LRPCE MEETING MINUTES – Zoom March 12, 2025

19:00 to 20:56 PM CET , the meeting has been recorded

Participants (voting members in green)

Function	**Reference**	**Name**	**Presence**
LRPCE Chairperson:		PIP Gudrun Björt YNGVADOTTIR	✔
Designated ID EF Dublin:		Dr. Karl BREWI	✔
Second Year IDs:		ID Marcel DANIELS	✔
		ID Halldor KRISTJANNSON	APOLOGIES
		ID Danyel KUBIN	✔
Immediate Past International Directors		IPID Barbara GREWE	✔
		IPID Jürg VOGT	✔
		IPID Pirkko VIHAVAINEN	✔
Area Representatives:	Area 1	IPID Pirkko VIHAVAINEN	
	Area 2	IPID Jürg VOGT	
	Area 3	IPID Barbara GREWE	
	Area 4	ID Danyal KUBIN	
	Area 5	PID Dr. Elena APPIANI	APOLOGIES
	Area 6	PID Kalle ELSTER	✔
President EF Dublin		PID Teresa DINEEN	✔
President EF Karlsruhe		IPID Barbara GREWE	
Programme Directors	EF Dublin	PDG Ann ELLIS	✔
	EF Karlsruhe	PDG Elke Schäfer	APOLOGIES
Past Int. Presidents:		PIP Eberhard J. WIRFS	ABSENT
LEF A & A and LRPCE secretary:		PID Miklos HORVATH	✔
LEF Financial Controller		PID Daniel ISENRICH	✔
Guests	1st year ID	ID Lorena HUS	✔
	1st year ID	ID Guy-Bernard BRAMI	✔
		PDG Niels Schnecker Lions Academy Europe Task Force - Chair	✔
		PID Svein BERNTSEN Chair Ukraine Committee	✔x
		PID Elisabeth HADERER, Chairperson Task Force	✔

The following Agenda has been sent out.

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6	Interim Report on the Revision of the Europa Forum's organisation and contents to be cheaper, more attractive, more seminar - training based.	PID Daniel	10
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Report of the meeting:

No.	Agenda item & presenter	Summary
1	Welcome (PIP Gudrun)	**Chairperson PIP Gudrun** welcomed the participants, especially greeted the old/new PID Elisabeth HADERER and opened the meeting.
2	Introductions (All)	No guests to be presented
3	Apologies (A&A)	PID ELENA, PDG ELKE, ID DANYAL, ID LORENA will come later
4	Coordination Committee Ukraine status report (PID Svein BERNTSEN)	Had a meeting whole day yesterday Pirkko and Ton in Bergen, including Teams call staff from Oak Brook. to clarify expectations for the last quarter of this fiscal year. We have weekly contacts, we expect weekly reports from Oak Brook about figures. LCIF grants: only one project WICTU3, running. All monies are sent by Finland. No money directly to Ukraine. LCIF to establish a new structure , but nothing is done, as there are no projects. Question. is there any funding going from any MD sor Ds to Ukraine: There are deliveries from Sweden and Norway, but no money.

		There was a report there is a risk of fraud because there was one individual who sat everywhere in the value chain. Valentin is not the Project Leader, no LCIF coordianator, still he sits there. We asked DG if the project Leader Ljudmila is in the meeting, we saw the report in WICTU3 signed by Valentin, even LCIF did not notice that. No new clubs established in this period. District concvention, there was a discussion , but 6-8 April is maintained in Chernii. dangerous area, the Cabinet decided it and Oak Brook approved. It will be hybrid and LCI is helping Ukraine technically and by a voting system. We established a list who is elegible and who has the voting rights. There is going to be election , of the 2nd VDG, we sent to DG the requirements and not sure if candidates qualify. We have good control of the convention, given the place, the Coordination Committee will not participate, it would be too dangereous. Planning of the activities and reports: After convention with outgoing and incomng DG, we will have a meeting in April analyzing this years' activities and plans for future, we hope it will be more Lionistic, than before. In May meeting we plan to meet with all Club presidents and incoming club president together with the DG and the incoming DG. General comment, we are aware of the difficult situation , however it is not a reason why not cooperating, the relations are not better, The CC is discussing with Oak Brook if one more year is needed. Very special task, much work , but this was the one which gave me the less results. We have control over money, we know maybe what is the membership situation. we hope next year will be better. Gudrun: It is exteremely difficult, but It is much better than it would have been without you If somebody is looking over your shoulders has some effect.

		Niels: All respect you deserve, at first it seemed Mission Impossible, now it looks Mission somehow Possible. My opinion, the CC should go on, as it will be more difficult during peace than in war. An information: we have advisors in the field and this year, the number of stoves on the free market is very little, this proves how effective your work is. Was it controlled any time whether the clubs and membership is real? **Svein**: One more year is necessary. as far as clubs are concerned, we work together with Kyle, we can check whether the necessary data are there, we cannot control in the field, we would like to see the club president face to face, buti t is extremely difficult and we did not suceed. **Marcel:** great job in most difficult situation.8 times in Ukraine with NGOs who are not Lions related. It would be expremely important to build on the knowledge you gathered during this year. Communication in a proper Lionistic manner is still missing. **Gudrun:** Praise you for your work, great results, please continue.
5	Europe March Together (PID Barbara GREWE)	**Barbara**: Everyone has received the letter and the presentation. On the papers to be signed by the participating countries(prepared by Oak Brook), there is a place where they can cross whether they want to march together or opt out**.** **Niels**: it would be totally counterproductive if any European country would want to opt out. we cannot permit it. We will have to write it on the letter with bold letters. Barbara should watch out for it while in Orlando and if one country crossed , we should contact the CC or DG to change it. **Voting on the large banner to be manufactured by MD111:** **Blue background: 7 votes, carried**

