

Minutes of the CEEweb for Biodiversity Annual Meeting 2016

Prepared at the Annual Meeting of CEEweb for Biodiversity (Hungarian name: CEEweb a Biológiai Sokféleségért, headquarters: Budapest, Széher út 40, 1021, Hungary) convened by the regulations under 6.§ f.) point of the organisation's Articles of Association; held at 13:00 on 20th October, 2016 in Alfa Art Hotel (Királyok útja 205.), in Budapest.

The General Secretary of CEEweb sent an informative e-mail on the 23rd of September, 2016 to the full members with the proposed agenda points and date of the annual meeting. The invitation contained the date of the annual meeting as well as its reconvene date, if the 50% + 1 members were not represented.

The General Secretary asks two volunteers for the credentials committee and one volunteer for the minute verifier. Joanna Wylon and Borbala Major volunteer as member of the credentials committee. Ákos Malatinszky volunteers as the minute verifier. According to the Articles of Association of CEEweb, the minute taker is the General Secretary. The General Secretary asks the members to be present to vote on the approval of the persons of the two credential committee members and the minute verifier.

1. Resolution proposal:

I summarise as the Secretary General of CEEweb the result of the voting process according to the Articles of Association on approving Joanna Wylon and Borbala Major as member of the credentials committee:

Number of CEEweb members: 16
Given "yes" votes: 16
Given "no" votes: 0
Abstained: 0

Regarding that 16 of the full members (OA PTTK, Ö.T.E., DEM, MTVSZ, MILVUS, ORCA, Latvian Fund for Nature, BED, BROZ, Eko Centar, AAYSGE, Rhodope Mountain without border, BBF, Environmental Organisation Rhodope, ADEPT, Excelsior, Balkan Wildlife Society) gave yes votes in case of the resolution proposal, the 1. resolution proposal was accepted.

2. Resolution Proposal:

I summarise as the Secretary General of CEEweb the result of the voting process according to the Articles of Association on approving Ákos Malatinszky as the minutes verifier:

Number of CEEweb members: 16
Given "yes" votes: 16
Given "no" votes: 0
Abstained: 0

Regarding that 16 of the full members (OA PTTK, Ö.T.E., DEM, MTVSZ, MILVUS, ORCA, Latvian Fund for Nature, BED, BROZ, Eko Centar, AAYSGE, Rhodope Mountain without border, BBF, Environmental Organisation Rhodope, ADEPT, Excelsior, Balkan Wildlife Society) gave yes votes in case of the resolution proposal, the 2. resolution proposal was accepted.

The General Secretary asks the Credentials Committee to collect the credential papers and identify those who are eligible to vote based on their credentials or being the head of the organizations. The Credentials Committee checks their identity and declares that 16 full members are present in the meeting: 16 of the full members (OA PTTK, Ö.T.E., DEM, MTVSZ, MILVUS, ORCA, Latvian Fund for Nature, BED, BROZ, Eko Centar, AAYSGE, Rhodope Mountain without border, BBF, Environmental Organisation Rhodope, ADEPT, Excelsior, Balkan Wildlife Society).

The General Secretary therefore declared at 13:15 that the meeting as not quorate and reconvened the Annual Meeting at 15:00 on 20th October 2016 at Alfa Art Hotel (Királyok útja 205.), in Budapest. That reconvened meeting is legit regarding the participants' number.

According to the Articles of Association, minutes of the Annual Meeting was sent to all full and supporting CEEweb members.

Budapest, 20th October 2016.

Minute taker:

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Ágnes Zólyomi – General Secretary

Minutes verifier:

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Ákos Malatinszky

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The General Secretary determined at 15:00 on the 20 October 2016 on the Annual Meeting, that 16 full members are attending on the Meeting. As this is the reconvened Annual Meeting, the meeting is quorate regardless the number of members' present 2016 in Alfa Art Hotel (Királyok útja 205.), in Budapest.

Regarding to the resolution proposals, the Annual Meeting re-convened at 15:00 on 20th October, 2016 ended at 17:00 with the following results:

The General Secretary asks the members present to vote openly on the approval of Borbála Major and Joanna Wylon to be the members of the Credentials Committee.

