Board Meeting

Minutes

14 May, 2019

Beginning: 17:30

End: 20.30

Venue: NNHQ German Delegation

Attending persons:

* Serge Devynck (President)
* Anja Malms (Vice-President)
* Berthold Malms (Bazaar-Coordinator)
* Erin McCoy (Treasurer)
* Lara Ronayne Casimiro (Sponsorship Coordinator, Webmaster)
* Nevena Sic (Charity Team)
* Karine De Koninck (Charity Team)
* Stacey Gingrich (Charity Team, Guest Coordinator)
* Thomas Baldzuhn (Restaurant Team)
* Bernadette Nguyen (Restaurant Team)
* Olivia Ronayne Casimiro (Membership Coordinator)
* Baros Szabina (Secretary, Teen Coordinator)

Absent persons:

* Petra Havrankova (Tombola Coordinator)
* Yurii Senchuk (Restaurant Team)

President

* Opens the meeting
* Board members approve the meeting minutes of Board meetings 12 March 2019 and 26 March 2019
* Informs Board members that during the 4 June GAM he will present Lady Peach the as the new Honorary President (she has experience with charities already), and will say farewell to Mrs. Broeks, the ex Honorary President
* Tombola prizes still not picked up will be given back to their providers
* He will ask Petra Kammerer to give NCB back all 5 NCB T-shirts she still has
* We received the confirmation for the date of 2019 Bazaar: 16-17 November

Vice-president

* Bake Sale: today was the 2nd BS this year, with 1.486 EUR income (cca 200 EUR more money collected than during the 1st one)
* Bake Sale Coordinator is needed – Lara is trying to convince someone she knows and would be a good for coordinator. Until then: Erin can join Anja at the June one, Szabina can do the September one if free.
* Asks Membership Coordinator to check the Certificates for the leaving members, to be updated with Luigi
* Tombola tickets: Anja will speak to Petra: she can start printing them already with Luigi (earlier than last year, as a lesson learnt)
* She has all information on the summer holidays of Board members, she might need sizes of T-shirt
* She asks Board members to provide feedback on the planned info folders
* Welcomes Bernadette, the new Board member

Treasurer

* Income this year: funds from the 2 Bake Sales
* Update on Moniteur Belge: Erin had to register with an e-ID card, her ID is not proper for that, thus she should go to the local community to apply for that type of card by end of summer the latest. Other solution: Serge does it together with Erin if they need to log in and submit something

Belgian Charities

* Karine summarizes the applications from Belgian applying organizations.

1. **L’Arche Bierges**

* Activity: nurture adults with an intellectual disability, daycare and night service for residents
* Issue: they have over 4/2 m EUR income, all pages except the 1st one are prepared for 2018. They are asking for renovations for bathroom.
* Decision of Board: **no**

1. **Le Rayon D’Espoir**

* Activity: different projects on several location, were financed by NCB in 2016, now they work on building toilets in a Vietnamese village
* Issue: we will not pay for the builders’ salary so we deduct its cost from the amount, otherwise a good project
* Decision of Board: **yes, cost of 50 toilets approved minus the builder’s salary**

1. **Food Bank - Voedselbank West-Vlaanderen**

* Activity: They fight against hunger and food-waste, and provide re-integration of people in poverty via social employment. Now they are asking for the cooling installment into the truck that collects the food for redistribution. They will buy the truck from other donations.
* Issue: 2 years ago they were donated some funds, and couple of times before too. Not the best project. Serge suggest visiting them when possible.
* Decision of Board: **yes for max 10.000 EUR**

1. **Pinocchio**

* Activity: takes the interests and well-being of burnt children, teenagers in BE
* Issue: Karine is still waiting for cost breakdown and bank statement, she will call them, she has already sent them 2 mails
* Decision of Board: on-hold

1. **OPPC**

* Activity: they plan to build a hospital in the Democratic Republic of Congo
* Issue: it is not a Belgian charity, but based in Kinshasa. The amount requested is EUR 370.086 actually, too high. Missing too much information. In addition, it looks risky, they will not be able to provide bills in one year if the building has not started yet, etc.
* Decision of Board: **no**

1. **V-Europe**

* Activity: association for victims of terrorism, attacks committed in BE and abroad
* Issue: no exact answer as to what they would spend the EUR 10.000 that they ask for, they work with foreign NGOs too (they help psychologically, morally and financially, also victims from/in US (?) and Europe – not Belgian related. Karen got answers: they can send one person for PSTD treatment. More contact were made to them for specification. Also needs to be cleared why it is 47 persons whom the project supports while they write 1 person to be sent for therapy. Still too vague although the organization answered.
* Decision of Board: **on-hold**

1. **Peluche**

* Activity: takes care of minors who are placed in institutions because their parents are (temporarily) unable to provide a safe parenting function for the harmonious development of their child(ren).
* Issue: training of volunteers – what if they leave the organization right after the training? We cannot see if these leisure activities they provide will help the kids’ home situation. Karen will ask: is the training for all 50 volunteers? Which school? Not sure who the 350 kids are? Do volunteers sign a contract to stay at the organization after the training? Who signs up the kids? Photos on their website show that it is a weekend, afterschool activity / daycare center for kids but we cannot see that these are kids in special need and if our donation would really help them with their neglection problem.
* Decision of Board: **on-hold**

1. **GAM**

* Activity: promoting well-being for the poorest, access to drinking water
* Issue: only application complete, the cost without the management is okay, good cost breakdown and reasoning
* Decision of Board: yes, without the management cost

1. **IRIF**

* Activity: educational and / or women's projects to integrate disadvantaged people into society in Africa, Latin America, India. They would like to support nurse training in DR of Congo (Africa) with this project.
* Issue: who pays the EUR 700 per person cost part? They ask for only EUR 300/person while the whole training costs EUR 1.000/person. Otherwise, it is generally a good project because it gives chance to probably poor woman to get a profession and would improve the health level of the region. Questions to be clarified: how do they select who are going to be the nurses getting the scholarship? Where are they going to work after they finish the training?
* Decision of Board: **on-hold**

1. **SAFE**

* Activity: Safe Food Advocacy Europe, redistribution of food waste and its advocacy activities in Europe
* Issue: asking for equipment only, let’s try to visit them. Equities: have to be checked by Karen with the organization, if its correct then in, if not then out
* Decision of Board: **on-hold**

1. **Junior**

* Activity:
* Issue: they will resend the application in the format we asked
* Decision of Board: **on-hold**

1. **ACDA**

* Activity: development cooperation in the Andes, they want to build a kitchen and dining room
* Issue: who is going to use the kitchen and dining room? All the 24 organizations? Chair prices seem too high and they only ask for 6? If they clarify it, then it will be a yes.
* Decision of Board: **on-hold**

President

* Closes the meeting

Brussels, Dated as above

Minutes keeping: Baros Szabina