

Charitable Committee, European and Middle East Young Friends

Annual General Meeting 2010

Held by teleconference: 28 November 2010

Present: Paul Sladen (clerk), Leo Vincent, Jonathan Riddell

Apologies: Ali Ghamen, Rachel Miller

Standing down: Marie-Hélène Drouin, John Fitzgerald, Rachel Hutchinson

ChC2010/01 Welcome

We are grateful to meet together after EMEYF Annual Meeting earlier in the month. Following on from our previous success holding a meeting by teleconference in September 2010, we encourage its further use, particular as a cost-saving measure to EMEYF.

ChC 2010/02 JRCT grant

We are grateful at the news received from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (JRCT) who have granted our previous application for core-funding. The funding grant is over three years to cover core costs of €4,300 per year and will be remitted annually into the Sterling account based on corresponding exchange rates. This places EMEYF on a firm financial footing for the next three years, after having faced a potentially uncertain financial position and smooths EMEYF's transition towards its 30th birthday.

ChC 2010/03 Trustees

In-line with the recommendation of Nominations Committee at EMEYF Annual Meeting in Bad Pyrmont, Germany on 14 November 2010, we note and confirm that the Trustees of the Charitable Committee shall be recorded as:

Ali Ghamen, Rachel Miller, Jonathan Riddell, Paul Sladen, Leo Vincent

We ask Jonathan to contact individual trustees to confirm their current contact details and to update the Charities Commission in respect. We thank those trustees who are laying down their service and thank them for their oversight as trustees. We give our congratulations to those trustees who got married since the previous Charities Commission update.

ChC 2010/04 Sterling account update

During EMEYF Annual Meeting 2010 Jonathan Riddell was appointed as Treasurer to the Charitable Committee, after serving in a interim capacity during summer 2010.

Access to our sterling bank account held with the Co-operative Bank is currently being transferred to Jonathan Riddell. The process of transferring access is taking longer than anticipated. In the most recent phone call between the bank and Jonathan the bank have requested an additional confirmation signature, but the Co-operative are not able to say who this should be from without the current account PIN number.

Our suspicion is that this would be the signature of John Fitzgerald, who is travelling until the end of January 2011 and who had previously laid down his role as Treasure to the Charitable Committee in preparation for that period of travelling. The inability to update the account details unfortunately means that postal correspondence is likely to be continuing to be delivered to John's previous address, which we understand has now been sold.

We request that Jonathan will continue to investigate transferring access to the account.

ChC 2010/05 Sterling account signatories.

The signatories on the bank account are to be Jonathan Riddell (primary contact), Paul Sladen and Rachel Miller. The postal address shall be: Jonathan Riddell, Edinburgh, Scotland.

ChC 2010/06 2009 Accounts

Jonathan has presented the 2009 accounts. The opening balance was £7,024.96. The income was £1,131.69. The expenditure was £4,449.87. The closing balance was £2,575.09. As always the EMEYF Charitable Committee accounts are not meaningful without reconciliation against the euro account and should not be taken as a reflection of the overall state of EMEYF finances.

The location of the paperwork for the 2009 accounts is not clear. To the best of our knowledge the accounts are still with the external examiner appointed by John Fitzgerald. Jonathan Riddell will clarify the exact whereabouts with John Fitzgerald on his return from his travels, if it does not prove possible to collect them beforehand.

ChC 2010/07 Charity Commission Return 2009

The Charity Commission return for 2009 has not been completed. Jonathan will complete this once the trustees have been changed with the Charity Commission (ChC2010/03).

ChC 2010/08 Accounts to date (2010)

Owing to the delays in the hand-off of the accounts (ChC 2010/04) we do not currently have an up-to-date confirmation of the balance to date for the sterling account. The current balance is presumed to be approximately £8,800, based on the most recent bank statement from July 2010 and known deposits since that date.

This includes an accidental transfer from one of our funding partners of £5,000 which was intended for Europe and Middle East Section (EMES) instead and which will be returned as soon as is possible. Jonathan Riddell is keeping the organisation up to date with the situation and reason for the delay in returning this amount.

We have an outstanding transaction to the Chapman trust to return unspent grant money from the £1,500 received and earmarked for bursaries at Spring Gathering 2010 in Northern Ireland. The grant surplus amounts to £401.41 and will be transferred to the Chapman trust as soon as we have access to the sterling account.

ChC 2010/09 Charity Commission Return 2010

This is required to be handed in by 31 October 2011. We encourage the prompt filing of this return as soon as the necessary details and accounts can be examined and signed off after the New Year.

ChC 2010/10 Closing Minute

We have enjoyed our productive meeting and wish everyone safe and happy passage on their (very) short journeys home afterwards. We look forward to meeting formally in one year's time and to Spring Gathering 2011 in Switzerland at Easter.

Signed, in and on behalf of the Trustees,

/s/ Paul Sladen