1. Resolution proposal:

I summarise as the Secretary General of CEEweb the result of the voting process according to the Articles of Association on the approval of Borbála Major and Joanna Wylon as members of the credentials committee:

Number of CEEweb members: 16
Given "yes" votes: 16
Given "no" votes: 0
Abstained: 0

Regarding that 16 of the full members (OA PTTK, Ö.T.E., DEM, MTVSZ, MILVUS, ORCA, Latvian Fund for Nature, BED, BROZ, Eko Centar, AAYSGE, Rhodope Mountain without border, BBF, Environmental Organisation Rhodope, ADEPT, Excelsior, Balkan Wildlife Society) gave yes votes in case of the resolution proposal, the 1. resolution proposal was accepted.

The General Secretary asks the members present to vote openly on the approval of Ákos Malatinszky as the minutes verifier.

2. Resolution proposal:

I summarise as the Secretary General of CEEweb the result of the voting process according to the Articles of Association on the approval of Ákos Malatinszky as a minute verifier.

Number of CEEweb members: 16
Given "yes" votes: 16
Given "no" votes: 0
Abstained: 0

Regarding that 16 of the full members (OA PTTK, Ö.T.E., DEM, MTVSZ, MILVUS, ORCA, Latvian Fund for Nature, BED, BROZ, Eko Centar, AAYSGE, Rhodope Mountain without border, BBF, Environmental Organisation Rhodope, ADEPT, Excelsior, Balkan Wildlife Society) gave yes votes in case of the resolution proposal, the 2. resolution proposal was accepted.

3. Resolution proposal:

The General Secretary asks the members present to vote openly on the approval of the proposed agenda points of the Annual Meeting.

I summarise as the Secretary General of CEEweb the result of the voting process according to the Article of Association on the approval of the agenda points of the Annual Meeting

Number of CEEweb members: 16
Given "yes" votes: 16
Given "no" votes: 0
Abstained: 0

Regarding that 16 of the full members (OA PTTK, Ö.T.E., DEM, MTVSZ, MILVUS, ORCA, Latvian Fund for Nature, BED, BROZ, Eko Centar, AAYSGE, Rhodope Mountain without border, BBF, Environmental Organisation Rhodope, ADEPT, Excelsior, Balkan Wildlife Society) gave yes votes in case of the resolution proposal, the 3. resolution proposal was accepted.

4. Resolution proposal:

The General Secretary asks the members present to vote openly on the approval of CEEweb's interim narrative report.

I summarise as the Secretary General of CEEweb the result of the voting process according to the Articles of Association on the approval of the interim narrative report:

Number of CEEweb members: 16
Given "yes" votes: 16
Given "no" votes: 0
Abstained: 0

The General Secretary asks the members present to vote openly on the approval of CEEweb's interim financial report.

I summarise as the Secretary General of CEEweb the result of the voting process according to the Articles of Association on the approval of the interim financial report:

Number of CEEweb members: 16
Given "yes" votes: 16
Given "no" votes: 0
Abstained: 0

Regarding that 16 of the full members (OA PTTK, Ö.T.E., DEM, MTVSZ, MILVUS, ORCA, Latvian Fund for Nature, BED, BROZ, Eko Centar, AAYSGE, Rhodope Mountain without border, BBF, Environmental Organisation Rhodope, ADEPT, Excelsior, Balkan Wildlife Society) gave yes votes in case of the resolution proposal, the 4. resolution proposal was accepted with the comment from Michael Meyer that in the future CEEweb should provide more details in the financial report to separate the already spent expenses and the planned ones.

5. Resolution proposal:

The General Secretary asks the members present to vote openly on the approval of Work programme 2017.

I summarise as the Secretary General of CEEweb the result of the voting process according to the Articles of Association on the approval of the Work Programme 2017:

Number of CEEweb members: 16
Given "yes" votes: 16
Given "no" votes: 0
Abstained: 0

Regarding that 16 of the full members (OA PTTK, Ö.T.E., DEM, MTVSZ, MILVUS, ORCA, Latvian Fund for Nature, BED, BROZ, Eko Centar, AAYSGE, Rhodope Mountain without border, BBF, Environmental Organisation Rhodope, ADEPT, Excelsior, Balkan Wildlife Society) gave yes votes in case of the resolution proposal, the 5. resolution proposal was accepted.

6. Resolution proposal:

The General Secretary asks Michael Meyer to present the new CEEweb applicant, Ostwind. Germany association calls East Wind was founded in 1998. The organisation is focusing on nature conservation and sustainable tourism, they support local NGOs in central Europe and Eastern Europe as well. Only german individual members are part of the organisation.

The General Secretary declares that she and Michael Meyer Board member checked the membership application papers and found them satisfactory.

The General Secretary asks the members present to vote openly on the approval of CEEweb's new member application.

