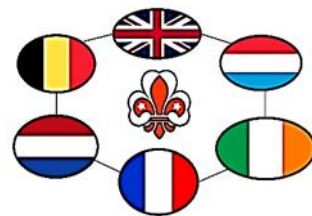


28th ISGF Western Europe Sub-Region Gathering 11 September 2022

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NOTES - Meeting NP and IS on Sunday 11th September 2022 – 2pm, via zoom, hosted by NSGF UK

Present: Pierre Decoene (Chairman Europe Region Committee), Sue Page, Allan Page (UK), Margery Godinho (Ireland), Willy Limbosch, Marisca Kamperman (Netherlands), Elin Richards, Zalillah Mohd Taib (World Committee)

Absent: Jean-Francois Levy (France), Toby Schepens (Belgium) and Lucienne Chapron-Thinnes (Luxembourg)

Pierre welcomed all to the meeting. He asked for a minutes silence for remembrance and reflection on the death of Queen Elizabeth II of the UK.

Pierre then asked those present if they were happy for the **meeting to be conducted in English – this was agreed.**

1. Welcome & Reflection by Pierre Decoene

Pierre gave a warm welcome to everyone present, especially Elin Richards and Zalillah Mohd Taib from the World Committee. He expressed his regret that not every country in the WESR was present at this meeting. This was a new and interesting way of holding meetings and the Sub-Region would need to embrace innovation in its efforts to attract new and younger members.

2. Europe Update by Pierre Decoene

Only one country had not replied to his request for membership numbers, they would be chased for this information. This year's fee is unchanged and invoices have been issued, according to number of members. Papers for the Europe Region Conference would be issued shortly. Details were in the latest issue of the Newsletter and on the Region Conference website.

He then gave details on the members of the Europe Region Committee. Hans Slanec from the Central Europe Sub Region would be stepping down and Liliana Sotelo has been elected to replace Hans. Lena Claesson from the Nordic-Baltic Sub Region would be stepping down, no one has been elected to take over from Lena at present. The Southern Europe Sub Region is at present represented by Ana Rodrigues, she has reached the limit of her term of office, a new representative will be elected at the Southern Europe Sub Region Gathering in Cyprus in October. Pierre represents the Western Europe Sub Region and has reached the limit of his term of office, the next item on the agenda is a replacement for Pierre.

3. Election of WESR Representative to the Europe Region Committee

There had been no nominations to replace Pierre, he therefore asked if anyone present would be prepared to volunteer. **Sue Page from the UK volunteered**, and her nomination was accepted, it was seconded by Margery Godinho from Ireland and there was **unanimous agreement**.

4. Election of Candidate to host the next WESR Gathering in 2025

There had been no candidates nominated. Netherlands said that they were thinking of taking on this task, they would confirm as soon as possible. As a back up the UK offered to host another online Gathering in 2025.

5. Other points

Sue requested that she be allowed to attend future Europe Region Committee meetings as an observer. She pointed out that it would be a total new committee and to ensure some knowledge of situations past and ongoing it was important that all designated new committee members be allowed to attend the meetings as observers. Pierre will ask the Europe Region Committee members. Also Pierre would continue to provide support to the new committee after 2023.

Meeting ended at 2.20pm