

## 3rd IIW Executive Meeting 2019-2020

Meeting held at IIW HQ, 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### Meeting Minutes

#### Present

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| • Phyllis Charter  | President                     |
| • Bina Vyas        | Vice President                |
| • Christine Kirby  | Immediate Past President      |
| • Elizabeth Thomas | Treasurer                     |
| • Corinne Dalleur  | Constitutional Chairman       |
| • Alan Phillips    | Administrator (In attendance) |

#### Welcome and President's Opening Remarks

Congratulations were given to Chris Kirby for her Member of the Order of Australia award and to Bina Vyas for her birthday yesterday, which unfortunately was spent in Abu Dhabi airport.

Phyllis stated that as a small Exec team, the need to work closely together is paramount and the timely management of e-mail and other correspondence was essential. The Exec were also reminded that the matters discussed and decisions taken in the two days of the meeting, should not be further disseminated until the minutes of the meeting are made available.

#### *Minutes of the Previous Meeting*

Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting: Proposed by Chris Kirby, seconded by Elizabeth Thomas.

#### *Matters Arising*

There were some issues with the delivery and packaging of the Mailshot, which HQ are discussing with our suppliers. Staffing of the IIW office was discussed with options for ensuring cover, to be agreed at June Exec.

It was agreed that the Exec Meeting to be 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> October; GBM 7<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> October, subject to availability being confirmed.

#### REPORTS:

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| • President                | Phyllis Charter                |
| • Vice President           | Bina Vyas                      |
| • Immediate Past President | Christine Kirby                |
| • Treasurer                | Elizabeth Thomas               |
| • Constitutional Chairman  | Corinne Dalleur                |
| • Media Manager            | Kerstin Jonson (not attending) |

All taken as read, except for Treasurer's Report.

Various topics regarding the UN were discussed and whether there would be scope for the different UN Reps to cover different topics from each other, thus ensuring that IIW has better coverage throughout the UN.

It was raised whether those clubs that haven't paid should be 'delisted'. The 'inactive' clubs to be reviewed at June meeting, taking into account the feedback from the BDs' reports. From Liz's report, she noted that D702 has closed and that the three clubs will run autonomously and interact with IIW directly. There was discussion about the options available to move funds from the HSBC account to better earning accounts.

There have been 75 new clubs, with these being widely spread around the world which was warmly welcomed. There have been approximately 1,600 new members, 1,000 in India and 236 in Italy, so, congratulations were given to all.

### *Correspondence*

Several matters were discussed - **AP** to draft replies, to be circulated to Exec for agreement.

### *Replacement for 'Caring for women and girls'*

The result is to be announced at Jaipur Convention, 2021.

There are many causes that are being favoured by individual countries, but it was agreed by all that this needs to be a more all-encompassing approach / theme from an IIW perspective.

The four groups from the GBM will be asked to research appropriate themes to replace the current theme and to contact the NRs, etc., in the zones that they have been allocated. It is suggested that 2 themes would be appropriate from each group. The Exec will also discuss and agree two potential options.

The feedback will be required by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020, to enable the Exec to create a shortlist at the 4<sup>th</sup> Exec in June, which will then go forward to the GBM in October for the final decision.

### *D&R Review*

Review of all D&Rs was undertaken and amendments were made. Exec D&R to be sent to DBs for their information.

### *Bangladesh*

There were several matters discussed, the conclusions to which CD will relay.

### *Sri Lanka*

There were several matters discussed, the conclusions to which AP will relay.

### *Margarette Golding Award*

There were eleven Margarette Golding Award nominations, of which five were accepted, three were not accepted and further information is required from three other nominees.

The text on the IIW website needs to be changed to state the MGA is for service outside of Inner Wheel. **AP**

A question was raised regarding who should present the MGA when it is received? **AP** to answer that it is the highest ranking attendee of IW, according to the countries bylaws, who should present the MGA.

### *Received Minutes*

Concerns were raised about the independence of the auditing processes for some NGBs.

The FAQs on the IIW website are to be updated by **CD**.

### *Changes to the Blueprint*

The Blueprint is to be reviewed to reflect the members' request after Melbourne for a Three President's Format, shortened business session and more interactive workshops, seminars, training etc.

### *Constitutional Matters*

Croatia

Changes to be made to comply with Croatian Law.

Two name changes requested, one of which was approved, one requires further clarification.