I summarise as the Secretary General of CEEweb the result of the voting process according to the Articles of Association on the new membership applicant:

Number of CEEweb members: 16
Given "yes" votes: 16
Given "no" votes: 0
Abstained: 0

Regarding that 16 of the full members (OA PTTK, Ö.T.E., DEM, MTVSZ, MILVUS, ORCA, Latvian Fund for Nature, BED, BROZ, Eko Centar, AAYSGE, Rhodope Mountain without border, BBF, Environmental Organisation Rhodope, ADEPT, Excelsior, Balkan Wildlife Society) gave yes votes in case of the resolution proposal, the 6. resolution proposal was accepted.

7. Resolution proposal:

The General Secretary asks the members present to vote openly on the Approval of CEEweb's Action Plan 2016-2020 objectives.

I summarise as the Secretary General of CEEweb the result of the voting process according to the Articles of Association on adopting CEEweb Action Plan 2016-2020 objectives:

Number of CEEweb members: 16
Given "yes" votes: 16
Given "no" votes: 0
Abstained: 0

Regarding that 16 of the full members (OA PTTK, Ö.T.E., DEM, MTVSZ, MILVUS, ORCA, Latvian Fund for Nature, BED, BROZ, Eko Centar, AAYSGE, Rhodope Mountain without border, BBF, Environmental Organisation Rhodope, ADEPT, Excelsior, Balkan Wildlife Society) gave yes votes in

case of the resolution proposal, the 7. resolution proposal was accepted with comments. Stefan Avramov and Nat Page suggested that make priorities in the future and make more horizontal and vertical objectives. The General Secretary suggested to work on this further with the Board. Nat Page and Cordula Mertens suggested in terms of the communication of the action plan to have newsletter monthly, sending case studies, focusing in topics and send information about it to members. Michael Meyer suggested to have more more attention on the website and activate members. The General Secretary reacted to this that these comments will play a major role when further working on the Action Plan activities to reach the objectives.

8. Resolution proposal:

The General Secretary asks the members present to vote openly on the Approval of CEEweb's Articles of Association. The General Secretary explains the court asked further amendments to comply with the Civic Act and Civil Code. She explains in details the need from the court.

I summarise as the Secretary General of CEEweb the result of the voting process according to the Articles of Association on adopting CEEweb's Articles of Association:

Number of CEEweb members: 16
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Abstained: 0

Regarding that 16 of the full members (OA PTTK, Ö.T.E., DEM, MTVSZ, MILVUS, ORCA, Latvian Fund for Nature, BED, BROZ, Eko Centar, AAYSGE, Rhodope Mountain without border, BBF, Environmental Organisation Rhodope, ADEPT, Excelsior, Balkan Wildlife Society) gave yes votes in case of the resolution proposal, the 8. resolution proposal was accepted.

There is also a discussion on CEEweb fundraising issues. Sarolta Tripolszky, Fundraiser of CEEweb presents the situation and explains that there is a need of further cooperation with the head office and members. Lubomira Vavrova suggests to have more intense discussion with the head office and members and put the fundraising questions in the end of all communication e.g. at the newsletters so to help members think how can they involve CEEweb in projects. Michael Meyer explains the situation in the sustainable tourism working group, where he is the Chair. He explains he receives no feedbacks, even when members are asked to be partners in a consortium. There is very limited activities even when projects are on the table. In his view, it is very difficult to mobilise them.

Lubomira Vavrova also reacts to that how members should financially help CEEweb. CEEweb is not on the same level of WWF or IUCN to ask for that support. If CEEweb asks this, it can lose members, partners - there is a need for other communication to give privileges why joint projects are good for them. Antonia Chilikova explains there is no private donor in Bulgaria, difficult to find non EU project even for local level. Michael Meyer reacts that fundraising in Germany is not difficult for CEE, there is a database of fundraising organisation, it is much easier for countries to find support who are close to the Black Sea. Stefan Avramov suggests that CEEweb does lobby activities and in exchange members provide financial support.

The discussion ends with the suggestion to put fundraising workshops for members to the working group meetings and head office and members will seek more active cooperation on fundraising issues.

The General Secretary asks the members present whether there is any other business to discuss.

As there is no other business the General Secretary closes the meeting.

The effect of the resolution related to the resolution proposals (proposal 1., 2., 3., 4., 5., 6., 7. and 8.) :
20th October 2016.

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Budapest, 20th October 2016.

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Ágnes Zólyomi – General Secretary

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