

MUYA AGM Minutes
Date: 27th March 2008
Time: 1855 start

Location: KSU common room, University of Malta.

Mr. Anson Aquilina gave an introduction as to what the AGM will consist of, including future ideas and new committee members elections. He introduced Ms. Nicolette Vassallo as the chairperson presiding over the AGM. She read over the agenda as well as last year's minutes.

Mr. Anson Aquilina explained two of the previously elected committee member's departure from Malta and thanked them for all their work while they were here. He introduced Mr. Phillip Caruana the person who filled in the post of treasurer after the previous treasurer left the island.

Mr. Joanna Bonnici and Ms. Christianne Caruana were nominated as counting officials for the elections to take place later on in the AGM.

Ms. Sarah Suda read the minutes of the last AGM. These minutes were approved by the people who were at the last AGM.

Ms. Sarah Suda then went over the history and setting up of MUYA as well as outlined the projects which MUYA has been involved in and also hosted. The discourse then moved onto upcoming projects.

Ms. Nicolette Vassallo then asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Mario Borg (KNZ) then suggested that the report be published.

Mr. Anson Aquilina then said that the financial report and annual report will be on the MUYA website. The discourse then went on to how popular the projects are and how much participants can benefit from them. The projects offer a lot more than just a visit to another country, but also a learning opportunity for the participant and for the organisation.

Ms. Nikki Vassallo asked for approval of the report.

Unanimous approval.

The financial report was then presented by Mr. Phillip Caruana.

- most funding from EUPA

Mr. Phillip Caruana said that it was a 'positive' report and that MUYA has 'healthy' finances.

Ms. Nikki Vassallo then asked if there were any questions.

Report was unanimously approved.

Mr. Anson Aquilina presented the committee's 'vision' for the future of MUYA. He said that they believed that MUYA was a bottom-up organisation and that the members are given the utmost importance. He then presented the 10 goals of the organisation.

- 1 – To be able to participate in KNZ, (observers until MUYA gets membership)
- 2 – To become full members of KNZ
- 3 – To organise another international project in Malta
- 4 – To open an administrative office for MUYA.
- 5 – To obtain EVS sending organisation status.
- 6 – Organise community as well as national projects
- 7 – To increase communication with partners and members
- 8 – To organise social events
- 9 – To organise Annual Plannery Forum
- 10 – To participate in at least 10 international projects.

Ms. Nikki Vassallo then asked if there were any questions.

Mr. CJ Saliba thanked Ms. Sarah Suda for her work and for organising the exchange he participated in.

Mr. Anson Aquilina then suggested that Mr. Mario Borg should say a few words. Ms. Nikki Vassallo gave the floor to Mr. Borg.

Mr. Borg congratulated MUYA for all its work and he also went on to say that we as, youth, need to be the motor for change. He repeated the congratulations to MUYA for getting to where it is in such a short amount of time as well as for having aims to work towards. He encouraged collaboration and involving youth which are not usually targeted. Mr. Borg reiterated the point made earlier about the benefits of international conferences/ exchanges and seminars. He discussed MUYA's application to KNZ and said that it will be discussed and reviewed by the new board. He then discussed a new programme which will be airing on television and invited MUYA members to contact KNZ or himself personally on 99884251 if there is anything they would like to discuss. He congratulated MUYA and its members again.

Ms. Nikki Vassallo asked if anyone wanted to put forward any motions.

Noone did.

The AGM then moved onto the Committee Elections.

Ms. Nikki Vassallo introduced all those who were running for the election. Ms. Audrey Spiteri, Ms. Mary Louise Vella, Ms. Bernardette Mercieca and Mr. Sergio Mallia.

Mr. Anson Aquilina went through the rules of elections and Ms. Sarah Suda explained that the election wasn't planned for this year (in accordance with the statute) but since two board members had to leave, it is being held. It was also explained that the treasurer had been co-opted as the organisation couldn't run without a treasurer, and that Mr. Phillip Caruana needed to be approved today as treasurer.

Ms. Suda explained what the board of vigilance is and what the duties are. Mr. Anson Aquilina also gave some more points about the board of vigilance and its duties.

Ms. Nikki Vassallo then asked if anyone wanted to run for board of vigilance, which is made up of two people.

Mr. Cedric Farrugua, nominated by Mr. Anson Aquilina and Mr. CJ Saliba, nominated by Mr. Phillip Caruana were unanimously elected as the board of vigilance.

Ms. Nikki Vassallo put Mr. Phillip Caruana forward for the post of treasurer. This too was unanimously approved.

While voting sheets and pens were handed around, Ms. Audrey Spiteri, Ms. Mary Louise Vella, Ms. Bernardette Mercieca and Mr. Sergio Mallia introduced themselves to the MUYA members present by giving a short talk about their wish to be elected.

Voting took place. Until the votes were counted, a ten minute break was announced by Ms. Suda.

After the break, Ms. Nikki Vassallo announced the results.

20 votes were handed in, 19 were valid.

Ms. Mary Louise Vella won with 8 votes.

Ms. Vella was asked to join the head table and she then said a couple of words about the new ideas she has for MUYA.

The idea of the other candidates taking up sub committee positions was put forward by Ms. Suda, but it is to be discussed further at a later date.

Ms. Nikki Vassallo thanked the committee and the board of vigilance. She welcomed the new members to the committee and thanked all present. A special thanks was given to Mr. Mario Borg for attending.

The meeting was adjourned.