

German English Association (GEA)

Minutes of a meeting of the Organisers of the GEA
held on Monday, 8th December 2008
at Rechthaler Hof Arnulfstrasse 10, 80335 Munich

Present : Organisers (as in the attached list)
Reform Initiative: Event organisers: Roger Houghton, John Langton, Roger Partridge
Members of the GEA communication teams:
Ute Becker (programme editor), Harald Cramer (webmaster),
Sunny Jay (mailing list moderator)

John Langton welcomed all those who were present and thanked all those who could not attend, but had offered apologies and sent written votes. With the consent of those present John Langton acted as Facilitator for the purposes of this meeting.

Aims and Objectives

It was recognised that Organisers were at the heart of the GEA events and activities. The meeting had one primary objective - to seek the approval of Organisers, to a Resolution aimed at changing with the majority consent of all GEA participants in due course, the manner and form in which the GEA is directed.

Statement of Principles

Tabled : A draft Statement of Principles which had been sent to all Organisers prior to the meeting (and had been circulated to all GEA participants on the email distribution list).

Noted:

- (1) That in the case of events producing a surplus of income over expenditure such surplus(es) should be held by organisers and redeployed in subsequent events. In the case where the event was not repeated such funds could be donated to another activity or event (including publicity activities) directly to the Organiser. That the draft Statement of Principles should reflect this position.
- (2) That there would need to be a meeting of Organisers on a regular basis to discuss issues of interest.
- (3) That the issue of the association not providing insurance cover for events, activities, organisers and participants should be reflected in the Statement of Principles and that all announcements from Organisers would in future carry a "Footer" to this effect.

Agreed

It was agreed:

- (1) That the wording of Article 3 in the Draft Statement of Principles should be amended by adding a final sentence :

"If a surplus on an event should arise the event Organiser shall hold and utilise such monies for a subsequent event or activity. Where no such subsequent event or activity shall take place the Organiser, at their discretion, may donate such surplus to another activity (including publicity activities) of the GEA"

(2) That the wording of Article 2 in the Draft Statement of Principles should be amended by adding a final sentence:

“Organisers shall meet from time to time to discuss matters of mutual interest”.

(3) That a new Article be introduced in the Draft Statement of Principles:

“Having no legal existence, the Association, does not provide insurance cover for events, organisers or participators and accepts no responsibility whatsoever for damages, liabilities, injuries, or losses of any kind that maybe sustained by persons organising or participating in such events. All persons organising or participating do so entirely at their own risk.”

Resolved:

It was proposed by Roger Partridge and seconded by Richard Gipps that the following resolution be adopted by the meeting:

That the Statement of Principles as amended be adopted.

On a show of hands the Resolution was adopted (17 persons voting in favour and 3 abstaining). Noted : 19 Persons not present had indicated a wish to support the resolution, 1 wished to abstain.

(Taken together 36 Organisers voted in favour of adoption of the Statement of Principles, representing 90% of the body of Organisers participating.)

Extraordinary General Meeting

Noted:

(1) That a formal meeting of the association should be called for Friday 16th January, 2009 for the sole purpose of considering, and if thought fit, adopting the Statement of Principles for the direction of the association.

(2) That if approved the GEA would from the close of that meeting operate under the Statement of Principles for the future direction of the association.

Resolved:

It was proposed by Roger Houghton and seconded by Volker Frotscher that :

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association be called for 21.00 hours on Friday 16th January, 2009 for the sole purpose of considering and if thought fit adopting the Statement of Principles for the future conduct of the association.

On a show of hands the Resolution was adopted (18 persons voting in favour and 2 abstaining).

19 Persons not present had indicated a wish to support the implementation of the Statement of Principles via an Extraordinary General Meeting, 1 wished to abstain.

(Taken together 37 Organisers voted in favour of the implementation of the Statement of Principles via an Extraordinary General Meeting, representing over 90% of the body of Organisers participating.)

The meeting therefore asked the Communication Teams to issue a formal notice calling the Extraordinary General Meeting, to all GEA participants forthwith together with a copy of the revised and amended Statement of Principles and a copy of the minutes of this meeting.

Communication

The meeting agreed that the Communication Teams remain independent.

There being no further business the meeting terminated.