

Minutes of European Council Discussion

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1 Welcome, Attendance and Rules Reminder

PID Robert Rettby welcomes the authorized delegates and all attending Lions to the intermediate European Council meeting. This meeting between the two council meetings is intended to allow for discussion of the resolutions submitted at the first council meeting in order to prepare the voting which is scheduled in the second council meeting. The Forum President introduces the podium members by name and function.

PID Robert Rettby warmly welcomes Past International President Giuseppe Grimaldi.

After some inscription work, attendance control and clarifications about the procedure rules PID Robert Rettby reconvenes the European Council discussion meeting at 16.50.

2 Discussion Resolution 1: EU Privacy Protection Working Group (moved by MD 105 and MD 111)

ID Elien Van Dille informs that Lions Clubs International is currently amending the Board Policy Manual.

CC Christiane Lafeld, MD 111 Germany, had very successful meetings during this Europa Forum. The fruitful discussions will certainly go on and she supports the resolution.

3 Discussion Resolution 2: Refugee Relief Committee (moved by MD 112 and MD 118)

CC Mauro Bianchi, MD 108 Italy, presents an amendment to this resolution widely motivated by the direct involvement of Mediterranean Lions during this phase of humanitarian emergency.

PID Robert Rettby lines out that there are two possibilities. First, the proposing MD 112 and 118 of the first proposal agree with the amendment proposed by MD 108 and we will vote tomorrow about a consolidated resolution. Forum President Robert Rettby asks MD 112 and 118 to hand in their decisions until 10 o'clock the following day to the Forum General Secretary Christoph Witschi. Or second, if there is no consolidated resolution ready, we will first vote about the text at it is brought in by MD 112 and 118 and then we vote about the amendment raised by MD 108.

PID Philippe Gerondal, MD 112 Belgium, states that he needs some time and that he will give the asked answer.

PID Hayri Ulgen, MD 118 Turkey, precise that not all but in particular two Mediterranean Countries are the issuer of this amendment.

CC Mats Granath, MD 101 Sweden, wishes to have some more information about strategy, organization, aim and tools of the refugees relief committee.

PID Philippe Gerondal, MD 112 Belgium, and PID Hayri Ulgen, MD 118 Turkey, answer those questions in some words.

PCC Andy Pemberton, MD 105 British Isles, comments on the size of the committee.

PID Sven Berntsen, MD 104 Norway, questions if this committee is needed and if it will deliver any results. He remembers the discussion of Europe Forum Augsburg in 2015. He nevertheless supports the resolution.

4 Discussion Resolution 3: Amendment to the Rules of Procedure – Optimisation of Timing (moved by MD 111)

CC Christiane Lafeld, MD 111 Germany, explains that in the resolution is a formal error regarding the period of time in which the Europa Forum should be held. It is not between September 15 to November 15 but according to the Board Policy Manual of Lions Clubs International at the moment “last full week in October through first full week in November”. However this strikes not the main aim of the resolution which is to enable cost savings by optimizing the time schedule of future Europa Forums as it was successfully done 2015 in Augsburg.

PID Robert Rettby remembers that it was very difficult to attend all the important meetings in only two days. This should be taken in account as well.

PCC Andy Pemberton, MD 105 British Isles, tried to cut down the time in Europa Forum in Birmingham. One should also look out for travel time. Get to the basics and do not perform too long opening and closing sessions.

5 Discussion Emergency Resolution: Europa Forum 2020 in Greece, Thessaloniki (moved by MD 117)

PID Robert Rettby explains once again the core and the reasoning for this emergency resolution. It is to give the organizer one year more preparation time.

6 Discussion Resolution 5: Voluntary Contribution to Europa Forum 2018 (moved by D 132)

PID Jouko Ruissalo says a voluntary contribution is only the right given to organizer of a Europa Forum to ask other members for a voluntary contribution. This contribution has to be put on a special account, which will be under control of specialized auditors.

CC Mats Granath, MD 101 Sweden, DG Daniel Becker, D 113 Luxembourg and Past International President Giuseppe Grimaldi comment the resolution and underline that a Europa Forum should not budget a deficit and that it should be self-financed.

7 No discussion about a new member of the European Council as District 133 – Ireland was already welcomed yesterday

Forum President Robert Rettby reminds about yesterday's voting, welcomes DG Teresa Dineen, D 133 Ireland, and asks the audience to recognize the new member with a warm applause.

8 Requests for miscellaneous and reports or recommendations from workshops

PID Robert Rettby reminds all the chairpersons and speakers of the different meetings and workshops to hand in their abstracts and presentations electronically to the Forums General Secretary within one week time.

Forum President Robert Rettby adjourns the European Council meeting at 17.55.

ZC Christoph Witschi

General Secretary of Europa Forum 2017 in Montreux