

October 14th, 2009

Minutes of the official annual members-assembly
25.09.2009 in La Granja, Spain

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MINUTES of a meeting of the board 25.9.2009 in La Granja

Members of the board present: John Smith (representing Dr. Koenigsmarkova) as chairman, Peter Rath, representing Mr. Raiter) as Treasurer, Dr. Käthe Klappenbach.

The meeting decided to start the annual assembly, with decisions of the board to be taken as the point comes up, as to the agenda sent out beforehand.

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Members present: John Smith, Dr. Käthe Klappenbach, Peter Rath, Ingrid Thom, Petra Sindelar

Guests attending: Laura Balboni, Angelo Landi, Paolo Corradini, Eva Afuhs, Dr. Paloma Pastor, Sibylle Kleibrink

The meeting opened at 3:45pm and ended at 5:20pm.

Members excused: Dr. Koenigsmarkova, Karel Kanak, Ota Raiter, Helena Braunova, Petr Novy, Wolfgang Schwarze, Kilian Anheuser, Rudolf Hais, Dedo v. Kerssenbrock-Krosigk, Christine Bridge, Jana Duchonova

1. John Smith takes the chair and welcomes members and guests. He thanks the hosts President Fr. Salazar-Simpson Bos and General Director Aurea Juarez Galindo, especially Museum-director Dr. Paloma Pastor and Saulo Alvarado FCNV for inviting the Society to this splendid location.
The Agenda was published in good time and is accepted as sent out by all present. A Quorum as to our statutes is confirmed.

2. The meeting decides to read the minutes of the last annual meeting in Kamenicky Senov of September 15th 2008 in a short version. The minutes are accepted as brought forth.
3. Peter Rath reads the financial statement for 2008 as prepared by the Treasurer. Rath puts up this report for acceptance through the assembly. The report for 2008 is accepted in full, the books are cleared. Peter Rath then reads and explains the financial report for the first half of 2009 as of June 30th. Rath points out that since June, we have installed our web-site for which we have received special sponsorship of EUR 1.000.-. The annual promised sponsorship by the city of Kamenicky Senov still has not arrived, nor have a major number of members fees been paid yet.
Peter Rath, with consent of the President has opened up a secondary EUR-account with ERSTE-BANK in Vienna, (with IBAN: AT452011129125922701, SWIFT BIC: GIBAATWW), so as to be in a position to handle expenses of his secretariat more efficiently and in time. This report is approved.
4. John Smith reads the Presidents Report for 2008 as sent by Dr. Koenigsmarkova as follows:
From the side of our members, this last year was not so active in the Society. As to decisions made by our members assembly in 2007 our internet web-site was carefully prepared. Here we must thank Mrs Jakob for her important and cost free advice given. For the official Annual Assembly of our Society, as held in Kamenicky Senov on September 15th 2008, during which we heard an interesting lecture by Dr. Kirsche from Dresden on “Seiffener Spinnen” (chandeliers with typical turned wooden elements), for this lecture we had a large number of students from the local glass school, department of lighting-design.
Peter Rath reported on his visit to Rundale Castle with outstanding, well restored chandeliers. Dr. Käthe Klappenbach had already held contacts with the director there, Mr. Lancmanis.
The financial situation at the end of the year, even with some still missing member’s dues, is sufficient to allow a programming company to put up and install the web-site for our Society.
The reports are discussed and the board is cleared for the period of 2008 by raising of hands.
5. There follows the Presidents preview for 2009 – 2010, as suggested, in collaboration with the board:
The Society should continue to run its daily activities out of regional centres, not from a central Czech secretariat. In this sense we are active:
Potsdam, with Dr. Käthe Klappenbach, member of the board, advisor for scientific screening and membership acceptance. In Vienna, with Peter Rath, for the coordination with our internet-programmers, responsible for other office work, events and reports.
London, with John Smith , our vice-president for the important region of Great Britain and Ireland, as well as for overseas world contacts.
We further hope for new regions to crop up, with new regional centres such as Istanbul, La Granja for Spain and Portugal, Venice or Milano for Italy, St Petersburg, Paris of course for France etc.
Our web-site has been successfully installed, and this meeting prepared.
With the lectures held at this meeting we hope to publish a “Newsletter” with about five illustrated articles.
After the Vienna meeting and the meeting with the President of ICOM-Glass, here in La Granja, we hope to find assistance through the Council of Museums, to help us to initiate a European data-bank on valuable European chandeliers and lighting. Paloma

Pastor will receive a special letter from our President.

To this preview was added the plan to work on a document, then to be presented to the European Commission referring to the future of electric bulbs, as for chandeliers and historic works of art in lighting.

Eva Afuhs brings up her plan and her invitation for assistance for the first exhibition on chandeliers and on the development of artificial lighting, in the Bellerive Museum of Zürich, the exhibition to open in December of 2010. The project is warmly praised, cooperation offered. Possibly she might invite us for a next assembly to Zürich, if the Czech meeting is not preferable.

6. The assembly confirms the existing board as it stands.
7. The importance of an up to date Members List on our web-site, with e-mail addresses and phone numbers, these to be screened for access for members only. The web-site, was established as a “blog” and will allow the build-up of a worldwide “Community”. The beginning of the build-up of a databank to inventory European treasures, chandeliers and other lighting devices.
8. Under Other Matters: Peter Rath showed a newly developed LED-bulb in candle-bulb shape that can be directly used in existing E-14 Edison screw-sockets, long-life is guaranteed. The prototype is developed through Lobmeyr with a group of specialists from Japan. The critical discussion formulates the hope that the glass balloon should be flexible in shape, light-output doubled, with the possibility to be dimmed. Members are asked to present their demands in writing to the President in Prague, for her to then formulate a final document that will go to the European Commission. Finally John Smith, in the name of our President heartily thanked our hosts for the meeting so well prepared and run in such a perfect atmosphere. Special thanks to President Salazar-Simpson Bos, to General Director Mrs. Aurea Juarez Galindo and most warmly to the Director of the Museum Paloma Pastor, who is the active President of ICOM-Glass, for her quite outstanding hospitality shown to each one of us. She will bring our wish for closer contact, even inclusion into ICOM to her next meeting in Portugal in November.

The meeting for 2010 is suggested to be either in the Czech Republic, favourably here in Prague (otherwise possibly in Zürich?), For 2011 we envisage a meeting in Istanbul, with John Smith’s suggestion to make it an international conference for restoration of historic lighting.

No further matter to be discussed, the meeting was closed.