

The International Ringing Cedars Association

Committee meeting # 14 (via Skype)

Date: 02-22-09

Time/duration: 17:00 to 18:22 GMT

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

Apologies :

No.	Subject	Action // Who / when?	Comments	Action
1.	Minutes of last meeting/date	No New Business		
2.	Constitution	<p>A deadline for a draft of the statutes/articles of association with all the legalities inside was set for 03-08-09.</p> <p>Liz noted she will be using the charity model where possible in the statutes. And if things go well we will be acceptable as a non-profit world-wide. This way if at any time if we wanted to opt for a charitable status it is not very difficult to get accepted.</p> <p>Peteris informed the committee that the translation of the Manifesto by a paid translator was inadequate. For future translations we still need a good translator.</p> <p>Peteris also noted that translation from English to Russian of Nara's important Slovenian Kin's Domain document needs to be made keeping in mind its large size, and the translation costs for such a large document. This most likely will not be easy. A voluntary translator is necessary.</p> <p>Nara stated that perhaps he can find someone suitable for the translation of this document.</p> <p>Peteris suggested that Nara's Kin Domain document can be of great</p>		Nara will be looking for translators.

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		help to the North American settlement groups that are organising.		
3.	Registration	<p>Liz stated that we are currently pursuing registration as a company limited by guarantee that does not have to use the word limited and is a non-profit. Non-profit status suits the fact that we are a membership organization.</p> <p>Peteris commented that such RC related organizations as we are forming have been attempted before, and Vladimir has seen them come and go unsuccessfully. So, we must continue on without any feedback from him, and when we are successful and have something to show then naturally he will take notice.</p>	Peteris commented that in his opinion it is not good for the IRCA to be seen as a charity.	Liz will complete a draft of the statutes by or before 03-08-09.
4.	Membership	<p>The committee reviewed Nara's membership document, with terms and conditions, criteria etc.</p> <p>Peteris suggested that in the section on dissolving of membership, that the subject of dissolving of membership by death be put last instead of first.</p> <p>Liz noted that it was useful to view the charity membership model, but we have unique membership needs that are specific to us.</p>		Nara will carry on with membership criteria documentation.
5.	Organisational structure of Association	<p>Liz suggested to the committee that she, Nara and Peteris be registered as the directors and Steven will be registered as secretary.</p> <p>Peteris suggested that only Liz and Nara need be registered as directors.</p> <p>Peteris suggested that it is necessary to inform people somehow, that Liz and Nara being registered as the directors is only temporary, and will last only until the first board elections. And that their registering as directors is only for the purposes of the initial legal registering the organization.</p>		

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		Liz added that this information regarding status as temporary directors was already included in the documents as well as in the first announcement released after the conference in Belek Turkey in 2008. This information is as well recorded on the video of the conference.		
6.	Funding	No New Business		
7.	Website	<p>Nara said things are ready to be put up on the website, but he needs to talk with Marko first.</p> <p>Liz said all the minutes etc need to go out onto the website so people can see what we have been doing. We should put links on all the forums to kin-dom.org. People need to be aware of us and know that they can go to the site and see what is being done.</p> <p>Peteris noted that regardless of the homepage we can publish the Manifesto on the Forum, and send it out through email to the publishers etc and we will see what people think.</p> <p>Peteris said he will send off the publishing of the Manifesto in Russian to Dimitrij, considering he is the best person for handling this task.</p> <p>Liz defined her concern that we must show <i>all</i> the work the IRCA has been doing since October 2008 not just the Manifesto.</p> <p>Peteris stated that it is good to show what we have done but most of what we have is lots of papers and drafts. The most complete thing we have so far, to the best of our abilities is the Manifesto. The minutes have shown that we have discussed these things, but now we need results. We should have something to show to ensure that we are taken seriously.</p> <p>Nara said that a forum can be put</p>		Steven will create a logo banner for the Kin-Dom site.

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		<p>up on the Kin-Dom webpage where we can post the meeting minutes.</p> <p>Peteris suggested that all finalized minutes can be in pdf format for easy posting on the forum.</p> <p>Nara suggested putting all our documents etc in the same uniform font and color. Peteris added that the Manifesto may be the exception for this rule.</p> <p>Peteris suggested better buttons for the homepage.</p> <p>It was agreed that the minutes be put up on the forum of kin-dom.org.</p> <p>Steven was asked to complete a logo banner for the homepage by the end of the week.</p>		
8.	Volunteers / Help	No New Business		
9.	Ringing Cedars Spring Conference	<p>Nara is preparing an invitation letter based on the previous draft which he hopes to have completed this week.</p> <p>Nara informed the committee that his friend suggested a perhaps, more suitable location for holding the spring conference.</p>		
10.	RC Summer Conference	Liz noted the summer conference will also be the first annual general meeting of the IRCA. This has to take place within 18 months from registration.		
11.	Any Other Business	<p>Dimitirj has moved forward on getting notice for the IRCA, by having a subdivision for the association on Russian RC forum as Vladimir suggested at the Turkey conference. And now this is in process.</p> <p>Peteris spoke of his recent viewing of footage from the Turkey conference that after the Turkey conference the organizing committee was to have sent out an announcement asking all the</p>		Dimitrij will complete an announcement for the formation of local RC organizations in many countries and send it out after approval.

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		readers groups and countries to organize local country organizations, who then could come together at the July 2009 conference and then form the Ringing Cedars Association who would put up the board candidates and so on. Dimitrij is working on an announcement for this and will send it out as soon as possible.		
12.	Next meeting	The next meeting will be held on 03-01-09		