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English-Speaking Union , Bavarian Branch e. V. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2009

"Intercity" Hotel , Munich 6th March 2009, 7.00 pm.

1. Formal matters

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Claus Bruegmann (Chairman), and was recorded by Ms. Eileen Joyce Stonard (Vice-Chairperson)

Twelve members were present. The Chairman opened the meeting by confirming that, in accordance with the Statutes, the meeting had been appropriately announced and that the Agenda had been distributed in due time.

A copy of the Agenda is attached as Appendix A. A list of the members present is attached as Appendix B.

Approval of the Minutes of the AGM 2008

The Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting 2008 were unanimously approved by the members present

2. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's Report was this time not a review of the activities in 2008 but instead it was an overview regarding the present situation of the Branch. He pointed out that the membership, which currently stands at 47, consists of two categories of members: a hard core of supporters and "sleeping members". As the outgoing Committee did not receive enough nominations to form a new Committee the possible consequences are that after 26 years the ESU Bavarian Branch will have to close down at the end of 2009.

The Chairman closed his report by thanking the loyal members for their contributions and support over the past years.

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3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer duly distributed a copy of Balance Sheet in German for the period 1st January – 31st December to the members present (see Appendix C). He explained the Balance Sheet in English to those present , as follows:

- Profit situation:
 - Income: EURO 1.888,94
 - Expenses: EURO 1.837,68
 - Surplus: EURO 51,26
- Financial status
 - Current Account: EURO 194,71
 - Savings Account EURO 3.037,33
- Total assets as of 31.12.2008:
 - EURO 3.232,04

With the exception of a few minor corrections, the Treasurer's Report was approved by 11 votes in favour with one abstention namely himself.

4. Auditors' Report

One of the Auditors, Mrs. Marie-Louise Weigert, was unable to attend, but has sent her approval of the Accounts by e-mail. Therefore the Auditor, Mr Klaus Kamereck, reported also on her behalf that the Accounts for 2008 were in order.

The Auditors' Report were approved accordingly by 11 votes in favour with one abstention, namely the Auditor, Mr. Klaus Kamereck.

5. Exoneration of the Committee

It was proposed by Mr. Ben Bahr, and seconded by Mrs. Hildegard Pusch, that the present Committee be exonerated. The motion was passed with 8 votes in favour and none against (the Committee abstained).

6 Election of the Committee

Unfortunately there were no candidates for the position of Chairman, Vice-Chairperson and Treasurer as well as Secretary. Therefore it was not possible to elect a new Committee for the term 2009-2011.

7 Election of two Auditors

The two present Auditors, namely Mr. Klaus Kamereck and Mrs. Marie Louise Weigert, were willing to stand as candidates for the period 2009-2011. They were unanimously elected by 10 votes in favour with two abstentions, namely themselves. The position was duly accepted by Mr. Klaus Kamereck and, acting on her behalf also for Mrs. Marie-Louise Weigert.

8 Discussion

As there were not enough candidates to form a new Committee it was suggested that the outgoing Committee will act as an Acting or Interim Committee in order to carry out legal proceedings with the intention of closing down the ESU Bavarian Branch by the end of 2009.. The motion was proposed by Mr. Claus Bruegmann and seconded by Mr. Klaus Kamereck and was voted unanimously.

Mr. Walter Herglotz proposed that the Acting Committee hold an extraordinary Annual General Meeting should there be any candidates for a new Committee in the near future. The motion was proposed by Mr. Walter Herglotz and seconded by Mrs. Monika Schönherr, and was voted for unanimously

It was also decided to inform the members not present in writing within a fortnight. In respect of the current situation, there will neither be a Newsletter or events although the "Stammtisch" will be held as usual.

9 Any other Business (AOB)

The Chairman informed the members present about the International Council Meeting, which will be held in Munich between 12th- 15th October 2009:

The necessary bookings for this meeting have been carried out by ESU Headquarters, Dartmouth House, and arrangements are almost complete. The closing dinner on either 12th or 14th October is open to members, and also panel discussions are open to members. Walking tours and cultural events will also be open to members.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 p.m. and thanked the members for their participation and support.