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DANMARK
International Inner Wheel

Agenda

“How do we adopt Inner Wheel in a changing world?”

- 1. Opening of the meeting.**
- 2. Presentations of the participants + function**
- 3. Secretary**
- 4. Ratification of the agenda**
- 5. Ratification of the minutes of previous meeting in Stavanger 2012**
- 6. Information about IW from every Nordic country**
- 7. How to get new members and how can we activate old members**
- 8. Starting “Young Clubs” (Graz, Austria, Belgium)**
- 9. Public Relation groups (The Netherlands)**
- 10. Violence against women and children**
- 11. Nordic issues IIW**
- 12. Communication**
- 13. The situation of the Board Directors**
- 14. Rotary – IW, the change of relationship since 1999**
- 15. Other topics**
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- 17. Next meeting**

Minutes from the Nordic Meeting on the 12th September 2013

Ad 1.

Christine Berggren(CB) bid us all welcome. It was Christine's first Nordic Meeting. She could announce, that the IIW World President Gabriella Adami would arrive Thursday evening and maybe have dinner with us. (She did).

Ad 2.



Annalise Larsen
Pastnationalrepræsentant
Inner Wheel Danmark

Annalise Larsen (AL) is now Past National Representative in Denmark and editor of the new electronic newsletter IWI and an annual magazine. We talked a lot about closing down our paper Newsletter and changing to electronic news. The feelings about the paperless Inner Wheel is difficult for elderly members was told from the other participants. The same reaction we had in Denmark, but many of our members have an E-mailadress and have the monthly letter from the clubs in their mailbox.

The electronic world goes on even if we want or not.

We talked about the websites. There will be more about this later in the Minutes.

Lene Krüger Schade(LKS) is the National Representative in Denmark. Lene sits for 2 years. Lene is also a part of the Convention Committee.

Marja Küröla (MK) is Incoming National Representative in Finland and sits in this office for 2 years. Marja is responsible for the Finnish Inner Wheel Website. She is still working and therefore works with IW at evenings and weekends.

Maija-Lena Virta-Kangas (MLVK) is the National Representative in Finland. She holds the office for 2 years. MLVK told about a new website in Finland and about education of a new webmaster.

Finland is working on teaching a lot of members in the new website and in adjusting it. 2 members pr. club, the president and few others are trained in the website.

More than 90% of the members in Finland have an E-mailadress.

Helene M. Torkildsen (HMT) is the National Representative for 2 years in Norway. Helene has worked as a dentist.

Gunn Sembsmoen(GS) is the Past National Representative in Norway. GS has got a good dialog with the districts. She wants to found a new generation club in her own district/club. GS has for many years had different jobs in IW and she now wants to look on the local area in IW.

Kristina Andersson(KA) is the "Rådspresident" in Sweden. KA has been a member of IW since 2004.

AD 3.

AL was elected to be the secretary of the meeting.

Ad 4.

The agenda was accepted by the participants. Christine had a question from a district. IT will be a part of nr. 15 in the Agenda.

Ad 5.

The Minutes for the NM in Stavanger were accepted from the delegates.

Ad 6.

LKS told about Denmark. She told about a small annual competition about recruiting new members. The club that has got most new members during an Inner Wheel year will be donated a small sum of money for the club.

LKS is very busy with preparing the Convention 2015. She also mentioned the new digitalized newsletter and a renewed website.

In the beginning of October IW Denmark holds the national congress with 250 - 300 participants.

(See the detached paper from LKS)

KA told about Sweden. IW Sweden has work on a new Vision 2015 since 2011. KA also told about new members (See the detached paper from KA).

CB told that in Sweden 47 dogs have been sponsored for drugs. Every year the dog of the year is awarded. 318 mio Skr. have been donated until now.

Sweden also donates money for education (Scholarship) of nurces in Demens.

MLVK explained that Finland includes Estonia in their Inner Wheel. They have 36+2 clubs and 1193 members. They have (had) a big Finnish Rally on the 19.-20. October 2013. The world President Gabriella Adami is invited.

There is a project helping children in the South Finland: Life project about drugs for school children.

Finland has trained 60 sniffer dogs for the Finnish Customs and the Police. They pay 6.000 € pr. dog.

She told about training members for the new website (is mentioned earlier in the Minutes).

Sweden pays 80 € for training sniffer dogs.

Finland (South) also pays to a doctor, who is working in Africa.

GS told about her report to the IIW. (See the detached paper).

Norway has many projects. There is a project in Ethiopia for helping young women, who have been raped by old men. The Fistula project.

Norway also have a sniffer dog project. Sniffer dogs are used 6 years in job.

HMT told more about the sniffer dogs. At a meeting they have had a show with a sniffer dog in action.

LKS informed about Denmark .There are by now 3158 members. (See the detached paper).

She told among others about the work with the Convention 2015 and a new website, digitalizing of our Newsletter and membership. Lenes motto is Women in Action.

AL showed the participants the new website in Denmark and the first number of the new digitalized Newsletter.

We all discussed the economy in all the Nordic countries. Is was a very interesting debate. The Economy will be at the agenda at the next Nordic Meeting in 2014. Every country brings their accounts and budgets to the meeting.

Ad 7.

How can we get new members and how to activate old members That was the question we talked about. Every country are making many thoughts about this.

LKS told about charting a new club in Blokhus in North of Denmark and the way they started.

GS had tried to mobilize her daughters (about 45 years old) and their social and working

network. It could be very good if they would involve in different clubs or start a new club.

