

Minutes of the European Pirates Instituted Council 2017 of Young Pirates of Europe

The meeting was opened on 5 December 2016 at 11:25h CET in Brussels in presence of

- #hyperlinks – Verein zur Förderung von Liebe und Gerechtigkeit für junge Menschen formerly known as Junge Pirat*innen Österreichs – Verein zur Förderung von Liebe und Gerechtigkeit für junge Menschen (Austria) represented by Bernhard Hayden
- Piraattinuoret ry (Finland) represented by Jonna Purojärvi
- europe beyond division e.V. formerly known as Junge Piraten e.V. (Germany) represented by Florian Zumkeller-Quast
- Ungir Píratar (Iceland) represented by Dóra Björt Guðjónsdóttir
- Ung Pirat (Sweden) represented by Elin Andersson
- Falanster (Belarus) represented by Mikhail Volchak

Opening of the GA

Elin Andersson is proposed as moderator. Unanimously approved.

Phileas Lebada is proposed to write the minutes. Unanimously approved.

Discussion of Submissions

Membership application of Falanster (Belarus)

The Pirate youth organisation Falanster based in Belarus is requesting to become a member of

Young Pirates of Europe.

In favor: Austria, Germany, Finland, Sweden, Iceland

Against: –

Abstention: –

Falanster (Belarus) is admitted as new member organisation of Young Pirates of Europe.

Report of the Board

Bernhard Hayden, Secretary General, reports: Looking for funding for a summer camp didn't work out in the past. Created a work plan for next year for a copyright reform campaign and got a grant from the Council of Europe for that.

Kajsa Larsson, Board Member, reports on European Voluntary Service (EVS): Didn't end up working this year, going to give it another try in the next periods boosted by the interest of our newest member.

Report of the Auditors

Florian Zumkeller-Quast, Auditor: There was no financial report, though there were no financial transactions other than income in membership fees with the only outcome being bank account costs. There is no recommendation by the auditors.

Vote on the discharge (approval of activities) of the Board:

In favor: Finland, Sweden, Iceland

Against: –

Abstention: Austria, Germany

The activities of the Board are approved and the Board is discharged.

Motion to change of order

Bernhard Hayden requests on behalf of #hyperlinks (Austria) a change of order to move the discussion of additional motions before the Election of Board.

Vote: Majority in favor

Discussion of additional motions

Statute changes

Motion to change the statutes proposed by #hyperlinks, Austria (Proposal 1):

Both in Germany and in Austria, the member organisations of YPE have split with the respective Pirate Party in the country and have repositioned themselves as non-party-affiliated, political youth organisations working for progressive change in the area of digital rights, but also other fields. I think I can speak of both organisations, that we value the cooperation with YPE and its other member organisation and think that this cooperation should be upheld in the future. To facilitate this change on the level of YPE statutes, »#hyperlinks« suggest the adoption of the following changes to the Statutes of Young Pirates of Europe:

§ 2, First Paragraph, shall be changed to "The main goal of YPE is to bring together European youth organisations that work on digital issues as well as their members, improving not only the coordination of their political work, but also supporting cultural and personal exchange. As a federation of youth organisations, education and personal development of young people as well as the exchange of ideas and support of each other is an equally important aim of YPE. YPE supports access to information and education, copyright reform and the protection of fundamental human rights."

§ 3 (1), Second Paragraph, shall be changed to "Eligible as members are youth associations in any state in Europe as defined by the Council of Europe which work towards the policy goals of YPE."

Counter proposal proposed by Ung Pirat, Sweden (Proposal 2):

§ 2, first paragraph "The main goal of YPE is to bring together European pirate youth organisations and other youth organisations that work on digital issues and for transparency in government, participating democracy and civil rights as well as their members, improving not only the coordination of their political work, but also supporting cultural and personal exchange. As a federation of youth organisations, education and personal development of young people as well as the exchange of ideas and support of each other is an equally important aim of YPE. YPE supports access to information and education, copyright reform and the protection of fundamental

human rights."

§ 3 (1), Second Paragraph, "Eligible members are youth organisations of Pirate Parties and youth associations in any state in Europe as defined by the Council of Europe which work towards the policy goals of YPE."

Intensive discussion on the two proposals.

First vote between the two proposals, and then second vote on the chosen proposal to enact the statute changes (requires at least twice as many yes-votes as no-votes).

Vote between proposals:

Proposal 1 by #hyperlinks (Austria): Austria, Germany

Proposal 2 by Ung Pirat (Sweden): Finland, Iceland, Sweden

Abstention: Belarus

Vote on statute changes of Proposal 2 by Ung Pirat (Sweden):

In favor: Austria, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Sweden

Against: –

Abstention: Belarus

The statutes are changed to reflect the changes outlined in Proposal 2 by Ung Pirat (Sweden).

Election of the board

President

Bernhard Hayden (nominated by Falanster, Belarus) is candidate for the position as President.

In favor: Austria, Germany, Belarus, Sweden, Finland, Iceland

Against: –

Abstention: –

Bernhard Hayden was elected as President of the Young Pirates of Europe and accepts the mandate.

Secretary General

Henry Winkle (nominated by Iceland) is candidate for the position as Secretary General.

In favor: Austria, Germany, Sweden, Finland, Iceland

Against: –

Abstention: Belarus

Henry Winkle was elected as Secretary General of the Young Pirates of Europe and accepts the mandate.

Treasurer

Lukas Martini (nominated by Germany) is candidate for the position as Treasurer.

In favor: Austria, Belarus, Germany, Sweden, Finland, Iceland

Against: –

Abstention: –

Lukas Martini was unanimously elected as Treasurer of the Young Pirates of Europe and accepts the mandate.

Additional board members

The maximum number of additional board members is fixed to four people according to the statutes.

Kajsa Larsson (nominated by Belarus), Hákon Jarl Kristinsson (nominated by Iceland), Jaana Mikkola (nominated by Finland), Sergej Brändén and Sokrates Holmgren Cakadoussis (both nominated by Austria) are candidates for the position as additional board members.

Every member can vote in favor, against or abstain for every candidate.

Candidate	In favor	Against	Abstention
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Kajsa Larsson	Austria, Belarus, Germany, Sweden, Iceland	–	Finland
Sergej Brändén	Finland, Sweden, Iceland	–	Austria, Belarus, Germany
Hákon Jarl Kristinsson	Austria, Germany, Finland, Sweden, Iceland	–	Belarus
Sokrates Holmgren Cakadoussis	Austria, Germany, Finland, Sweden	–	Belarus, Iceland
Jaana Mikkola	Finland, Germany, Iceland, Sweden	–	Austria, Belarus

Kajsa Larsson, Hákon Jarl Kristinsson, Sokrates Holmgren Cakadoussis and Jaana Mikkola are elected as additional board members and accept their mandates.

Election of the auditors

Erik Einarsson and Florian Zumkeller-Quast are running for auditorship.

Candidate	In favor	Against	Abstention
Ásmundur Guðjónsson	Austria, Belarus, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Sweden	–	–
Florian Zumkeller-Quast	Austria, Belarus, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Sweden	–	–

Ásmundur Guðjónsson and Florian Zumkeller-Quast are elected as auditors and accept their mandates.

The meeting was closed at 14:05h CET on 5 December 2016.