

# MINUTES OF THE PRESIDIUM MEETING IN LASSEE.

Thursday June 7<sup>th</sup> 2007.

Present: Frans Ronnes, president; Karl Grammanitsch, vice president; Jette Johnsen; Lucien Majerus; Stan Delbridge; representative of Annette Savin.

Notes: Frans Ronnes. (development notes: Helma van Druenen)

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## **ON SATURDAY JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> THERE WILL BE A MAYORS MEETING IN LASSEE.**

### **1. MINUTES OF THE PRESIDIUM MEETING IN MALTA.**

You can find this minutes on [www.europeancharter.eu](http://www.europeancharter.eu) > list of activities.

#### **DECISION**

**Minutes have been approved**

### **2. TEXT OF THE CHARTER.**

*The Charter is developing from twinning to network.*

*The idea is to adapt the existing objectives and procedures of the Charter to the current reality. The President intends to produce two documents:*

- *One official statute, with the substantive aims of the Charter*
- *One document for organisation / regulations such as presidency, administrative support, financial support etc.*

#### **PROPOSAL TO THE MAYORS MEETING**

- a. Presidium and Mayors can, as soon as possible, supply points for a new substantive text of the Charter and for new text for organisation and regulations.**
- b. The President will ensure composing the new text.**

### **3. EXTENSION OF THE PRESIDIUM.**

- *The Presidium now has 6 members. It is suggested that immediately, and for the future, this should be increased to 7.*
- *One of the ten new countries should join the Presidium.*
- *Valeria Flachbartova, the mayor of Medzev (Slovakia) has said she wants to join the Presidium.*

**PROPOSAL TO THE MAYORS MEETING:**

- a. **Extension of the Presidium to 7 members.**
- b. **Appoint Valeria Flachbartova of Medzev (Slovakia) to the Presidium.**

**4. PRESIDENCY.**

*In the new regulations of the Charter the duration of the Presidency should be registered.*

**PROPOSAL TO THE MAYORS MEETING:**

**The President is appointed for four years with a possibility of one re-appointment.**

**5. TASK AND FUNCTION OF THE PRESIDIUM MEMBERS.**

*To simplify and clarify the tasks for both Presidium and other members, are divided.*

**DECISION**

**The tasks of the Presidium are clearly divided:**

- **Frans Ronnes, President.**
- **Karl Grammanitsch, Vice President.**
- **Annette Savin, Treasurer.**
- **Others: members**

**6. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.**

*The administrative support has been coupled to the Presidency.*

*Administrative support for the Charter is a voluntary job.*

*The real costs such as telephone costs, costs for copies and travel costs are at the expense of the Charter.*

**DECISION**

- a. **The administrative support has been coupled to the chairmanship**
- b. **Administrative support for the Charter is a voluntary job.**
- c. **The Charter pays for the real costs of the administrative support.**

## **7. MEETINGS OF THE PRESIDIUM.**

*It is necessary that the members of the Presidium and the secretary meet each other a few times a year to make mutual appointments or to have contact with the policy makers and decision makers in Brussels. The Charter should pay for the travel costs and the costs for the stay. If the meeting is in one of the Charter villages, the host village pays the costs for the stay.*

### **PROPOSAL TO THE MAYORS MEETING:**

**The Charter pays the travel costs and if necessary the costs for the stay for a few meetings a year of the members of the Presidium.**

## **8. BI-LATERAL CONTACTS.**

*The Charter encourages bi-lateral contacts, but suggests that there will no longer be financial support for these bi-lateral contacts. The members who want to organise a bi-lateral meeting can ask Brussels for a grant. ([http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/index\\_en.htm](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/index_en.htm))*

### **PROPOSAL TO THE MAYORS MEETING:**

**The Charter will no longer give a financial support to bi-lateral contacts.**

## **9. COMMUNICATION.**

*In the mayors meeting there again will be attention for the need of a good communication between Charter members.*

### **PROPOSAL TO THE MAYORS MEETING:**

- a. Those who haven't done so yet: appoint a communication officer.**
- b. Update the list of addresses of the charter.**
- c. Exchange of experiences with the Internet site:**  
[www.europeancharter.eu](http://www.europeancharter.eu)

## 10. PROJECTS.

*Several projects have been initiated by Charter members. More information during the mayors meeting about:*