MK informed that they had difficulty in getting new members. Every invited guest has an excuse for not coming - not interested ??

GS told about Norway where it is very easy to get new members just now.

We generally talked about members who are not wanted. When you invite a person to participate as a guest 1 or 2 times you cannot afterwards tell her, that we don't want her as a member. The decision is taken the first time she is an invited guest. After that the invited person has the decision to say yes or no.

We talked about what to do, when a member behave unacceptable and is a problem for many other members in the club.

We all agreed in that it is the President in the club that has the responsibility for members who behave unacceptable. The president and maybe another member from the Club Council have to act and solve the problem.

It is important to inform new members about what IW expects from our members in behavior and action.

MLVK asked all delegates in the NM about what is a good meeting:

The answers were:

- good speakers
- catwalk or jewelry arrangements
- meeting without program - just social meeting
- Christmas meeting with good food
- home stay meetings

GS told about a big problem in Norway with location. They had to pay for a room to their meetings - about 2.000 Nkr. pr. year.

No other Nordic countries had the same problem.

Ad 8.

CB informed from the European Meeting(EM) about starting young clubs in Austria and Belgium. She read a part from the Minutes from EM.

Ad 9.

In Netherlands they have settled some public relation groups, who have to promote their country.

What do we do in the Nordic countries?

Norway: They have made rollers that inform about items which IW is concerning about.

A new brochure is on its way and the clubs may have their own folder/brochure.

Sweden has given a new folder to the participants in the NM.

Finland: MLVK mentioned that a newspaper has been put on the website once . Not all clubs have wanted to advertise in it. It is for public relation about IW and to make people aware of the IW and what we stand for.

KA mentioned flea markets in Denmark for donation as an interesting thing.

In Sweden people asking for donation will not be accepted. Donations are given to subjects that members find themselves.

Ad 10.

Violence against women.

CB has earlier this year send out a letter about the subject according to the rape of a young woman to death by 6 men in India - a very fine and very relevant letter. Thanks to CB.

The story goes on. CB told about the story in the media about the punishment of the 6 men in India. CB was happy for the result of the trial. Every other at the meeting agreed on this.

AL told about the UN - reports in the website from IIW. The subject about violence against women has been on the agenda in UN for several years, and there are some reports from the IW NGO'es in UN about the subjects in Latin America and Carribien and another report from North America and Europe. The reports can be read in the website:

<http://www.internationalinnerwheel.org/representatives-at-the-un.html>

KA told a story about an American woman in a village in Senegal in Africa. This American woman told young boys and girls about the wrong way of treating people by violence. She worked on making this wrong behavior political and she had the happy outcome, that the mayor of the village decided that violence is forbidden and will be punished.

CB asked all the delegates in the NM, what we could do to prevent violence against women and children.

KA suggested that we could help the young people to change attitude, inform them and make laws against it.

AL suggested that we could inform about the conditions for women and children - inform positive stories about what help can do - not only negative stories. Good stories in the news papers and websites.

MK read a newspaper story from the very day of our meeting. It was a story from Yemen, where an 8 year old girl had been married and died during the wedding night. All the members in the NM were very chocked and got angry.

Ad 11.

None of the Nordic Countries had any proposals yet for the Constitution to the next Convention. In the EM we heard about different proposals from Belgium and Germany.

Ad 12.

This nr. in the agenda had been discussed under some of the other numbers. Denmark has made a new IW folder with the focus on Women in Action. It has been made with the purpose to attract new young members. Denmark also told about a new annual magazine.

We all discussed the matter, that Iceland wasn't at the meeting. We all want very much to meet our Icelandic friends and hope to see them some time at the Nordic Meetings.

The Minutes will be sent to the Icelandic National President.

Ad 13.

After the EM there was made a paper to the International Board about a job description of the Board Directors. BD Beatrice Hayes Belgium, Annalise Larsen and Lene Schade Denmark made this paper and sent it to the H.Q.s and asked to have this paper put on the Board meeting in October. A copy of the paper was handed to the delegates of the NM.

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The paper was discussed, and we debated proposals in common.

Ad 14.

Rotary In Norden.

24 % Rotarians in Sweden are women. 24.000 Rotarians in Sweden.

18% Rotarians in the World are women.

The question: Why are women so interested in Rotary? was asked. CB had made some notes about: For Rotary and For Inner Wheel.

A paper was handed out to all of us. There were many thoughts about the interest in and the cooperation with Rotary.

Ad 15.

MLVK asked about participants to the charter of a new district in Austria. The members of the Nordic Meeting decided to send their greetings to the new district in Austria.

CB asked the questions:

Will we go on with Nordic Meeting?

Should it be together with EM?

We had so much to talk about in the meeting so everyone wanted the NM to go on and did not want it to be at the same time as the EM.

About the Nordic Project: LKS will send information about the project to the other countries - Finland and Norway. Every country try to put the same information on the national websites.

Another question put to the participants was;

How do you decide the amount of the value of the English Pound?

Norway: The clubs pay when we know the exact sum.

Finland: The clubs pay a bit more and the rest goes into the national budget. Some clubs are annoyed about this.

Denmark: The clubs pay in the beginning of the year with the daily exchange rate. In January there will be a regulation according to the exact exchange rate.

Ad 17.

The next Nordic Meeting will be in Denmark on the 13th and 14th September 2014.

Thank you to Christine and Kristina for a very comfortable and constructive meeting.

October 2013.

Annalise Larsen