		Color of letters: white : 6 votes, carried.
6	Interim Report on the Revision of the Europa Forum's organisation and contents to be cheaper, more attractive, more seminar - training based. (PID Daniel ISENRICH)	**Daniel**: expecting confirmation from the Working Group members to organize the meeting and go through the presentation. Interim report on next meeting of LRPCE afterwards.
7	Guidelines for European International Directors (PID Elisabeth HADERE)	**Elisabeth**: We have met 2 times, the new and the old committee. We had to follow the guidelines set by Sandro and the Working group and our work was not difficult. Very good document we are testing it in the Netherlands, we discussed what we need in an ID. Some candidates are reconsidering based on the document.It is a good structure to go through. If our work is approved, we shall take out the draft and it is ready to go. **Voting. All in favor. Carried**
8	Presentation of the training proposals for IDs prepared by LAE, discussion and decision (PDG Niels SCHNECKER).	**Niels**: the document has been circulated. This is the continuity of the guidelines. The idea was after they are elected, we should train them, on top of what they receive from Oak Brook. We europeanized it, The training is to show them how to work in the EU ID Group of 6, obligations and priorities, how to apply skills and how to create a network, and what they should know when they finish their terms. **Barbara**: Some clerical issues brought up. Moreover from the document something is missing. The IDs have put together some lessons, good to knows, it was a growing document, what is happenintg to this? The talk between sitting international directors and incoming international directors. These are missing, and it is difficult to vote yes or no in a situation like this.

		Niels: Concerning the clerical issues, there should be continuous track changes. Regarding special topics, it will be included in the Instructor's Manual, the Instructor should be as Fresh PID, as possible, and who is also LCIP. **Barbara**: the concertation meeting between sitting, outgoing and incoming IDs should take place and we should put it somewhere so that it happens. **Elisabeth**: let us be practical. this training should take place at Europa Forums, At this training, one or two IDs should sit in and give the information needed. **Miklos**: Let us cut this short. We should put in the first sentence of this document , that the training will be dispensed in two major parts, the first is the consultation with the sitting directors and the second part is the training, as such. If the outline is approved the LAE will work out and develop it further. **Voting: 7 votes.Carried**
9	Presentation of the training proposals for CSR prepared by LAE, discussion and decision. (PDG Niels SCHNECKER)	**Niels**: The document has been circulated. eHow to access resources from CSR mainly for LCIF. The training is basically for all Lions level and adressing how to access the resources. What CSR is, how it works, 4 types of CSR, how to sell corporations the benefits of donating to us. We still wait for legal information. Where to go to, how to discuss it, what to say, if you have to make cold calls, is yes, how. How to apply all these strategies to have a long-term relationship with companies. This training will require a serious screening of participants. This will probably be for 2026. **Marcel**: calls attention to CSR Europe coordinating 10.000 enterprises all over Europe. **Niels**: Already in contact with them, they gave me the CARREFOUR project.

		Miklos: my son worked 3 year in CSR Europe, 4-5 years back, he might help. **Voting: 7 votes. Carried**
10	AOB (A & A)	**First subject: Gudrun**: No feedback about the new Board Structure, lately though we discussed some aspects: decreasing the number of IDs, thus fewer committees. Very probably it will not be voted upon at the march Board meeting. 3rd International President candidate from Europe, the reply is always, if there is one candidate only, the next slot is for Europe, if we have two or more candidate, other CAs will come first.Not too optimistic in this respect. **Subject 2: Miklos:** Technical and clerical issues, why sending documents so late, it will not happen again. When in future, we should use track changes **Subject 3: Miklos:** Vice-Chair of the PID Alumni Group.PID Barbara would like to organize a meeting of the PID Alumni Group in second half of April. We discussed with Barbara and I suggested that we will open the floor for candidates and organize an online voting, with 1 week voting time. **Barbara** requested it to be very quick. **Miklos requested that the LRPCE members propose candidates within 10 days. All agreed!** **Niels:** 3rd IVP candidates, it is very important for our CA not to lose an option, we have many wonderful candidates, LRPCE should come up with a system. We lost two positions: one in Boston and one in Melbourne, at this point we have two candidates certified for Hong-Kong. It will be a recurring issue for Europe. This is a strategic issue for LRPCE to work on. **Gudrun**: last october we discussed about it, we should maybe set up an Advisory Committee, that would suggest one candidate to the International Advisory Committee. It is not compulsory for the candidates to

		respect this, but it would give a guidance to the International Advisoiry Committee. **Barbara:** Europe is not such a CA. We would lose our main principles if we acted this way. And how this Advicory Committee will be composed? Who will be members? How shall we select them? **Miklos:** Why don't we write a letter to the international Advisory Committee and the Executive Committee saying that we have an agreement in Europe, by which the other candidate will step back if one of them is endorsed and will back him afterwards. We should officially communicate this principle**.** **Gudrun:** I suggest that Miklos, as our secretary write this letter with the agreement of Daniel and Robert and send it to the Chair of the Committee, even if we have more than one candidate, we are ready to support the one recommended and endorsed.To write the same letter to the Executive Committee. **Barbara**: This decision will not divide Europe, **Gudrun:** we would like to support a European IP candidate. We will stand united behind the candidate selected by the Board. We show our support, we stand united. **Niels:** we should not lose this opportunity, it will not come ack before 3-4 more years.
11	Closing and next meeting (Chairperson Gudrun)	Chairperson Gudrun thanked the participants The next meetings will take place on April 9, 2025 at 7 PM on Zoom., The meeting was adjourned at 20:56.