

# Minutes Tallinn October 3<sup>rd</sup>

## SECRETARY SEMINAR'S REPORT FORM

66th EUROPA FORUM 2019 – TALLINN – 3-6 OCTOBER

Youth Camp & Exchange Chairpersons Meeting

Date 3rd October 2019 09:00-16:00

Chairperson: D-YCEC Margus Malla, D 120 Estonia

Co-Chairperson: D-YCEC Nikolaos Leopardi, D 117-B Greece

Co-Chairperson: D-YCEC Doris Papadopoulos, MD 117 Greece & Cyprus

Secretary: MD-YCEC David Drobesh, MD 114 Austria

Agenda Secretary: YCEC Paul Vanderhaeghen, MD 112 Belgium

LCI Youth Programme Representative: Laura Olzewski

### Agenda Item 1: Opening and Welcome

### Agenda Item 2: Presentation of Board

### Agenda Item 3: Roll-Call YCEC who are authorized to vote in this meeting - one YCEC from each country

YCEC Paul Vanderhaeghen (MD 112 Belgium): Roll-call was conducted of YCECs who are present at the meeting and have the right to vote for decisions (one per each country).

### Agenda Item 4: Application Form

Wim de Jong (MD110) presents the changes suggested to the Application Form:

- Nickname: introduced because those are commonly used especially in Asia.
- Choice for being a host family will be removed from the AF because it's not relevant for the receiving country.
- Vote: Remove line 61 from the AF (approved)
- Vote: Extend the sentence in line 73-75 with „including the responsibility to host incoming youth in exchange“ (approved).
- Doris Reva (D 120) and Laszlo Kende (D 119) will create a common guide how to fill in the application form.
- Tab „Grafiek 1“ will be removed.

Following changes were additionally decided on Agenda Item 7:

- remove line 42 (accepted, 12 pro 8 con)
- do a no/yes&specify field for AF lines 45-48 (accepted)
- add intolerances to line 48 (accepted)
- change line 45 to „Physical or mental health condition“ (accepted)
- add yes/no to line 43 & 44 where applicable (accepted)

### Agenda Item 5: Common application for Europe, US and Asia

Laura Olzewski (LCI): Oak Brook cannot enforce a common AF due to different legal requirements all

over the world. Setting up a common AF could only be achieved by a lengthy process (board meeting) which would reduce the flexibility and prevent year-to-year changes.

Dorit Nitzani (D128): the European form is anyway commonly accepted.

Marko Kuzner (D129): in rare cases there are different acceptance forms which are forwarded and filled by the applicants.

### **Agenda Item 6: Digitizing, how far the project is?**

Marko Kuzner (D129): disappointed about the participation in the work group, but he is working on a demo version of the online application.

### **Agenda Item 7: How to ensure a better screening around health condition**

Jens Aksel Thomsen (MD106): received youth with mental problems not stated on the application form and had to send them home.

Gaby Drobesh (MD114): stating a medical issue on the application form requires big care, open communication and trust between the partners. Youth Exchange must never mean excluding people with problems, but rather including them. A good practice is not to write too many details to the AF, but rather talk in direct in case of problems.

Dorit Nitzani (D128): sent a youth to Canada who stopped her medication on her own, causing big troubles.

Stefan Soos (MD104): they had a youth having been to a mental hospital during YCEP without any previous troubles.

Jens Aksel Thomsen (MD106): Suggestion to make a yes/no/specify field for medical requirements.

MG Clerens (MD112): We should avoid putting a stigma on youth, especially about mental issues. The AF filling guide should contain information how to provide the information in a trustful way.

Tomas Grigas (D131): Suggestion to include in the camp rules that it's the duty of every participant to notify about issues rather than covering them.

Laszlo Kende (D 119) et al: Suggestion for AF

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### **Agenda Item 8: Information from Camp Staff Meeting 2019 in Fredrikstadt**

Helle Soos (MD104): 18 persons from 9 countries participating, introduction of Lions Quest for YCEP. Feeling is to get more out of staff meetings than from EF meetings. Experience exchange is extremely important.

Purpose: get tools from Lions Quest for running the camps. We have Quest a programme, so why not using it for our purpose?

A test education of Camp Staff members in spring with staff from Norway, Romania and Austria will be conducted and the outcomes will be presented on the EF 2020. The programme will be digital and fully in english.

### **Agenda Item 9: Camp Staff Meeting 2020**

MG Clerens (MD112): Suggestion to merge Camp Staff Training with EF to reduce number of trips and intensify them.

Stefan Soos (MD104): Next training will take place in Romania, organised by Alina Iosep 1-3 May 2020.

