

Minutes GWEF meeting Butgenbach 11th of May 2019

In Attendance

chairman : Iemoyne Alex

secretary : Edwin Devey

treasurer : Lesley Snell

GWCA : Martin Reitstätter

GWCBY : Helen Zelizinskaya

GWMCB: Frédéric Vanderstukken

GWCBG : Ivaylo Stefanov

GWCDK : Jan Nielsen + Preben Leth

GWCF: Anne Lahdenne

FGWCF: Bruno Fortin

GWFD: Helmut Robatzek

GWOCGB: Bob Simpson

GWCH: Bart van Esseveld

GWCHU NagyBaka

GWOCI : Marian Reynolds

GWCI: Antonio Giuliani + Alberto Cicoria

GWCLV: Krišjanis Kalnins

GWCL : Luc Roettgers

GWCN: Sidsel Hveberg

GWCP : Tomasz Touronginski (arrives at 13,55)

GWCP: Mario Catarino + Pedro Caldeiro

FGWCR: Marta Kondrat

GWCSLO: Mateja Rokvic

GWAE: Willy Van Der Acker + José Maria Bolarya

GWCS : Tomas Johansson

GWCCH: Hanspeter Luadin

GWCTR: Faiz Koprulu

GWCUA: Stefan Gorelik

Not present (excused)

GWCCZ: Jaroslav Vavera

Start of the meeting : 13.10 hours

1. Chairman's report (and introduction)

Welcome everybody.

We hope that the year 2019 finally will bring us some peace of mind.

During winter we were , one more time, confronted with the continuing soap “ how crazy can you get in Greece”

This time the secretary of GWEF has been attacked personally.

We all want to enjoy our hobby in the best possible way but some people apparently have other ideas about “Riding a Goldwing”

I must say that I saw a big improvement in the announcements of the treffens.

Almost all the flyers came in in time so that the members receive all information to be able to participate the treffens.

Another important point is the ongoing contact with Honda Europe.

We now publish a Honda Newsletter on the GWEF site and the responsible persons at Honda are now planning to send “official representatives” to several treffens in Europe.

If you hear from your members that there are problems with the new model, please contact me so that I can contact Honda and let them know

I wish you all lots of enjoyment for the year 2019

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2. previous minutes

the previous minutes are approved with 22 votes in favor

Only the point “Proposal to create a photo base on the GWEF web site” has until now not been proposed to our webmaster. The secretary will contact the webmaster.

3 . secretary's report

We regard the Goldwing movement as a hobby. And run our meetings accordingly.

But I as Secretary, that is now being Personally accused by Drinias for committing perjury in the last courtcase, Knows that the presumption hobby no longer exist in GWEF.

The courts only regards what is on paper as correct! And if one of the GWEF member clubs dos not comply by the GWEF rules, it is the GWEF officers (board members) that will be held responsible. This is why I ask (demand) that all clubs comply whit the GWEF rules.

If not the club will receive a first written letter from GWEF. Pointing out what went wrong.

If there is no response. Than the officers must take appropriate actions. This might end in expelling the offending club(s).

So I urge the interreps to go to their committee and explain the gravity of the situation that the officers of GWEF are in.

After the report the meeting asks the secretary if he is willing to continue to do the “job” in view of the personal involvement. He confirms to continue which is rectified with a general applause.

4. treasures's report

Main Accounts

Subscriptions remain about the same
Treffen inscriptions are going down in line with falling numbers
Postage for cards and refunds from clubs is down as we work towards cutting costs
The overall balance going into 2019 is up.

Anniversary Treffen Account

Profit : € 1.889,98

Could have been more but the T-shirt producers didn't accept my numbers of T – shirts received. The difference was about € 3.000,00 which we had to pay as we were threatened with legal action (one more time !!)

Last transfer of € 10.000,00 was transferred after main A/C year end and shown in 2019 A/C

If there is going to be another anniversary treffen (for whoever is treasurer) the host country must have similar financial and accounting arrangements to Belgium.

The Slovenian way of accounting, payments and banking was very difficult to understand.

