

Extraordinary General Meeting MUYA

Time 20.30

Date - 15th February 2007

Place - Birkirkara Local Council

List of people attending:

Aquilina Anson
Attard Angelique
Blackman Nicole
Bonnici Joanna
Borg Elisa
Borg Ryan
Cappitta Maurizio
Caruana Philip
Degiorgio Stephanie
Farrugia Cedric
Filletti Maria
Mallia Sergio
Muscat Charlene
Sant Jessica
Spiteri Audrey
Spiteri Istivan
Suda Sarah
Vassallo Nicolette
Vella Matthew
Tanti Matthew
Attard Matthew
Parnis Doriana
Scicluna Kevin

No previous minutes to discuss.

Opening of meeting by the Chair, Ms. Nicky Vassallo.

1 - Approval of Agenda. Agenda amended to include an intervention by Professor Charles Farrugia

Agenda was approved without any objections.

2 – Presentation and Report

Ms. Sarah Suda presented the aims and objectives of MUYA and a time-line of events to the creation of MUYA. No comments or questions asked.

3 – Short intervention by Professor Charles Farrugia, President of the Maltese National Commission for UNESCO.

Mr. Anson Aquilina invited Professor Farrugia to stay throughout the meeting. No objections found. Professor Farrugia accepted invitation.

4 – Election of counting officials

Chair asked for the election of two counting officials.

Mr. Philip Caruana and Ms. Stephanie Degiorgio volunteered and were seconded for the post of counting officials.

5 – Approval of Statute

Ms. Joanna Bonnici and Mr. Matthew Vella had requested a change in the statute.

Ms. Joanna Bonnici motions –

- a) Request for the Agenda of the Annual General meeting to be added to the appendix of the Statute.

Voting was carried out. Votes counted by the counting officials.

Favour – 20

Against – 1

Abstain - 1

Motion accepted

- b) Amend to article 3.3 to include an observer status should be given to the Vigilance Board on Committee Meetings.

Two members are to be included on the Vigilance Board. Election for Board to be carried out during the EGM.

Voting was carried out. Votes counted by the counting officials.

Favour - 22

Against – 0

Abstain - 0

Amend approved.

Mr. Matthew Vella motions -

- c) Article 6 'Definitions' to be changed to Article 1

Voting was carried out. Votes counted by the counting officials.

Favour – 20

Against – 0

Abstain – 2

Motion accepted.

- d) Motion to include clause 'Proposals for Resolutions and Policies shall be submitted to the Secretary General at least eight (8) calendar days before the General Meeting.'

Amendment to Motion to a change Clause 1.1.1-

Proposals for Resolutions and Policies shall be submitted to the Secretary General at least eight (8) calendar days before the General Meeting.

To

Proposals for Resolutions and Policies shall be submitted to the Secretary General at least three (3) calendar days before the General Meeting.

Voting was carried out. Votes counted by the counting officials.

Favour – 20

Against – 1

Abstain - 1

Amend approved.

- e) Original motion withdrawn.

Amendment to clause 1.2 to include

The Association is an independent, non-profit making, youth organisation. Its activities are based on the Maltese legislature and the present statute.

To

The Association is a voluntary, independent, non-profit making, youth organisation. Its activities are based on the Maltese legislature and the present statute.

Voting was carried out. Votes counted by the counting officials.

Favour - 20

Against – 0

Abstain – 1

Contro amenda accepted.

f) Change to clause 3.2.3

The Committee will be made up of Senior Members of the Association.

To

The Committee will be made up of Full Members of the Association.

Article clause was arranged.

g) Motion to add clause in Article 4 Memberships to include that membership fee will become known through forms of communication.

Contro amenda

Change of clause 4.7

The Committee decides on the membership fee; such membership fee can be revised annually by the Committee. A simple majority vote within the Committee is required for such amendment.

To

The Committee decides and publishes the membership fee; such membership fee can be revised annually by the Committee. A simple majority vote within the Committee is required for such amendment.

Voting was carried out. Votes counted by the counting officials.

Favour - 23

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

Contro amenda accepted.

Another two motions were withdrawn.

5) Approval of Statute

Voting was carried out. Votes counted by the counting officials.

Favour - 23

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

Official establishment of MUYA was announced.

6) Election of council

Ms. Sarah Suda

Mr. Anson Aquilina

Ms. Joanna Bonnici

Mr. Maurizio Cappitta

Mr. Istivan Spiteri

Nominated by Cedric Farrugia and seconded.

Council formed uncontested.

7) Election of Vigilance Board

Mr. Cedric Farrugia

Mr. Sergio Mallia

Nominated by Sarah Suda

Vigilance Board formed uncontested.

Official closing by Chair.

Minutes taken by Ms. Audrey Spiteri

Appendix 1 –

Main points from Professor Farrugia's intervention.

Maltese National Commission for UNESCO formally accepted and approved the setting up of MUYA on the 26th January 2007.

With membership in UNESCO, MUYA must follow certain parameters. In fact, the MUYA logo has to be changed to conform to the UNESCO format, agreed in the last Generally Assembly.

A few parameters to follow-

- i) MUYA to work along with other Youth Organisations.
- ii) Every year a report of activities need to be presented to the National Commission for UNESCO.
- iii) A report of expenditures and costs needs to be carried out. However this report does need to be audited but verifiable. Meaning that receipts needs to be presented with the accounts.
- iv) Controversary subjects must be taken with caution, the views of UNESCO and the Maltese government need to be taken in consideration before any official comment is made.
- v) A plan of future activities has to be presented to the National Commission. However amendments to these forecasts may be made.

The Professor also commented on the finances. Malta's National Commission for UNESCO lacks government finance. The Commission gathers funds independently.

Every two years funding issues are carried out. 20 to 30 projects are sent in from Maltese organisations. An order of priority is made and the best 12 are sent for funding from abroad. Out of these 6 are chosen for funding.

Example of such funds include 120,000 dollars that were used to help Malta Birdlife, Nature Trust, NCFE, Council of Women, Youth in Cottonera, Heritage Malta and other such organisations.

The National Commission itself has made some initiatives from funds received including CD's on the National Library, Dun Karm works and University records. Current projects include the a CD on the Grandmasters Palace.

