



ESG

EUROPEAN YMCA SCOUTING AND JUNGSCHAR GROUP



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European YMCA Scouting and Jungschar Group (ESG) **Annual Meeting 28th and 29th of Sept 2007, during the ESG Seminar Uster/Switzerland**

Eleven countries were represented: Norway, Sweden, Finland, Belarus, Armenia, Lithuania, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, Switzerland and Germany

1. Adoption of the agenda. Points for any other business.

The agenda was adopted, with no extra points.

2. Adoption of minutes

These minutes were adopted:

ESG Annual Meeting: 15th Sep 06, Helsinki, Finland

ESG Executive Committee Meetings: 14th Sep 06, Helsinki, Finland and
17th March 07, Budapest, Hungary

One correction concerning the price of the Prague festival was made to the minutes of ESG executive committee meeting in Budapest.

3. Elections: members for the Executive Committee

There were three open seats. Two members were elected during the first part of the meeting on the 28th of September:

Member, for one year (2008): Andras Jankowski, Hungary (11 votes)

Member, for one year (2008): Kinga Kaiser, Romania (10 votes)

The election of the third member took place on 29th of September, when the candidate was present:

Member, for two years (2008-2009): Alena Schmassmann, Switzerland (11 votes)

Following members were elected for 2 years in 2007: leader Jo Edvardsen from Norway, Secretary Heidi Niemenmaa from Finland and Hariolf Schenk from Germany.

4. Prag-Festival 2008 (including Annual Meeting)

Jo presented the ESG plans for the Prague festival. Participants got also written information on the draft, the main stage program, the Global Village activities, the Late night program and the work shops.

5. Further plans for ESG

The place and organizers for the seminar, annual meeting and leadership training 2009 were discussed. No decisions were at this point.

Hariolf presented the idea of having the next ESG Jamboree in 2011. The place will be Lorelei in Germany. This idea was accepted.

Jo told about the current state of the ESG newsletter, web page, brochure and leaflet. There are some problems in spreading the newsletter to local troops and groups. Everyone should take responsibility on spreading the information. Executive committee is also working on the subject.

6. ESG day

Kinga Kaiser from Romania presented the year 2007 program for the ESG day.

Next year Sweden will take the responsibility of making the program. The program should be ready to spread before the summer holiday starts. The deadline is at Easter 2008.

Armenia might be interested in making the program in 2009, but this was not decided yet.

7. More informational matters

Jo told about the discussion and decisions made in the EAY General Assembly 2007. The main point of the GA was the co-operation between the program groups and the movement development. The Prague festival should be used as a meeting point and networking place.

8. Information and news from national movements

All countries represented gave a brief report from their work.

Lithuania: The shortage of leaders is a limiting factor for scouting.

Germany: The school system is under construction, and it might cause some problems to the actions of Jungschar groups in the near future.

Armenia: YMCA scouting has just started. There are 6 YMCA scout groups at the moment.

Romania: There is no scouting in the Romanian YMCA yet, this might be a future task for the ESG.

Hungary: They are working on having a new secretary for the national movement and also trying to develop contacts between different Jungschar groups.

Norway: YMCA and YWCA scouts are united since the year 2003. Now the Norwegians have brand new uniforms and new programs will be printed in March 2008.

Finland: The Finns are also making a new scout program. It should be ready for use in September 2008.

The upcoming big national and international events:
2010 national camp in Belarus, Norway and Finland
2011 World Jamboree in Sweden

9. Any other business

There were no other business.

For the minutes,

Heidi Niemenmaa