Italy (Onlus Project) – Further information and clarifications are being sort.

IW Australia – requested changes that will be confirmed by CD.

Belgium Bye-Laws

There were various changes that were requested – CD will provide confirmation.

Norway Bye-Laws

Decision on requested changes is on-going.

Malaysia Bye-Laws

There were various changes that were requested – CD will provide confirmation.

FAMAT Bye-Laws

There were several matters discussed, the outcome of which will be communicated with FAMAT. It should be noted that The European Rally is not recognised as an IIW, so it has no responsibility for its promotion;

**AP & CD** to summarise points above, to be sent to FAMAT, after circulating to Exec.

### *Disbandment of D30 Norway*

How to deal with the financial aspects, when a district disbands, of the assets was discussed.

The suggested options available to be communicated with the District.

### *BDs Emails and Comments / requests*

The wider involvement of the BDs was discussed and suggestions as to how this could be implemented would be welcomed, to assess that they are practicable. It was noted that in one instance when involvement of the BDs was requested, there were not enough responses for a proposal to move forward.

The BDs connection with the NDC is to enable there to be a relationship built between the two, for the NDC to feel closer to IIW and for the BD to better understand the 'grassroots' of IW.

Two board meetings per year has been discussed at Convention and was not accepted by the members.

### *President's Theme 2020-2021*

In launching her theme and logo, Bina pointed out that IW is soon to celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It is the IW members that deliver to their communities and all would benefit by doing this through a structured framework, with partners, with UN, etc.

The logo and theme was very well received by the Executive Committee.

BV to provide AP with hi-res file formats. **AP** to get production quotes.

### *Minutes Received from NGB's and Districts without NGB*

Minutes were received from five national governing bodies and from fourteen districts without an NGB.

### *Extra Attendees at UN Meetings*

An additional representative has been accredited to the UN NY and UN accreditation is being sort for Veronique Bicu in Vienna.

### *Convention*

Various items for the Jaipur Convention were assessed for their suitability and the comments are to be passed onto the LCC.

**AP & ET** to review elements of the Convention Budget spreadsheet. There were other financial issues relating to the Convention discussed.

It was agreed that a Strategy & Liaison Coordinator would be appointed to the LLC and if the role was successful, also for future conventions.

Bina Vyas requested that it be recorded that there should not be an extra appointment to the LCC. Also, that she disagreed with the Three Presidents Convention format and that it should be a proposal to change the C&H.

The running order for the Convention to be researched by Exec and discussed on-line or via a Zoom meeting. To be confirmed and fed back to LCC by mid-March.

### *Painting Competition*

A painting competition to be started for children, based upon the President's Annual Theme. Parameters to be defined. Certificates to be presented: Gold, Silver, Bronze. To be circulated via NRs & BDs.

***IW Baskani***

After discussion, it was agreed that this was an internal issue for the district.

***AOB***

It was requested by Liz Thomas that a monthly report be provided to Exec of new charters – this will be provided by **EH**. A quarterly update to be made to the IIW website to inform of new clubs. **AP**

Changes to the IIW D&R are to be informed to the IGB. **AP**

It was asked whether transgender people can be members of IW. The Exec agreed that if the person truly identifies as a woman, is accepted by the club as a member, and is in compliance with any local or national regulations, they should be accepted as an IW member.

Announcing Election Results - The processes were agreed in line with the C&H.

Request from Vigo to circulate their PowerPoint to IIW. It was agreed that it would be put onto the IIW website. **PC** to forward to **AP**

Zoom – BDs to be split into two groups for Zoom meeting. The make-up of the groups needs to be considered to ensure least inconvenience with the timing of the Zoom meeting.

Request from a district that the Minutes from Exec and GBM be further abridged to enable easier and quicker translation. This was not accepted, as it could result in important information not being conveyed to the IW membership.

***Expenses***

There was a discussion regarding what expenses are valid and appropriate. D&R for various roles will be amended and circulated accordingly.

***Closing Remarks***

Phyllis thanked all the participants for their input, hard work and candour, especially as Chris and Bina experienced such arduous journeys. She thanked Elaine and Alan for their administrative support and wished everyone less demanding journeys back to their homes.

***Vote of Thanks***

Bina gave thanks to Phyllis for the thorough agenda and for the opportunity to discuss so many matters in a frank and supportive environment.

Bina too wished that everyone had safe travels back to their homes.

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