Mr. Pearson a copy of the newsletter for adding to the website (see below for website address).

1065 **ERYC admin charges**

The Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer had attended a meeting on 5th January with the East Riding of Yorkshire Council (Malcolm Sims, Head of Support and Procurement Services & Martin Heath, Principal Support Services Officer). The Hon. Secretary handed out notes from this meeting, in which both parties discussed costs and expressed their views on the current and future position. The Council have since proposed an annual fee of £600, to also include emailing the minutes to members. The Committee still thought this excessive, and Mrs. La Penseé requested that the Council quote specifically what would be included in this fee. As a comparison, the Hon. Treasurer had calculated the amount of correspondence per year and the total cost of photocopying and postage, which amounted to approximately £500. It was suggested that to try and reduce postage costs further, only one envelope per month would be sent out with that month's correspondence. Mr. Cressey argued that most members would prefer to receive the Management minutes and all other letters by mail, rather than by email and the internet. It could still, however, be arranged to email those members who are happy to do this, thereby cutting down slightly on postage.

A further meeting with the Council representatives had been arranged for Friday 2nd February, but has now been put back until Monday 12th February.

1066 Visit to Lemgo, 6th – 10th June 2007

The booking form for this trip has been circulated. **Members are reminded to reply as soon as possible.** The Committee feel that the trip should commence on Wednesday 6th June, to allow more time to see Hamburg, with the Lemgoers arriving on Thursday 7th. Thorsten Buncher has arranged bus transport for the trip and 2 nights' stay at a hotel in Luneburg, at a cost of 170/180€pp.

1067 Proposed visit by Stendal, May 2007

Mrs. Moore had sent a letter to Steffen Tank detailing proposed accommodation. Mrs. La Penseé asked that any such correspondence be presented to the Committee beforehand.

Nonetheless, the Stendalers have decided to postpone their visit until October 2007. As with the Lemgoers, a trip could be organised, but not so far away. Mrs. La Penseé will contact Steffen Tank to find out dates.

1068 Any Other Business

Mrs. La Penseé mentioned again that local Authorities should assist and support Twinning Associations more. She has met with the new Beverley Renaissance Partnership co-ordinator, who is very enthusiastic about working with local societies and the council.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 8th February - German Conversation Group, 16 Hill Brow, Kirkella, 7.30 – 9 pm
- 15th February - Stammtisch, Cottingham Parks Golf & Country Club, 8 pm onwards
- 22nd February – German Conversation Group, 5 Hawthorne Avenue, Willerby, 7.30 – 9 pm
- 23rd February – Annual Dinner, Beverley Arms Hotel, 7.30 pm for 8pm

- 15th March - Stammtisch, Cottingham Parks Golf & Country Club, 8 pm onwards
- 16th March – Supper Club, Cottingham Parks Golf & Country Club, 7.30 pm

- 6th -10th June – Visit to Hamburg, Luneburg & Lemgo
- 27th June - AGM, Cottingham Parks Golf & Country Club, 7.30 pm

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