

# The International Ringing Cedars Association

**Committee meeting # 9** (via Skype)

**Date:** 01-04-09

**Time/duration:** 17:00 to 18:48 GMT

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

**Apologies :**

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1.	Minutes of last meeting/date	The minutes of 12-28-08 were reviewed and approved.		Steven made the necessary corrections and submitted them to members for his approval.
2.	Constitution	<p>The current drafts of the Manifesto/Constitution were discussed.</p> <p>Changes to the Manifesto were suggested.</p> <p>The matter of aims and goals was discussed at length.</p> <p>It was general consensus that the term <i>world goals</i> should be eliminated from use in the Manifesto.</p> <p>Liz suggested the substitution of the word <i>objectives</i> in place of <i>world goals</i>. It was agreed to use the term <i>objectives</i>.</p> <p>Peteris brought up the matter of defining a Kin's Domain in the Manifesto. He said we can define it later.</p> <p>Liz stated it is not necessary to define what a Kin's Domain is at the moment, as it is not required for registering the organization. She also noted how well defined a Kin's Domain is in Nara's Kin Domain International document.</p> <p>Peteris noted that the numbering of</p>	<p>Nara noted it was perhaps better to use the words <i>goals</i> and <i>aims</i> more specifically in the Manifesto. Since the word <i>goals</i> has different connotations than the word <i>aims</i>. <i>Goals</i> are something more practical than <i>aims</i>.</p> <p>Peteris noted that Vladimr Megre wrote 9 books on the topic of Kin Domains, and we should not be overly concerned that we are unable to define what a Kin Domain is in one sentence etc.</p>	<p>Nara offered to compile and compose a final draft of the Manifesto to be reviewed and approved by the committee.</p> <p>Liz will go to the office of registration before her departure to Cyprus on 01-14-09 for the purposes of verifying that all our related documents contain everything necessary for acceptable registration.</p> <p>Liz also offered to find whether it is more beneficial to be considered a non-profit or charity organization.</p>

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		the goals needed to be corrected and text justified on both sides.		
3.	Membership	No New Business		
4.	Registration	<p>The committee discussed the sample charity document that Liz emailed everyone.</p> <p>Liz mentioned the value of defining the difference between a charity and a non-profit organization to discover which one better fits the needs of the IRCA.</p> <p>Peteris asked what the requirements are for both organizations or by the means of reports or such, that are required to be handed in to the government. Liz said that such documents are required and the government in the UK is very strict about this. The charity status will require more work.</p> <p>The question was brought up by Liz that if we are a non-profit we won't pay tax on our investments. This may be one reason people decide to become a charity.</p> <p>It was concluded that using the sample charity model as a guideline for our non-profit organization may be the best course of action.</p> <p>Liz suggested that we find a lawyer in support of the ideas of the Ringing Cedars movement and show to them how we are setting up the organisation just to have legal second opinion.</p> <p>Nara noted that when he went to register in Slovenia he took all his work to the registration office and showed it to them. They showed him what necessary changes needed to be made. And he made them. Nara suggested doing things in a similar way.</p> <p>Liz suggested the value of obtaining a legal second opinion</p>	<p>Peteris noted that if we can use the sample charity document as a guideline for registering the organization we should make good use of it for the purpose of registering the organization ASAP.</p> <p>Liz went on to note that if the IRCA is going to accept donations whether or not we need to be charity or non profit.</p> <p>Liz noted that the charity model in England is very strict. If we are using their model then we are using one that has already been accepted for charity registration in the UK. This would provide better public acceptance for the IRCA. Also this way should we choose to be considered a charity we would have less difficulty being accepted as our model would already conform to their standards.</p> <p>Liz commented on her efforts to keep our association items for registration as fluid as possible for the sake of not being restricted by any unforeseen limitations should the IRCA needs be expanded upon in the future.</p>	<p>Liz will find out the specifics of required signatures regarding the registration of the organization.</p> <p>Liz agreed to find out what is needed of the signatories.</p> <p>Liz offered to check at the registration office to see if there is a list of accepted activities for associations etc.</p>

