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COUNCIL OF ESTONIAN SOCIETIES IN AUSTRALIA

AESL MONTHLY MEETING

18.11.2019

At 14 Queens Road Melbourne

6.30pm – 8pm

PRESENT – Lembit Marder, Evelin Erm, Ingrid Proven, Sirje Jogi

MEETING No 16

Minutes taken by Sirje Jogi

1. Previous meeting minutes were accepted with amendments –

- Incoming correspondence - Tiiu Salasoo's proposal about merger of AESL and ERC was discussed.- that AESL should remain as separate entity, and that constitution should be changed at AGM. Tiiu has a work group to put forward that proposal – we are happy to give Tiiu the email addresses to distribute her proposal or include with the current ones
- Mart Rape's comment about the skype session – three items mentioned –
 - a) Proposing a name change only, not a new body instead of current ERC
 - b) Merger will be only discussed after AESL AGM has decided its future direction
 - c) Manpower mentioned was not to do with ERC but rather being realistic about our capabilities all over our societies.

2. Correspondence in –

Aet Maddisson – re Estonian Festival outstanding invoices.

Total of loss - \$31,314.- .

Discussion followed and compared to previous Eesti Paevad organising and budgeting.

Only \$10,000 has been written off previously, if no profit was made.

At previous AGM the matter of increased costs or budgeting for huge loss was not presented for discussion by Sydney EP committee, so the loss will be discussed at AGM in January 2020. Lembit to reply Aet.

Jaak Mardiste nominating for certificate of merit – Esme Okamoto – Brisbane.

Amy Carter & Ray Laurens draft of budget sent in Eesti Paevad 2020 ask what amount to budget from AESL – suggesting \$15, 000 max but to be confirmed at AGM. We do want to get started with some amounts transferred as needed.

Kristi Barrow'invoice for webpage amount \$131.88 US

3. Outgoing correspondence –

1. October minutes sent to organisations

2. AGM date sent to organisations
3. AGM report forms sent out to organisations 1.11.19, due in 10.12
4. Reply to Aet Maddisson discussing Eesti Paevad expences – Eesti Paevad was budgeted \$10,000.at AESL AGM 2018 - with board decision as per constitution that we were allowed to make a decision for further \$5,000.- as matters got desperate.

4. Reports –

1. Sirje – with Matti Kivivali - Estonian House booked for AGM, 26.1.2020
2. Sirje – with Bernardette Pilli - Lunch for AGM will be prepared by Estonian Society
3. Posts on AESL FB page, updating about board discussions
4. Evelin - Invoices paid for – UEKN membership \$415.97; 10 books \$346.64; website fees \$656.68; language expenses \$64.80.
5. Sirje – AGM booklet work started
6. Lembit – website work, new aspect – “Brand Estonia.”

5. Treasurer’s report -

Business Transaction Account \$2,140.83

Savings Account \$86,768.98

Society Cheque Account \$7,260.66

Membership fees all paid amount in \$1,424.-

Donations run total was \$1,741.-

6. Future actions –

1. Lembit to formalise ERC & AESL merger proposals for booklet by 30.11, Sirje to send to organisations at the start of December (along with Tiiu Salasoo’s proposal should we receive this before December
2. Evelin to formalise Budget proposal as discussed/ decided at current meeting
3. Sirje sending out this meeting minutes to ask requests for grants, provided with their account balance and explanation
4. Lembit and Ingrid will work on AGM Booklet as soon as reports are in, ready for Sirje to send out Booklet for organisations (AGM attendees) by 15.1.2020.

Next meeting 9.12.19 at 6pm.

Secretary

SIRJE JOGI

Estonia.org.au <https://estonia.org.au/aesl/>

AESL Donations Invitation - <http://estonia.org.au/index.php/en/orgs/aesl/appeal-for-funds>

Names published of donations – <https://estonia.org.au/aesl/donations.php>

AESL/ERC collaboration discussion –

<http://hngtopcrh9dyp71sec.plushcontent.com/categories/7/aeslerc-consolidation>

EP 2020 Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/EestiPaevad2020/>

AESL Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/350280531846890/>

For Membership fees and Donations –

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