



**Minutes from
the Active board meeting
November 28-29 2009
Örebro, Sweden**

Present:

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

Excused: Madlena Tsvetkova; Matus Kovacik; Emilia Sandgren and Glevin Dervishi.

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1. Opening

The president opened the meeting at 09:30 C.E.T.

Decision: Adopted as briefing.

2. Approval of agenda

Decision: The agenda was approved as proposed.

3. Last minutes

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

4. Reports

- Office

The old volunteers left and the new volunteers (Roswitha and Janika) came to the office. Roswitha is leaving in the end of December, and if the visa issues go as planned, Sanja will be in the office in January. Kristina is applying for a new project for next year for 2 volunteers (Sanja and Nils Johan), which will partially cover the costs. New applications are written: one for a bit different seminar, one for a campaign called "Black sheep" and the administrative grant application. The Active seminar was held in Macedonia, the office was working with the web page, helping UNF with international work (EVS for Macedonia and for Sweden), Janika is also working with new applications for working with organizations from outside of Europe, etc. The possibility to move to Stockholm is going to be looked at more closely and seriously.

- IOGT International

The meeting in Copenhagen was held. There is a long discussion process for building the strategy of IOGT Int. with an expert help on branding and few chosen participants. They are working on organization of the Congress in Fredrikstad and a seminar in West Africa. In the discussion about APYN, it was emphasized that Active has to be more involved in the work of APYN. Linn will contact APYN (in the

name of Active) concerning the new political officer position and the upcoming Congress. Next EC IOGT meeting is on 16th of January.

Decision for both Support and P-group: The board should present to the Congress that we have tried this methodology and it does not work as wished. In addition, the board will work on a concept that might be easier to implement, which will be presented to the Congress. The Congress should decide on a general idea/way how to go on, and the steps are to be taken by the board.

- Transit

Transit was finished and printed, with quality content. It is difficult to find people to contribute because of what there is a new concept for the new issue under the Content matters campaign (but this is only one time solution): the Transit will be more an informational booklet we can always use as Active material (containing topics on: alcohol abuse, violence, youth participation, suggested activities, postcards to be sent etc). Olaf will think how to proceed after the Congress with Transit and come up with a proposal to the next meeting.

- Newsletter

The process is going normally and is functioning well. The last issue was a bit too long for a newsletter, and this point will be taken into consideration.

- YFJ

Linn was at the COMEM meeting, where there are the International NGOs and the Youth Councils pillar. The news is that two policy papers were adopted and they still need more nominees for events. We are recognizable organization when it comes to the health issues, but we really should be more active in contributing to all the decisions, policy papers and rules that we can connect to alcohol. We should make sure we are not only present, but we are also contributing, influencing and being heard.

5. Active 20th anniversary

Next year is the 20th anniversary of Active and we should come up with a programme for a celebration evening at the Congress.. There is an idea to invite few experts and decision makers in the field of alcohol and connected issues to hold a Round Table, where audience can participate and media will be invited.

Decision: Maja, Gabriella and Olaf are going to be in the committee creating the programme for celebrating the anniversary and will come up with a proposal for the next board meeting.

6. PO position

The only applicant - Ingunn Aanes hasn't been interviewed yet. Madlena, Kristina and Gabriella will schedule an interview with Ingunn as soon as possible. If the interviewers don't veto, Ingunn will be employed.

7. Budget 2010

The board went through the budget and at the next meeting, on the basis of all information about the submitted applications, a proposal for the Congress will be made.

8. Congress 2010

The arrival day will be 30th of July and the departure day will be 7th of August.

Decision: Gabriella will contact the Experience 2010 Committee for having the celebration for the 20th anniversary of Active on 2nd of August.

- Grants for travelling

Active needs to be more present at the Committee's meetings to point out that there will be no participants with that high fees.

Every country needs to work on finding the cheapest way to get to Norway. Norwegians and Active has applied for some projects for travel grants.

Decision: Madlena or Gabriella are going to attend the Committee meetings, and in case they are not able to, they have to find a replacement. For the next meeting Kristina is attending the Committee meeting as well to help discussing the fees issue. Gabriella is going to meet Juvente people to discuss these issues before the meetings. Linn and Gabriella are going to write a mail to the Committee summing up Active's opinion.

9. Revision of Member Organisations

We should be realistic and contact MOs to find out if they are still existent and/or active, in order to always have an up-to-date list.

Decision: A proposal should be made to the Congress next year.

10. Eurocare –warning labels

Eurocare is creating a database of labels, pictures, slogans etc. that will possibly be warning labels on bottles of alcohol in the future. They would like to have our ideas.

Decision: Active will open a call for contributions for warning labels to our members with a deadline: the seminar in Slovakia. Olaf and Kristina will decide the detailed information for the call. Kristina will contact the experienced people in this field to find out if they would like to contribute and possibly hold a workshop at the seminar in Slovakia on this issue.

11. Camp 2011 and congress 2012

There are no proposals for camp 2011 yet.

-Iceland for 2012

There is a proposal for holding the congress 2012 in Iceland.

Decision: Linn will reply to thank them for the proposal.

12. Active seminars

The previous seminar in Macedonia was very successful. A street action was organized, but there was no board representative in the prep team (Glevin was supposed to be, but he could not manage) who could hold the political workshop. The Balkan seminar was also held in Macedonia and as a result, the participants wrote a draft application for the next Active seminar that will be revised in the office. The next seminar is 8th – 14th of March in Bratislava, Slovakia.

Decision: Linn will send a mail to the board to ask who would like to be in the prep team in the name of the board.

13. IOGT International nominations

There were few people interested in being in the board of IOGT International, but only Nils Johan wrote a motivation letter.

Decision: Linn will inform Nils Johan that we are nominating him and to Alex Klee that we want to nominate Kristina Sperkova as vice president and Nils Johan as board member. The board will continue searching people interested in being nominated for the IOGT International board.

14. Board meeting & tickets

The board members should try to book tickets earlier before our meetings.

Decision: Board members should buy their tickets at least 2 weeks before the actual meeting takes place, if there are not valid reasons not to. After buying a ticket, every board member should inform the board about their arrival and departure times.

15. Next meeting

Decision: The next meeting will be in Bratislava, Slovakia from 5th to 9th March. This is supposed to be confirmed by the rest of the board members.

16. Any other business

- Active cards

There is an idea in cooperation with NORDGU, to print Active cards to promote the possibility for donating money for our purposes.

Decision: The office will prepare the cards, contact the designers and print the cards before the Congress.

- Nomination committee

Decision: We will invite the Nomination Committee to the next board meeting in Bratislava. Linn will

write a mail to them about this.

- **Twitter**

There is an option to have the board members and Active (as organization) tweet and to show the tweets on the webpage.

Decision: Kristina will open an Active tweet account, will check all the possibilities for tweeting and will write the board how to use the Active tweets account. The office and the board members are also invited to tweet under their own accounts.

- **Blog**

Decision: Maja will write the next blog.