



MINUTES BOARD MEETING IN TROISVIERGES (LUXEMBURG) ON THE 19TH AND 20TH OF JULY 2008

Participants:

President Frans Ronnes, Esch, the Netherlands
Vice-President DI Karl Grammanitsch, Lassee, Austra
Lucien Majerus, Troisvierges, Luxembourg
Annette Savin, Cissé France
Helma van Drunen, executive secretary
Sandra Hengl, executive treasurer

1. Handover of the Charter finances to the Vice-President.

As agreed in Lefkara during the presidium and mayor's meeting, the Charter will, for practical reasons, in future work with a daily board. President en vice-president are that daily board. Frans Ronnes is responsible for the secretary of the Charter and Karl Grammanitsch will be the treasurer and take care of the finances.

To work out these agreements, this meeting was organised.

For practical reasons we decided as follows:

- ? The Charter is in future to remain registered in Cissé in France.
- ? A new account is opened in Lassee on Monday July 21st 2008.
Account name: Charter of European Rural Communities
Bank: Raiffeisen Regionalbank Gaenserndorf, 2291 Lassee,
Hauptplatz 3
Account number: 1.022.896
BLZ: 32092
IBAN: AT 4232 0920 0001 0228 96
BIC: RLNWATWWGAE
- ? Annette Savin will not close yet the account in France. It will remain a few months with a balance of € 50, -- in case anyone still uses the account.
- ? Annette Savin has shortly transferred the travel costs from the organisation of the summer meeting in 2005 to all the members. The members will receive this in the coming days.

2. Official status of the Charter

There is to be a renewed act of declaration which is prepared by Frans Ronnes and Helma van Drunen. Several times advise is asked at a Dutch solicitor. Because the Charter is in future to remain registered in Cissé in France, it's important to test if the new made act is also right according to the French law. Frans Ronnes will ask the secretary general of the European Movement who can make that test.

In any case some matters have to be adapted / organised before the new official text is complete. Frans Ronnes and Helma van Drunen will make proposals.

During the several small meetings in September, we will discuss them with all mayors.

3. New village in Spain

Potentially a new village has been found in Spain, in the region of Badajoz (to the south-east). Bienvenida will send an official letter and wishes to participate in the small meeting in Bièvre.

Frans Ronnes will contact Teresa Pedrosa about also participating in Bièvre to help with the translation.

The membership of Bienvenida can be officially confirmed in the mayor's meeting

in Stary Poddvorov.

4. Meeting of the webmasters

Three members have been found who would be prepared to help Ingrid with the website. These are from Holmegard (Denmark), Lasse (Austria) and Nadur (Malta). They would like to meet to get to know each other and discuss the changes to be made. It is agreed that they can organize a meeting. Travel expenses will be charged to the Charter.

5. Preparation multi-annual project.

Jette Johnsen has suggested organising a meeting of the presidium around the last weekend in November, in Denmark. By then we will definitely know if the multi-annual application has been accepted or not. Until now the reaction from Brussels has been to acknowledge that they have received the application.

6. Visit Sandra Hengl and Helma van Drunen to Stary Poddvorov

Helma van Drunen and Sandra Hengl will visit Stary Poddvorov in September. They will talk with the mayor about the big meeting in June and tell them the experiences of the last years. Sandra Hengl is to contact Frantisek Strycek.

8. Workload secretary.

Helma van Drunen has worked lots of hours preparing the multi annual project and spends lots of time working for the Charter. A lot of the work is done as a volunteer's job, but more and more hours of her regular work are absorbed by the Charter. If the multi-annual project is approved, this should be considered again. The presidium has to talk about the possibility to use a part of the money for organisation costs to pay some secretary hours in their next meeting.

9. Charter presents.

Sometimes it's needed to have a small "Charter gift". For instance, when the president visits official people in Brussels. The president suggests purchasing small gifts for various purposes. Ideas: pens or torches with inscription. Helma van Drunen will work it out.

10. Small meeting in Medzev.

11. Small meeting in Bièvre.

Sandra Hengl and Helma van Drunen will contact Medzev and Bièvre in order to find out how many members and who is named as participants for the small meetings. The presidium thinks it is important that each member participate because there will be talked about the multi-annual and other Charter business subjects.

For the meetings all participants should "bring" something. Meaning they have to tell something to the others. Furthermore the new status and official act, a financial report and the preparation of the multi annual are on the agenda of both the meetings.

More information, see somewhere else in this newsletter.

12. Bulgaria

Kolindros has initiated contacts to "Rila", a municipality in Bulgaria. More information will be received within the next few weeks.