



Minutes from
the Active board meeting
16th of May 2009
Örebro, Sweden

Present:

President Linn Landmark; Vice president Kristiina Lepa; Secretary Maja Stojanovska; Board members: Matus Kovacic, Olaf Jobmann, Gabriella Franzén, Glevin Dervishi and Secretary General Kristina Sperkova.

Excused: Madlena Tsvetkova, Emilia Sandgren

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1. Opening

Linn opened the meeting at 09:30 C.E.T.

Decision: Adopted as briefing.

2. Approval of agenda

Decision: Including the suggestions from Matus (point 17 and 7), from Kristiina (point 6), and from Madlena (point 14), the agenda was approved.

3. Last minutes

Decision: The minutes from the previous board meeting (including the comments by Kristiina and Kristina) were approved by all the members of the board.

4. Reports

- Office

The office was working a lot with the Content matters campaign, writing reports, working with Transit and Newsletters. We have gotten the Administrative grant by Youth in Action, but didn't get the money for the Albania summer camp (because of the change of the dates YiA had), and are still waiting for response for EVS next volunteers.

- IOGT International

They had EC meeting, and IOGT really wants to start something in BiH, for which reason they are writing projects and thinking of creating alcohol policy there. Poland is another point they would like to work with. There was temporary membership for few new organizations: Belorussia, Ukraine, CCV. The congress in 2010 is coming, for what the topic will be strategies for the future (as IOGT will have a strategy branding planning which will be longer process).

- Support group

The support group works normally; there are few organizations where we have no answer at all. The good news is that from some organizations we thought they are dead, there still is active communication, starting or willing to start something with other people or organizations. The mailing list was not finished, as there was no reply from all the organizations for this point. This is a problem, as the mail list is really needed in order to make communication between the office and the MOs work. Matus had a proposal for creating 2 lists: one opened list with all people and members who want to be in and just get all the information from the office; and another list with responsible people as contact points from each country organizations.

Decision: The support group will make a decision about this proposal concerning the mailing lists, and the communication will go between the office/board directly to the organizations.

- P-group

Decision: Political representation of Active will be reported to the P-group as well, hoping to develop discussion in the group about the happenings. Linn will send the report guidelines to the representation people, and if she is not present, then that will be done by the person informing the representation people they are chosen.

- Transit

Transit is part of Content matters and it is a bit late, but that will be no problem, having on mind that probably it will be ready by 20th of May, shortly after the deadline.

- Newsletter

Newsletter is becoming a smooth process, and it goes very fast. Volunteers need response from the board faster. Olaf is checking the content but had no problems so far.

-YFJ

COMEM is an event happening every 6 months, where the member organizations are meeting. A new Secretary General was chosen (there were two candidates: an outsider and an insider), and the new SG is Giuseppe Porcaro.

- NORDGU

NORDGU didn't receive administrative grant, Facebook promotion should be used to find volunteers (through Active account, or UNF or Juvente Norway etc).

5. Tobacco

Even if Active doesn't join the new project, YFJ will be part of the project so we can join through YFJ. Active would like to join the project, but we don't want to join something we will not put real effort in, or not fulfilling the partnership document.

Decision: Active would like to join the project. Kristiina will contact them and propose to have a tobacco workshop at the camp in Albania and maybe at the congress in Norway, that would bring the alcohol and tobacco issues together.

6. New membership (CCD)

CCD have 10 000 members, 5 000 are active, and they have said they are sober, CCD works mostly on diplomacy and democracy.

Decision: Active board decided to have CCD as temporary member until the congress.

7. Juvente Norway 100 years

Juvente Norway has a celebration on 27th of June and Active should send representation from the board.

Decision: Gabriella will hold a speech and send a card from Active.

8. Camp 2009

At the moment, there are 7 people actively involved in the preparations, which are going well. The problem is that there are only 39 people registered so far, and no people from the Balkans and Scandinavia. People are not registering mostly because of the travel (which is expensive), the promotion of the link for registration (which is not visible very easy), and the image of Albania being not that safe country. The office suggests that the board uses personal contacts to our friends and our organizations to encourage them to register and come to the camp. There is an idea to rent a bus travelling through Europe, and Matus and Kristiina will check the price for renting such bus in their own countries.

Decision: Matus will write a blog about Albania, the cheap travel and the low criminal rate. Kristina will work on promotion of the link of our webpage for registration, and on the travel issue. All the board members that have information about cheap travels should send this information to Kristina, in order to publish it as fast as possible.

9. Content matters campaign

The campaign has started, but we need more people contributing. We should all spread information through our members. The board is the jury, a decision will be made about which sticker to print and the contributions should be followed.

10. UNF and Juvente Norway congress

Decision: Juvente Norway congress August 3-8 - Linn will check with Emilia and Madlena if they can go, and if they cannot, than Glevin is a backup plan.

UNF and Junis congress July 7-11 - Maja and the office (Kristina and the volunteers) will be there.

IOGT Junior & DNTB August 7-9 - the person going to Juvente congress will as well go here.

11. 2009/2010 future planning

Active has gotten the administrative grant for 2009, for which the board should get to know the priorities and plans for the next year better. The board should also work together with the office on the next administrative grant for 2010 at the camp in Albania. Until the camp we should look more detailed in this plan. There was a proposal to start strategic planning of Active at the camp.

Decision: The board made a decision that we will set a limit for the amount of money we would spend on the strategic planning after we take a look in the budget and inform each other about the cost of this process.

12. YFJ

We should try to contribute more on the health issues raised in the YFJ. For the event in Stockholm there is only one person applying, but we should have more people participating especially to this event. We should send information for Content matters to the YFJ courier.

Decision: Kristina will send information about Content matters to YFJ courier

13. Active web page

It would be nice to have the agenda and minutes from the board meetings online, to bring the board closer to the members. Transit should not be online on continuous base (meaning separated to articles), but the newsletter should be there.

Matus had a proposal with many details about the web page, mostly on having the products (Newsletter, Transit) we have on the home page on our web page.

Decision: Linn will bring the agenda earlier to the board, after what the agenda and the minutes will be linked to from the webpage. The board has decided to have Newsletter items, and other news (calls, minutes, blogs) online on the front page of Active web page on continuous base. We agreed to have a link to a controlled photo gallery, from which there will be random pictures one by one changing on the front page.

About the knowledge base, Matus will come back to us further on, and Kristina will discuss the whole proposal (from Matus) with the computer company and try to implement as much as possible.

14. Next meeting

Decision: The next board meeting will be held on Monday, July 20th in Albania.

15. Any other business

- Alcohol Manifesto

APYN does not have a final decision about if or if they don't want to work with this project, as we have understood. For the next meeting we would need a more concrete proposal of how much energy we need to invest in the activity from the practical point of view.

Decision: Linn will contact APYN and propose cooperation about this activity (starting the implementation next year), after what, we would decide on the next steps and Active's position on this.

- Beer buying campaign

UNF has money for this activity for this year also, so we should spread the information for our organizations to work on this.

Decision: Kristina will write a short description of the beer buying campaign and we are going to promote it as much as possible.

-Press release

In some cases, the press release needs to be written and sent out very fast, so the Secretary General would like to have the responsibility to approve the press release.

Decision: We will continue to follow the usual guidelines, except in case when it is urgent and the Secretary General will write a mail to the board and approve the press release. We will open the possibility to anyone who wants to write the press release, and of course send it to the board for an approval.