

Minutes GWEF meeting Diekirch 03 th of September 2019

In Attendance

chairman : lemoyne Alex
secretary : Edwin Devey
treasurer : lesley Snell (by zoom)

GWCA : Martin Reitstätter	
GWCBY : Helen Zelizinskaya	excused
GWMCB: Frederic Vanderstukken (excused) Axel Clerick	
GWCBG : Ivaylo Stefanov	excused
GWCCZ: Jaroslav Vavera	excused
GWCDK : Ejvind Madsen	
GWCF: Anne Lahdenne	
FGWCF: Marie – Anne Houbion	
GWFD: Helmut Robatzek	
GWOCGB: Bob Simpson	excused
GWCH: Bart van Esseveld	
GWCHU : Nagy Baka (excused) Jozsef Nagy	
GWOCI: :Marian Reynolds	
GWCI: Gianpino Napolitano (excused) Philippe Aubiveau	
GWCLV: Marks Puhalskis	
GWCL : Henri Schmit	
GCN:	not represented
GWCPPL : Tomasz Touronginski	excused
GWCP: Mario Catarino	excused
FGWCR: Marta Kondrat	excused
GWCSLO: Mateja Rokvic	
GWAE:	not represented
GWCS : Tomas Johansson	
GWCCCH: Hanspeter Lüdin	
GWCTR: Faiz Koprulu	
GWCUA: Stefan Gorelik	

Start of the meeting : 10,05 hours

1. Opening and Introduction

The Chairman welcomes everybody who was able to come to the meeting.
Because there a lot of new faces , everybody introduces him (her) self to those present .

2. previous minutes

The previous minutes are approved by 13 members of the committee

Due to the fact that only 17 countries are represented, we can't have an official vote on discussed topics.

The vote will take place at the next meeting.

3. chairman 's report

I'm very happy to see you all (meaning the IR's that were able to come over to Luxembourg)
It has been a very strange and difficult time with the Pandemic and it was not always easy to communicate

Due to the prohibition to travel, it was almost impossible to organise treffens. And that is the main goal of GWEF, so that Goldwingers all over Europe can meet each other.

I'm afraid that the situation still isn't completely normal, but we can only hope.

Many Goldwingers have hardly driven last two years and for some GW Clubs this has had a serious impact in the declining number of members.

We can only hope that in the years to come the situation will normalize

In recent times there was only one positive point, the ongoing conflict with the Greek Freak seems to be settled (finally)

4. secretary 's report

Some think because GWEF is a hobby the rules are not important. This is NOT the case. The vzw GWEF is established in the same way as all companies in Belgium. Hence all regulations are important and must be abided. This is something I have learned during the last 11 years of "court battle" with the Greek Club of Mr. Drinias.

In my opinion the vzw GWEF is the only registered organisation where the members make the rules and the directors have to bear the consequences for not respecting them. For this reason, it is with a sad heart, I no longer have the intention to stand as candidate for the election of GWEF Secretary in 2023.

5. treasurer 's report

You all received the financial report by mail

Income and Expenditure for 2020 was much lower due to Covid 19

The invoices for membership for 2021 were mostly paid quickly but two countries have been

slow to pay their invoices.

One being Poland for their treffen and the other Turkey but Turkey say they didn't receive

the reminder emails.

When emails are sent, the treasurer request that action is taken, even to acknowledge

receipt.

With the conclusion of the court case with Drinias the final invoice was paid to the solicitors

which took the total paid for the legal services for the court case to € 23555.01

6. Election Secretary and Treasurer

An official election is impossible (no 2/3 of the members present)
The current Secretary and Treasurer will stay on until the end of their term.
Secretary to 2023
Treasurer to 2024

7. Election of Chairman 2022

Next meeting, there will be an election for the post of Chairman.
The current chairman is running again but each country is requested to put forward possible candidates.

8. Court case Drinias

As you heard the court case Drinias / GWEF has finally come to an end.
The court has declared the case inadmissible and we can only hope that this will bring a definitive end to this ridiculous and needless case.
You all heard from our treasurer how much money the members of GWEF have lost.

9. Possible disciplinary action for GWCLV

The members of GWCLV no longer have GWEF cards. Due to poor communication the secretary didn't receive the necessary data and it was only with a lot of goodwill and the help of the old Interrep, that we were able to send some membership cards.
Don't forget that such things work to the detriment of the members.

10. Insulting Slogan at the GWCBG 2020

At the treffen of GWCBG 2020 there were T shirts and caps with the inscription
“ ONLY FOR THE BRAVE HEARTS “
This is really not suitable in full Covid crisis.
For us the health of our members comes first.

11. Cancellation of the STA – award 2021

Once again we must point out the travel restrictions imposed by the different governments. As we already said, health is more important than travelling to treffen.
So we, the officers decided to cancel the STA – Award 2021
This decision was made in Mei when treffen after treffen was cancelled.

Our covrements told us not to travel.

We understand that some countries think differently, but sometimes decisions have to be made.

Also now at this meeting only 17 countries are represented and I also must point out that 2 countries are not represented without any warning.

For the STA – Award 2022 the proposal is that we will work proportionally, depending on the number of treffens that will take place in 2022.

minimum number : 2 treffens

we can work with 20 % of the total number

12. GWEF cards for club members that no longer own a Goldwing

It is very simple if you no longer own a Goldwing you can't be member of a Goldwing Club. Meaning no longer a membership card

No Exceptions

We also must remind you that membership cards are only for the riders and not for the passengers. This will be discussed in the next meeting

13. Calender 2023 / 2024

The information for the calender 2024 must be send to the Secretary

14. GWEF treffen 2023

The meeting is in favour of having a GWEF treffen in 2023.

This has to be confirmed at the next meeting to make it official.

At the moment two countries are thinking to submit their candidacy to organize the treffen : GWCTR & GWCH

15. GWEF Challenge

GWEF proposes to organize a GWEF Challenge Cup

the Challenge consists in the following :

You travel around in your own country and you make photos of your motor with visible numberplate before nameplates of cities or municipalities in order to form

“GOLDWING EUROPEAN FEDERATION and (NAME OF YOUR COUNTRY)

For each letter you must have a different photo.

The participants will receive a patch and a extra stamp on the STA Award card.

Proposals for the patch may be sent to the secretary

16. Updating the GWEF page

Several participants in the meeting are asking for an update of the GWEF page

information such as permission to drive between traffic jams
availability of motorcycle parkings
obligation of first aisle strip on highways
permission to drive on the buslane
should be included by country

The secretary will consult our webmaster about these items. And the interpreters will be asked to put the info on the GWEF website

17. Possibility to have a barcode on the smartphone instead of printing GWEF cards

After a short discussion it is decided not to change the current system of GWEF membership cards.

18. Any Other Business

GWCF

Anne Lahdenne announces that this is her last meeting being Interrep
We thank her for her cooperation.

GWCBY

Belarus is cut off from the rest of Europe.
Helen sent an email to inform the committee

GWOCI

When you publish something, think about the copyright rules !!!

GWCS

Disagrees with the decision not to have an STA patch 2020

GWCA

Martin Reitstätter also stops being Interrep for Austria.
We thank him for the many years he participated in the GWEF community

GWCA

The download area on the GWEF site should be updated. Treffen and Tour
Announcements should be put together.

Next meeting : 5th of May Belgium

Close : the chairman thanks GWCL for their hospitality

End of the meeting 14.15 hours