

# The International Ringing Cedars Association

**Committee meeting # 10** (via Skype)

**Date:** 01-11-09

**Time/duration:** 17:00 to 19:29 GMT

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

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No.	Subject	Action // Who / when?	Comments	Action
1.	Minutes of last meeting/date	The minutes of 01-04-09 were reviewed and approved.		Steven made the necessary corrections and submitted them for committee approval.
2.	Constitution	Peteris shared his suggestions for the Manifesto with the committee.  Nara suggested waiting for Liz's return for discussing the matter of the constitution and statutes. The committee agreed.  Peteris suggested making the Manifesto and statutes two separate subjects on the agenda.		Nara will collate Peteris's suggestions into the Manifesto. And send the new finalized version to the committee.  Nara agreed to work on the statutes in the following weeks.  Nara will have the text on Kin's Domain settlements finalized by Tuesday, complete with photos and tables, fully designed as well.
3.	Membership	Nara informed the committee that he has been working on membership conditions using Liz's suggestions, but had no time to finalize his work for proper committee review.		Nara will show the committee his progress on membership conditions this week.
4.	Registration	The committee agreed that we must continue the necessary work to register. However, before registering the organization written permission from Vladimir Megre in regard to using the words "Ringing Cedars" is required.	Nara commented that Mr. Megre's approval of our work is crucial. But sees no reason why he would disagree.	Nara offered to prepare some further suggestions regarding the official registration papers in the next week.

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5.	Goals	No new Business		
6.	Funding	<p>The need to open an account was discussed.</p> <p>Peteris noted Liz’s email regarding Liz’s suggestion to open an account with the HSBC.</p> <p>Peteris wondered if HSBC was represented in Russia and former Soviet republics.</p> <p>Nara suggested using a smaller bank for the facilitation of strong ties and cheap transactions. It is no longer a big deal in the EU to work with smaller banks.</p> <p>Peteris noted that pricing is what matters, meeting our necessities. Criteria such as: cheap transactions internationally, easy paying through internet channels etc.</p>	<p>Nara noted that the HSBC is not present in Slovenia.</p> <p>Peteris commented that we need Liz’s opinion on the HSBC. It may turn out to be the best option.</p>	<p>Steven offered to look into the HSBC’s representation in Russia etc.</p> <p>Nara will ask his friend who wrote a paper on open money in England if they can offer any suggestions on some banks in England for setting up an account with.</p>
7.	Organisational structure of Association	No New Business		
8.	Website	<p>Nara told the committee that Marko is doing his best to have the site up and running ASAP.</p> <p>Nara listed some things for the site that are still needed such as Logo, possibly the RC sign and the text etc.</p> <p>Nara stated that the homepage design is 70% completed.</p> <p>Yellow and green are still agreed upon as the predominant colours for the webpage design.</p> <p>The matter of fonts was discussed. It was agreed to stick to classic fonts for the navigation ease of the widest possible variety of visitors.</p>		

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9.	Volunteers / Help	<p>Peteris spoke to the committee of Dimtrij Zmitrovich of Belarus's willingness to volunteer.</p> <p>Peteris suggested Dimitrij as a committee team member.</p> <p>The committee agreed, and awaits Liz's vote.</p> <p>Nara's friends at the Slovenian university are as well helping to organize the April meeting of publishers etc.</p>		
10.	Meeting of publishers & committee etc.	<p>Nara informed that his University friends have already created some proposals for the organization of the April meeting. Nara needs time to review them.</p> <p>The committee agreed on the importance of setting a concise agenda for the meeting.</p> <p>Nara suggested the need for the committee as organizers of the event to collect a list of all the unresolved issues from all those who will be invited to the meeting.</p> <p>Peteris suggested that a standard agreement must be prepared- common rules shared by all those involved. Then we must get a lawyer to put it all in proper order.</p> <p>Peteris suggested putting the ideas for the meeting together to preparing an agenda to be sent out to participants.</p> <p>Nara has been working on a draft of the letter about the conference.</p> <p>Peteris suggested writing a list of people who should be invited to the meeting.</p> <p>Peteris commented on the</p>	<p>Nara stated the importance of establishing a good functioning communication channel between Vladimir Megre or his representatives, publishers, IRCA etc. The IRCA should be the central multi-lingual organ.</p> <p>Nara commented on his confidence in the student team to organize a proper conference/meeting.</p> <p>Nara commented that the lodging in Slovenia will not be expensive and the conference facilities will be excellent. Shuttles will be organized from the airport.</p> <p>Nara noted that Vladimir Megre stated twice, that he would come to Slovenia if he was invited.</p> <p>Nara noted that he has organized conferences before.</p>	<p>Nara is working on a programme of the meeting and will email it to the committee for suggestions.</p>

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		<p>importance of paying the student team for their work.</p> <p>Nara knows many journalists in Slovenia. This may be conducive to setting up an interview.</p> <p>Steven suggested scheduling meetings early in the day when people are awake and more readily focused.</p>		
11.	Conference	No New Business		
12.	Any Other Business	<p>The committee reviewed the response letter to Vladimir Megre written by Dmitrij Zmitrovich.</p> <p>It was agreed by the committee that it is important to get direct contact with Vladimir Megre through email or phone.</p>		Nara offered to ask Misha or Andreja about getting in touch with Vladimir Megre.
13.	Next meeting	The next meeting will be held on 01-18-09		