

MINUTES

2nd Executive Meeting 5th October 2020-2021

Held on Zoom at 09:00 am UK time.

IIW Executive		
Bina Vyas	President	BV
Ebe Panitteri Martines	Vice President	EM
Liz Thomas	Treasurer	LT
Phyllis Charter	Past President	PC
Corinne Dalleur	Constitution Chairman	CD
Ian Wynn (part of meeting)	RPG Accountants	IW (RPG)
IIW Office Admin		
Alan Phillips	Administrator	AP

President's Opening Comments

Welcome to Exec meeting and best wishes for every one's health, particularly Corinne.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

- 1st Exec Meeting
- 1st IGB Meeting

All minutes were approved.

Matters Arising

AP requested leave for next week, which was approved.

Correspondence

CD – Various issues were raised that there were some districts having problems getting people into positions, it was agreed that she would request further information to enable the group to take informed decisions.

BV said that they should be able to go ahead if they have real problem.

CD said that this is really an internal matter. Strange times and IIW needs to be flexible to ensure that roles are filled and CD would make clear that this is not setting a precedent.

PC asked to clarify the difference between ESO and ISO.

EM – said that they are two different roles and CD will ask for clarification.

LT – another letter from Jutta re: 7 or 8 Members at large, which AP had circulated. CD said this is on her 'to do' list.

LT mentioned email re: districts having their own business and financial rules, which AP and CD had already resolved, as they will vote at the district meeting.

CD - Austria – mentioned voting by Zoom, query whether voting remotely is acceptable/legal as it would be in a 'normal' district meeting.

A trial run of the Zoom internal voting was attempted, which could be used for the IGB CC role. It was suggested that a trial run also is done beforehand for the IGB.

Treasurer's Report

LT – said that as the IIW accountant coming in later in the meeting to present the results, she would move on to the presentation of the budget. It was agreed that this would be done after the meeting the RPG, the IIW accountants.

India “D300”

PC – stated that there had been a lot of correspondence, although IIW is not being provided with the full information. Said that the Districts are at loggerheads and that there is nothing coming through the National Representative, but via a Rotarian and, there seems to be little progress towards an agreement. CD – Suggested that there seem to be a lot of members in India who are Rotarians as well as Inner Wheel members, which could be adding to the confusion of rules and systems.

BV – there are many issues, the lady driving matters has her own ambitions. Suggested that to move ahead, it should be done within protocol and that there is some aversion by the neighbouring districts towards this proposal. Also, it is a very rural area and that there may be problems with being able to pay subs; the lady in question, resigned from IW, on the eve of her being asked to leave.

LT - pointed out that the proposed new district would be across the boundaries of other districts.

BV - She advises caution.

AP – to write to state that their proposals are not accepted, and that protocol is that it should be via NR.

Name Changes

Inner Wheel Club of Temuka to Inner Wheel Club of Temuka – Geraldine. Agreed to by all.

Guadalajara club belonging to District 417, transfer to D418.

LT - pointed out that they are already in 418 and referred to p144 of Directory. She tried to ascertain from Cap Fees, where it should be, but the clubs being paid for were not identified. Suggested to ask Elaine which district they were allocated to when they were chartered, which Liz said she would do.

MGA Nominations

There were seven nominations, of which three were not accepted, two were approved, one was given a qualified approval and more information will be requested from one nomination.

Q&A with RPG Accountants

LT - provided introductions of the Executive for Ian Wynn, of RPG, IIW's accountants and auditors.

IW (RPG) then presented the accounts, interest has increased, as there is more cash on hand. Expenditure is reduced by circa £30,000, thus increasing the surplus; NOK has reduced and there may be the need to diversify into other currencies.

IW (RPG) then went into more details on expenditure; the £10,000 from Trafford Council was noted; depreciation is considered each year, at 2% each year.

Net assets increased due to the surplus, due to lower running costs.

LT - will make a proposal to IGB that currency should be diversified and that some of the reserves will be put into longer term to achieve better interest rates. She thanked IW (RPG) for his help and advice over the previous year.

Budget

LT - said that she tends to be conservative in her estimations; many items have remained unchanged. New C&H will be printed after the Convention, but that this cost is spread over three years, so, remains unchanged.

