



EUROMAYENNE

MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER 2023

On Saturday 14 October 2023 at 10:15am, the Annual General Meeting of the EuroMayenne Association, whose registered office is located at «Maison des Associations», 130 rue de la Visitation, Mayenne (53100), was held in the room of the old refectory at «Maison des Associations», 130 rue de la Visitation, in Mayenne (53100).

47 members were present or represented, the quorum being fixed at 30 members present or represented in the association's internal rules approved by the Executive Committee on 17 September 2022.

Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE, President, opened the meeting and thanked the participants for their attendance.

She invited the participants to have a thought for Derek KNIGHT and Françoise KOUBAKA, two of our members, who passed away since our last AGM in October 2022.

Then she reminded the audience of the agenda for this AGM:

1. Apologies
2. Approval of the minutes of the AGM on 08/10/2022
3. Activity Report 2022-2023
4. Financial Report 2022-2023
5. Any other Business

The President thanked for their presence:

- Monsieur Jean-Pierre LE SCORNET, Mayor of Mayenne and President of Mayenne Communauté
- Mme Françoise MARCHAND, Co-President of The House of Europe in Mayenne
- M. Michel FERRON, Executive Committee Member of The House of Europe in Mayenne and General Secretary of the Houses of Europe National Federation
- Monsieur Pierre DOUILLET, President of the University of Free Time in Haute-Mayenne
- Monsieur Michel BUSSENEAU, Past-President and Honorary Member of the EuroMayenne Association
- Madame Yvette BUSSENEAU, Honorary Member of our Association,
- Mr & Mrs Grenville and Jutta GARDINER, Honorary Members of our Association

1 – Apologies

The President had received apologies from:

- Monsieur Yannick FAVENNEC, Member of Parliament,
- Monsieur Guillaume GAROT, Member of Parliament,
- Madame Géraldine BANNIER, Member of Parliament,
- Madame Elisabeth DOINEAU, Senator,
- Monsieur Guillaume CHEVROLLIER, Senator,
- Madame Valérie HAYER, European Deputy,
- Monsieur Olivier RICHEFOU, President of the Departmental Council,
- Monsieur Florian BERCAULT, Mayor of Laval,
- Monsieur Antoine VALPREMIT, Departmental Councillor, First Vice-President of Mayenne Communauté, Mayor of Sacé,
- Mme Jacqueline DALIBARD, Co-President of The House of Europe in Mayenne,
- Madame Annick BAYER, Vice-President of the University of Free Time in Haute-Mayenne.

Apologies were also received from Mesdames et Messieurs Martine et Patrice BOMPAIS, Julia BOSTOCK, Gérard BOURSIER, Denis CHANGEON, Elisabeth et Gérard CHAPILLON, Eileen et Paul CLIMANCE, Ian DAVIES, Jackie et Len FORSHAW, Susan et Michael JAMESON, David et Alison KEHAYA, Marie-Luce Mc COLLUM, Daniel MONTAU-FRAY, Yuri TADEN UMA and Mélanie WOERLY, members of EuroMayenne.

The President reminded the audience that all notifications and reports to be presented at the meeting were sent by email to all members of the association on 28th September 2023, since all members had email addresses.

One copy of the various reports could also be consulted in the room (table near windows).

2. Approval of the minutes of the AGM on 08/10/2022

The President reminded the audience that the minutes of the AGM on 8th October 2022 had been sent to all members together with the notification sent last 28th September.

There were no particular comments on this document.

The minutes of the AGM on 8th October 2022 were unanimously approved.

3 – Activity Report for 2022-2023

This report was sent to all EuroMayenne members together with the notification on 28th September 2023.

Pam DAVIES, Secretary of the Executive Committee, gave a summary for the Official Guests.

Membership

204 members on 31/08/2022 (209 on 31/08/2022)

Many Thanks to Roselyne SPEYER and Gloria KENNERLEY.

French Courses

Many thanks to the Town of Mayenne which offered us a free room at the Old Mairie, to Alain FAUCON, our teacher, for his collaboration with our association and to Peter WOODS, our French Course Coordinator.