- *The possibilities for grants. Daniele Fantechi (Nadur- Malta) will on Friday June 8<sup>th</sup> send a document about the possibilities.*
- *The elderly project. Can one or a few of the Charter members again apply in Brussels for this project?*
- *Europe has declared 2008 as the year of the intercultural dialogue. Do one or a few members of the Charter want to apply in Brussels for this project?*
- *Conference in Nadur (Malta) in November 2007 about agriculture and tourism. Explanation by the representative from Nadur.*
- *Youth meeting in Nadur at the end of 2007 / start 2008. Explanation by the representative from Nadur.*
- *Bridge tournament in Lefkara (Cyprus). Explanation by Andrea Shoshilos, mayor of Lefkara.*

### **PROPOSAL TO THE MAYORS MEETING:**

- a. Inform each other about the different projects during the mayors meeting.**
- b. Make appointments.**

## 11. RECORDING OF PROJECTS AND BI-LATERAL CONTACTS.

*Bi-lateral contacts and projects have to be reported. Suggestion is to report all those meetings to the webmaster.*

### **PROPOSAL TO THE MAYORS MEETING:**

**Report all bi-lateral contacts and projects to the webmaster: [info@europeancharter.eu](mailto:info@europeancharter.eu)**

## 12. SMALL MEETINGS.

*Till now there have been 3 small meetings (Latvia, Spain and Malta). The participants are very satisfied with those meetings. Now the question must be asked to all mayors if they think it is a good idea to organise such small meetings and if they can agree with the conditions about the aim and composition for small meetings of Charter members*

**PROPOSAL TO THE MAYORS MEETING:**

**A. It's a good idea to organise small meetings.**

**B. The conditions about the aim and composition for small meetings of Charter members are:**

- a. max. 4 visiting countries.
- b. it's not a party; starting point is that the participants have something to tell and something to ask.
- c. the participants mak a functional contribution to the meeting.
- d. a report is made by the organsing village. This report is placed on [www.europenacharter.eu](http://www.europenacharter.eu)
- e. everyone can participate in the country of his choice.
- f. basis is two participants per country.
- g. besides the visiting countries, the president of vice-president of the charter must be one of the participants.

*If this proposal is agreed, a list will be made of countries who want to organise a small meeting.*

*Some countries already said they want to organise a small meeting (Finland, Sweden and Portugal)*

<b>SMALL MEETINGS</b>	<b><u>Country</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
	<b>Portugal</b>	.....
	<b>Finland</b>	.....
	<b>Sweden</b>	.....
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**13. FINANCE OF THE CHARTER.**

- *Presentation of the annual account*
- *Checking the list of the annual fee.*

**INFORMATION TO THE MAYORS MEETING:**

**Because of the absence of the treasurer Annette Savin, Lucien Majerus will submit a report during the mayors meeting.**

**14. ACCESSION TO THE CHARTER OF ZAGERE (LITHUANIA).**

*By means of a Dutch town twinning, Zagere have been localised as possible member of the Charter. A delegation of the village participated in the small meeting of Kandava (Latvia) and now here in Lassee there's also a delegation of Zagare. During the mayors meeting it will be decided if Zagare becomes a member of the Charter.*

**PROPOSAL TO THE MAYORS MEETING:**

**Agree that Zagare becomes, on behalf of Lithuania, member of the Charter.**

**15. BULGARIA AND ROMANIA.**

*Update of position with respect to the search for villages in Bulgaria and Romania.*

*Two representatives of two different villages from Romania are present in Lassee.*

**PROPOSAL TO THE MAYORS MEETING:**

**The president of the Charter will talk with the two representatives of the villages from Romania and make appointments with them about the future acesion of one of them to the Charter.**

**16. SUMMER MEETINGS.**

- *More information about Lefkara 2008 by Andreas Shoshilos, mayor of Lefkara.*
- *More information about Stary Poddvorov 2009 by Frantisek Strycek, mayor of Stary Poddvorov.*
- *Strzyzow (Poland) is intending to organise the annual meeting in 2010.*
- *Who wants to organise the summer meeting of 2011?*

**PROPOSAL TO THE MAYORS MEETING:**

- a. More information about Lefkara 2008 by Andreas Shoshilos, mayor of Lefkara (Cyprus).**
- b. More information about Stary Poddvorov 2009 by Frantisek Strycek, mayor of Stary Poddvorov (Czech Republic).**
- c. Appointments concerning the organisation of the summer meetings in 2010, and further.**