

The International Ringing Cedars Association

Committee meeting # 8 (via Skype)

Date: 12-28-08

Time/duration: 17:00 to 19:22 GMT

Committee: Chairman – Liz Ashley
 Vice Chairman – Nara Petrovic
 Secretary – Steven Amey (minutes)
 Public Relations – Petris Spels

Apologies : Nara was unable to attend this weeks meeting. And Steven repeatedly lost skype connection.

No.	Subject	Action // Who / when?	Comments	Action
1.	Minutes of last meeting/date	The minutes of 12-21-08 were reviewed and approved. It was agreed new subject headings will be added to the agenda.		Steven will send the corrected minutes to Peteris. Steven will add the new agenda headings.
2.	Constitution	The importance of statutes for the constitution was briefly discussed.		
3.	Membership	No New Business		
4.	Country of registration	No New Business		
5.	Goals	No New Business		
6.	Funding	It was agreed that the costs of registration would be divided four ways between the committee members.		
7.	Organisational structure of Association	Liz stated that at present we need an organizational chart for the work of the committee. However, we don't for the moment, need to worry over the Organisational Structure chart of the overall Association.		
8.	Website	Nara informed the committee through e-mail that we could not access the kin-dom.org address. We must for the time being use the kin-dom.com address.	Liz noted that the committee may not be able to use the kin-dom.org address until we are an officially registered not-for-profit organization. Peteris suggested it may perhaps be only a technical problem.	

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9.	Volunteers / Help	The need for a treasurer was noted by Liz and discussed.		
10.	Meeting of publishers & committee etc.	This new subject will be discussed more in the following weeks.		
11.	Conference	<p>Liz discussed her notes and the conference spread sheet she is working on. She noted narrowing the places where the conference could be held to either a hotel or a large eco-village should anyone offer such a village as the place to hold the conference.</p> <p>Liz noted there are some good venues in the UK with natural surroundings that can accommodate a lot of people. However, most of these venues need to be booked well in advance.</p> <p>It was agreed that something as important as this international conference must be handled and executed in a professional manner.</p> <p>Liz noted that we must get our database together ASAP. It is important to acquire the contact information of all the representatives of the kin domain villages. We have to reach a lot of places for the conference.</p>	Peteris suggested that if someone offers to hold the conference near their village, we must verify that they have the capacity and capability to hold such a conference at/near their village.	
12.	Any other business			
A.	Response from Vladimir Megre	<p>Peteris translated from Russian to English, Vladimir Megre's response to the letter sent to him by the publishers.</p> <p>Vladimir stated that the translation of the publishers' letter to him was difficult to understand do to unclear translation.</p> <p>Vladimir commented on the issues of publishing and a few of the difficulties he encountered along the way.</p> <p>Vladimir said he is open to the idea of creating a new offer for contracts. He noted this must be done carefully.</p>	<p>Peteris noted the publishers' letter was professional and well constructed.</p> <p>Peteris stated that the IRCA is the first such organisation of its kind being formed. We must continue to keep our intentions pure. We must get the organization registered, show this and our other documents to Vladimir and then if everything is in proper order he will see that we are very capable.</p> <p>Liz added it will be very</p>	

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		The international publishers in their letter to Megre offered their help and support to Vladimir.	good to have the multi-lingual website up and running.	
B.	A letter from Belarus	<p>Peteris's received a letter from a group in Belarus addressed to organizing committee chairman Liz Ashley.</p> <p>Peteris translated the letter from Russian to English and read it to the committee.</p> <p>It was a letter offering help and support to the IRCA. They also wish become members of the IRCA.</p> <p>Liz stated that a thoughtful reply accepting their invitation to help the organizing committee must be created and sent in regard to their letter.</p> <p>The committee was very pleased by the letter.</p>	<p>Peteris sent a brief letter thanking the Belarus group for their kind words and support.</p> <p>Liz expressed her appreciation for the letter of support from Belarus.</p> <p>Peteris commented that the group from Belarus organized a 2004 conference with Vladimir Megre and it was very well organized.</p>	Liz and Peteris will work on a formal of letter of invitation and thanks to our new friends in Belarus.
C.	Filing system for committee materials	The committee agreed to use Nara's suggested filing system for committee related files.		
D.	John from Australia	John is visiting Peteris's village and the committee is happy to support John in regard to his difficulties with the footage he shot for the 2008 Ringing Cedars conference.		
13.	Next meeting	The next meeting will be held on 01-04-09		