### **Agenda Item 10: Camp fee/ Travel fee / administration fee. What are the youths paying for to take part of the Lions Youth exchange camp program???**

Survey about practices regarding:

- 1.) Do you have a camp fee?
- 2.) Do you have any kind of service fee?
- 3.) What does the service fee pay for?
- 4.) Is the service fee paid once or more?

### **Agenda Item 11: Information about the Danish camp fee setting**

No fees for incomers or outgoers – the Danish Lions pay it all.

### **Agenda Item 12: What is the accepted time for responding?**

(lunch break)

### **Agenda Item 13: Acceptance: Who shall we send it to? The student directly? YCEC? Directly to the student with a copy to YCEC. We have to make a decision who we will do this, now it's a little bit chaotic.**

Everybody is reminded to send relevant communication to all involved parties (see decisions from EF 2006, 2013 and 2014).

### **Agenda Item 14: Find system for a pool where we can put in youths that we can use as camp staff members in camps across the borders**

Stefan Soos (MD104): Following the camp staff trainings, we could think of a pool of those qualified staff.

Dorit Nitzani (D128): this is from time to time already happening on camp basis (camps are inviting camp staff), but needs to be much better coordinated between the countries.

Erel Karamanoglu (MD118): In Istanbul, they have experience with International Camp Staff for many years, but he would appreciate a coordination work group for standardization.

Pravin Sarnaik (MD323): very interested about the system of international camp staff and the training programmes.

Stefan Soos (MD104): It's mostly about identifying potential leaders (e.g. inside the camps or within Leos) and promote them.

(visit of the International President Jung-Yui Choi)

Rita Bella-Ada (MD111): reminds of the possibility of EU fundings.

Setup of a comitee for the organization of this pool:

- Erel Karamanoglu (MD118)
- Isabelle Rolland (MD103)
- Dorit Nitzani (D128)
- Daniela Gardini (MD108)

### **Agenda Item 15: Dialog on the new Host Family Handbook from HQ**

Stefan Soos (MD104): Host family guide as PDF, provided by Oak Brook.

Available at:

<https://lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/become-a-host>

### **Agenda Item 16: News from Oak Brook**

Laura Olzewski (LCI)

### **Agenda Item 17: Presentation of the International President**

Visit during Agenda Item 14.

### **Agenda Item 18: Authorization for social media use by participants in youth exchanges and their parents on AF**

Loris Baraldi (MD108): Legal issues of publishing photos and other media of participants.

Best practice is to get individual authorization beforehand.

### **Agenda Item 19: Inviting blind campers: using the network of local associations of blind as partners for candidate research**

Daniela Gardini (MD108).

In Campo Emilia there will be 4 spots for blind or sight-impaired youth outside the official contingents (contact Daniela in direct), aged 17-21 on a first-come-first-serve base.

### **Agenda Item 20: Sight impaired and blind campers: different challenges and requirements**

Daniela Giardini (MD108).

### **Agenda Item 21: Camp period**

- a. What is the camp period in 2020, 2021 and 2022?
- b. Is it possible to work on a common guideline regarding the camp period

Jens Aksel Thomsen (MD106): for the first time, not all camps in Denmark were full and the question was: why? It makes sense to place the camps in dates which are in the holiday time for most countries.

### **Agenda Item 22: Available camp seats**

- a. Were your camps fully booked
- b. What can we do going forward to make sure the camps are fully booked

Gaby Drobesh (MD114): good experience with posting free places in the Facebook group.

### **Agenda Item 23: Lions Quest in Lions Youth Exchange Turkey**

Erel Karamanoglu (MD118): Short presentation about Quest modules in his camps in Istanbul.

### **Agenda Item 24: Varia**

Dorit Nitzani (D128), Rita Bella-Ada (MD111): there were problems with a camp in Taiwan („Ancient Trees and Pacific Ocean“):

- Host family was a 21-year old girl, most time drinking alcohol with friends which posed a major pressure on the participant from Israel.
- The camp was a hostel with mediocre equipment.
- No meals were provided, they youth got very little amounts (~2.5 USD) of money to organize food on their own.
- The camp programme provided beforehand was not being conducted for real.
- A severe accident during sport was not reported to the sending YEC. The youth was initially not taken to the hospital against her wish.
- Communication with the YEC was insufficient, leaving the feeling of a lack of cooperation.
- Due to the bad quality and the mismatch between published and conducted programme, the money should be returned to the participants.
- The participant hardly noticed any involvement of local Lions or the YCE team. There were only host youth not running a appropriate programme.
- Youth had to wait the whole day at the airport because only one (very early) transfer was provided

Petya Simeonova (D130): We should think of a systematic evaluation for all camps.

Jens Aksel Thomsen (MD106): in Denmark, the sending clubs are getting the evaluation from „their“ participant.

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