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		<p>on the goals and statutes etc...</p> <p>Peteris suggested sending our documents to our new friends in Belarus or perhaps Misha if he has the time and perhaps they can see that everything is in alignment with the Ringing cedars movement. Then the legal guys check the legalities and then it is done and we register.</p> <p>Liz informed the committee that to have a bank account register 3 signatures are advisable because in Margaret's charity there have been times when two people were not available and important things could not get signed.</p> <p>Liz suggested that she and Margaret Tait (<i>see Funding below</i>) can be the first 2 signatories and only one additional signature is needed.</p> <p>Peteris wanted to know more about being a signatory.</p> <p>Peteris also noted that perhaps it is best that the signatories be the chairman and vice chair.</p> <p>Nara suggested that Liz check to see if there is a list of acceptable activities for associations etc in the UK that can be obtained and used beneficially by the organizing committee for the sake of smooth successful registration.</p>		
5.	Goals	Nothing to report.		
6.	Funding	<p>Liz asked the committee to consider Margaret Tait for treasurer of the organizing committee. The committee voted and agreed to accept Margaret for this position.</p> <p>Nara agreed along with the rest of the committee to split the registration costs equally between the committee members.</p>		Liz and Margaret will work on an example funding spreadsheet. And email it to the committee for comments and suggestions.

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7.	Organisational structure of Association	Peteris suggested the committee members once again review the organizational chart and comment on it.		Nara and Steven offered to include their comments on the chart sometime in the near future.
8.	Website	Nara stated that with Marko's help we should be able to post on the online site within a week.		
9.	Volunteers / Help	Nothing to report.		
10.	Meeting of publishers & committee etc.	<p>Nara suggested holding the meeting in Slovenia.</p> <p>Nara told the committee of his young friend and his university assignment this year is to organize a conference. Nara suggested this young Man organize the April meeting. He is willing to help and he works in tourism. He is also a friend of the Ringing Cedars movement.</p> <p>The committee agreed this may be a good idea.</p> <p>Peteris commented on the necessity of coming up with an agenda for the April meeting.</p>		<p>Nara will talk to his friend in regards to organizing the April meeting.</p> <p>Nara offered to look into hotels, spas and lodging etc . In Slovenia with nice natural surroundings for holding the meeting.</p>
11.	Conference	<p>The conference spreadsheet Liz created was discussed.</p> <p>The idea of the conference being held in a Hotel setting close to or near natural surroundings was discussed.</p> <p>The idea of being able to hold the conference at a conference center near an existing Kin Domain village was seen as favorable, should such an opportunity present itself.</p> <p>Peteris suggested finding a resort near nature, with all the proper communications materials etc. It was considered by the committee to be a good middle ground.</p> <p>Steven suggested Slovenia for holding the summer conference since we already have some helpful friends there.</p> <p>Liz asked that the writing on the conference spread sheet regarding</p>	<p>Peteris expressed his reservations on the possibility of holding the conference in a Kin's Domain camp ground like setting. His concern was that such a setting may make it more difficult to organize important scheduled events in such a setting, as well as weather conditions etc. Such a setting may not be professional for holding board elections etc... It doesn't make a good impression.</p> <p>Steven expressed his thoughts that an ideal setting would be a nice conference center/hotel with a Kin Domain village nearby.</p>	<p>Peteris will remove the camping related items from the spreadsheet. He will also remove USA, New Zealand and Brazil.</p>

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		<p>camping be removed.</p> <p>Peteris noted that at least someone from the committee should see the place the conference may be held to make sure it is the proper place to hold the conference.</p> <p>Some places were discussed as not being reasonable options for holding the conference such as; USA, New Zealand, Brazil, etc. as too far away. So it is best they be removed from the conference spreadsheet.</p> <p>Nara suggested the committee members all write a short wish list of things their ideal conference setting would have. And then we can share our thoughts.</p>		
12.	Any Other Business	<p>It was suggested by Liz that everyone review the list of things to be done and fill in any gaps there may be in it.</p>		
13.	Next meeting	<p>The next meeting will be held on 01-11-09</p>		