Also the main contact must be fluent in English and responds to e-mails and questions must be much quicker

GWOCI proposes to give the profit to the Slovenian Club

The proposal is seconded by GWOCGB

The meeting has a vote 10 votes the whole amount

12 votes half of the amount

5. Action Items

5. 5.1 election of chairman

There are 2 candidates : Pedro Caldeira and Alex Lemoyne

Pedro introduces himself to the members of the meeting (some IR's are new and didn't know him as being the IR of Spain)

Results : Pedro Caldeira : 10 votes

Alex Lemoyne : 14 votes

abstention : 1

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Lemoyne Alex has been reelected.

5.2 update court case GWCGR / GWEF

After we received a document with 18 “new” allegations the date of our case in court has been postponed.

This time there is a personal accusation towards the secretary and one more new accusation towards the Federation.

The allegations have been accepted by the court so we wait now for a new date to appear in court.

In the meantime we have drafted with our lawyer a number of counter arguments (which costs one more time a lot of money)

From now on Greek members must be considered as **NON GWEF** members at all time
At the official GWEF prizegivings there will be **NO** award for the Greek Club and there will be **NO** Greek Flags in the event hall.

5. 5.3 Discussion about “GWEF page on facebook

Alberto Cicoria (member of GWCI) runs a facebook page called GWEF page. In order to

provide the users with exact information, the meeting proposes to work together with some members of the committee, meaning the secretary, Krišjanis Kalnins IR of GWCLV and Stefan Gorelik (IR of GWCUA).

The secretary and the chairman will try to get the name “GWEF” registered.

5. 5.4 GWEF recognition for the “Edelweiss – Challenge”

Hannes Breitenlechner (president of GWCA) is organising a tour between the Slovenian and the Austria treffen (21.06 till 24.06.2020)

He explains how the challenge will work (every member of the meeting gets a digital copy)

It seems to be a very good initiative.

Voting for admission : 25 votes in favour

5. 5.5 New award for members that have done 100 international treffens

There will be a patch available for passengers who have done 100 treffens. The patch will have a different colour than the one for the pilot.

Voting in favour 17 against 4 abstentions 2

5.5 Balkan Tour

The Balkan Tour took place in Turkey (also in the Asiatic part of Turkey) Due to changes (the disappearing of Greece as member) the tour was in one country. The next edition will be held in Bulgaria

5.6 Treffen standards

It was brought to our attention that there was a complaint coming from GWFD concerning the Bulgarian treffen 2018. Helmut Robotzek (IR of GWFD) gives a written copy of the complaint to Ivaylo Stefanov (IR of GWCBG) in the way that it can be handled by the Club Committee

5. 5.7. Calendar 2021

The calendar 2021 is approved .

Votes in favor : 25

Secretary asks the clubs to send him a preferred date fore there treffen in 2022 before the end of June 2019

5.8 Free entry for the webmaster

The webmaster will get free entrance on the treffens in 2019
votes : in favor 25

1. 6. Any Other Business

6. 6.1 It is asked to create a download area on the GWEF site.
This will be communicated to our webmaster

6. 6.2 Stefan (GWCUA) announces that in Ukraine all Russian symbols (flags, banners ...)
are forbidden by law. Also the national anthem can NOT be played.

6. 6. Sidsel Hveberg (GWCN) informs us that she stops being IR of Norway.
The committee thanks her for her valued cooperation during the last years.

6. 6.4 The remark is made that some countries send the minutes through to members
before they are approved. You all better wait for approval.

6. 6.5 Important items on which the commission has to vote should be sent out in advance. Then it is possible to talk about these items in the national committees before the meeting.

6. 6.6 It is also proposed that the information about treffens on national sites should be
in the native language and in English.

6. 6.7 There was an official request to change the official inscription form box 2 should be at box 11
The secretary will put this on the agenda for L 2019

6. 6.8 There was a request to change the number of treffens (4) required to obtain a STA
Award. This proposal has been turned down.

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Close : the chairman thanks GWMCB for their hospitality

End of the meeting 17,20 hours

Next meeting Friday 30-08-2019 at 13.00u Diekirch Lux.