Conversation Workshops

Many thanks to Lycée Don Bosco (Mayenne) and Maison de Quartier des Fourches (Laval) for their rooms, and to Colette BERRON, Lynn CHESTERS (Mayenne) and Armelle JAMELOT (Laval) for coordinating these workshops.

School Interventions

Many thanks to all the schools that have approached us and all our native English-speaking volunteers who have given their time during the school year to carry out these interventions, and to Simon KING, responsible for our school interventions.

Volunteer Assistance Network

This year, we had no assistance request.

Many thanks to Lynn CHESTERS and Sylvie QUINTON for coordinating this network.

Monthly Outings

From September 2022 to August 2023, 9 outings and events were organised, with 23 participants on average (15 anglophones and 8 Francophones).

Many thanks to our Activities Committee members (Lynn CHESTERS, Pam DAVIES, Armelle JAMELOT, Valérie MASSEROT, Paul PUNCHARD) for organising these outings.

Monthly Teas

10 participants on average at la Visitation.

Many thanks to Eileen CLIMANCE for coordinating these meetings.

Interest Groups

Crafts: 10 sessions and 7 participants on average

Gardening: 3 meetings

Photography: 5 meetings then resignation of the group leader

Walking: 10 walks and 12 participants on average

Reading: 9 meetings and 11 participants on average

Our warmest thanks to Lynn CHESTERS, Chair of our Activities Committee, and to all our interest groups leaders (Susan CHARNOCK, Stephen BOSTOCK, John LIDDIARD, Pam DAVIES), for their commitment and hard work in organising our leisure activities.

Project «Families with young children Group»

We are still looking for native English-speaking couples with young children living in Mayenne, so as to create a new interest group allowing French and English-speaking families with young children in Mayenne to participate in appropriate activities, if you know any, please feel free to tell them!

EuroMayenne Fair

Our Executive Committee is reflecting on the future orientations of our Fair.

After having been in charge of our Fair Committee for 20 years, Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE has decided to step down from this role, but no one has volunteered so far for taking over this responsibility.

Communications

On Facebook

Our Association's public Facebook page has 506 Followers

The private group for our members has only 21 members

Our Gardening Group private page has 14 members

Our Craft Group private page has 8 members

Our Walking Group private page has 8 members

We encourage all our members to check our Facebook pages regularly and sign up!

EuroMayenne Website:

Our members are invited to go and have a look at our website regularly for the latest updates on all our activities.

Many thanks to Ian and Julie WATSON for their involvement and their hard work for the communications of our association.

Project of bilingual guide for medical emergencies

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown, our draft bilingual guide has been put on stand-by.

Our Communications Committee is considering reactivating the organisation of this project.

Conclusion

The Executive Committee would like to thank all our members who have given a lot of their free time to organise the different activities of our association during the year 2022-2023, as well as all those who have participated in our outings and events. If you would like to take on more responsibility in our association, please do feel free to let us know!

There were no particular comments in relation to this report.

The activity report for 2022-2023 was unanimously approved.

4 – Financial Report 2022-2023

Roselyne SPEYER, treasurer, presented the Financial Report and the Audit Report for 2022-2023.

The President thanked Roselyne SPEYER for her great efficiency in managing our accounts, as well as Anne DUGUERET, a EuroMayenne member, who has audited our accounts this year. There were no questions in relation to these reports.

There were no particular comments in relation to these reports.

The Financial Report 2022-2023 and the Audit Report on the Accounts 2022-2023 were unanimously approved.

(Election of Executive Committee Members)

The President explained that there was no AGM in 2020 because of the Covid pandemic and the confinements.

We therefore had two General Meetings in 2021: the one in 2020 was postponed to March 2021 and the usual one in November 2021.

Consequently there are no Executive Committee members mandates coming to an end this year and therefore no elections this year.

The Executive Committee therefore decided to remove the paragraph on the election of Executive Committee members from the notice convening the AGM on 14/10/2023, as there were no vacancies, since all Executive Committee Members (12) had wished to continue their mandate until the end of their term.

Following this AGM and like every year, the Executive Committee will meet and elect the Officers (President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Secretary, Deputy Secretary).

5 - Any other Business

There were no particular questions.

As there was no other item on the agenda, the President closed the meeting at 11:43am.

As a conclusion to this AGM, Clotilde SEDOUGA presented a short animation.