Income estimated to be £385,000, based upon increase of 1,000. If Cap Fees proposal is accepted by Convention would increase to £440,000.

Budget shows an expected surplus, due to the reduced costs. Asked if the proposed increase should be withdrawn, which was seconded by PC. BV said that this was a small increase and that it should not cause hardship. This proposal was not carried.

EM - agreed with Bina that the reserves need to be in good shape in advance of the Centenary and AP pointed out that the prices had not increased since 2016.

LT - said that, with approval, there would be investments made into three, one-year fixed rate bonds, and £150,000 into both Euro and Swiss Francs. Highlighted that there had been a substantially loss on the Norwegian Krone (NOK) account since it was taken out. BV asked whether the NOK should be closed, but it was pointed out that the account now pays interest and LT pointed out that it may be prudent to hold it, until after Brexit, as it may increase.

The budget was approved by all.

Minutes from NGB and Districts without NGB

D81 Germany	GB&I
D85 Germany	IWA
D86 Germany	
D87 Germany	Cyprus – D96
D88 Germany	Switzerland and Liechtenstein D199
D89 Germany	Bulgaria D248
D90 Germany	

There were no comments made on any of the submitted minutes.

Nominations for 2021-2022

CD will address this later today. LT pointed out that there are two nominations from Mexico. Nominations will be discussed during tomorrow's meeting.

NR Reports

There were no reports to be discussed.

Replacement for 'Caring for women and girls'.

The proposals for the replacement of the Social Project theme were discussed. BV suggested that some of the titles could be edited to be shorter and thus have more impact. She thought that it could be left to the IGB to decide, which was agreed.

BV mentioned that the UN are highlighting this year with Education for women.

Trustees

BV – asked for the current position regarding, so that hopefully progress can be made in moving this matter forward.

CD - preparation of proposal about the trustees needed.

LT /BV – Both pointed out that there is a need to find out if current trustees willing to continue for next 3 years and indicate that it would be reviewed after 3-year term.

CD - But need to get approval from the Governing Body or Convention before a fixed term system is implemented, as section on Trustees is in the Constitution section, not Handbook. Exec cannot just add/change time limits of items in Constitution as could set dangerous precedent.

LT – possibly get a review period proposed in 2024.

CD - Write to Trustees to see if they are willing to continue in their current role and for the period specified, if one is to be implemented.

PC – pointed out that the IGB needs to be the ones to take any decisions regarding the Trustees and a time limit can not be imposed.

Planning for IGB

AP – suggested that the Covid19 project be added to the agenda.

Presidential Visits

BV - Will start to think about travelling in January, international flights have not yet started from India. It is a situation that is very changeable, and BV will report. LT – pointed out that with quarantine restrictions would have a severe impact on the chance of doing multiple country visits.

ND Clubs and Contact

Email from Sandra N 28-8-2020

Convention

PC - brought up that the programme needs to be discussed and approved by the Exec. BV said that this would be done during future Exec meetings. It has been explained to MCI how the voting would be done in the virtual convention. PC – also pointed out that the Proxy Vote holder had not been voted upon either.

CD – clarified whether the Virtual convention had been voted upon. BV said that a vote was taken on 10th September and the majority was for; but LT stated that this was not the case and what had been agreed was that at the IGB, a decision would be taken whether to go for a Virtual Convention or to postpone the physical convention. CD – recollected that many IGB members had requested further information on the content and the financial aspects of what was being proposed to be delivered by MCI.

PC - asked whether BV had seen the presentation, and she confirmed that there had been a short PowerPoint on Friday to LCC and BV. This was to enable feedback to be given and implored that the PowerPoint should be viewed with an open mind and what a virtual convention could be. There should be input from IGB, Exec, LCC. They will not be charging for the development work done to date, nor for the presentation.

LT - wanted to discuss Gomathi's reply, regarding some of the financial aspects of the cancelled convention and said that this could be done tomorrow.

- Presentation of 'Virtual' Convention from MCI.
- Budget.
- Programme.
- Proxy Vote Holder.

Any Other Business

LT – wanted to discuss the report from Kersten Jonson, who had stated that IIW's presence on Facebook needed to be addressed and improved.

Closing Remarks

BV – thanked everyone for their contributions and implored them all to 'stay safe'.