

General Meeting Minutes

On November 12th, 2022, at 4 PM CET, Rotex International held a general meeting. These are the minutes of that meeting. The meeting took place via Zoom and was simultaneously streamed to the Rotex International Facebook page.

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Minutes of the last General Meeting
3. Rotex International Convention 2024
 - a. Presentation of Rotex D2050
 - b. Questions and discussion
 - c. Vote for the 2024 convention host
4. Defining Rotex
5. Training and development committee
6. Status of registration as association in Germany
7. Rotary Youth Network
8. Updates from RXI
9. Any other business
10. Meeting ends

1. Welcome

Kyla opens the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing herself. She presents the agenda of the meeting.

From the board leading today's meeting:

- Kyla Christianson, Canada, Co-President
- Roosa Julia Töytäri, Finland, Co-President
- Emma Mulhern, USA, Secretary
- Albert Hönisch, Germany, Head of Leadership and Development
- Alberto Domenighini, Italy, Head of Rotex Networking

Visitor presenters:

- Elena Viviani, Chair of Rotary Youth Network

2. Minutes of the Last General Meeting

A link to the meeting minutes is shared in the chat. Emma summarizes the contents of the last meeting. She proceeds to ask if anyone has any feedback or questions, if not the minutes shall be confirmed. Nobody raises any objections or questions so the minutes are approved.

3. Rotex International Convention 2024

In this meeting the host for Rotex International Convention 2024 is elected. Kyla ask if anyone would still like to nominate themselves before moving on to the presentations of districts who have applied to host the convention in 2024. After presentation a voting will take place to elect the host.

Presentation from D2050

Alberto, speaking as a representative of Rotex D2050 in Italy, presents their Rotex organization and their motivation to host the next Rotex International Convention. He explains some difficulties, such as increased prices, that might arise with the convention organization that could prevent them from hosting it. They propose to host the convention in Brescia, Italy in August 1-4, 2024. The theme of the convention would be “Rotex: A World of Opportunities”.

Alberto shows a video from the Brescia Tourism Office. After he explains the details they have planned for the tickets and asks everyone interested in he convention to follow their Instagram page @RotexCon2024.

Questions and discussion

Questions about convention dates and post-trip are answered by Alberto. Participants share their excitement for the convention in the Zoom chat. Alberto introduces Elena who is also part of Rotex D2050 and asks if she would like to add something and she compliments Alberto on the presentation.

Vote for the 2024 convention host

Kyla explains the voting procedure for electing the next host. The voting is done anonymously with a Zoom poll feature. Participants can choose to support Rotex D2050 as the host by voting “Yes”, or not to support them by voting “No”. The participants can also choose to abstain from voting. Kyla explains that if the majority supports Rotex D2050 as the host, the decision is final.

Albert opens the voting. Rotex D2050 is unanimously elected as the host of Rotex International Convention 2024. There were in total 4 “Yes” votes.

4. Defining Rotex

Emma shares an update from a Rotex International's project to better define Rotex. She shows Rotex International's website and a page called "What is Rotex" where Rotex International has defined terminology related to Rotex and Rotary Youth Exchange.

Rotex International has decided to refer to an organized Rotex group as Rotex Association. Previously the term "Rotex Club" has been used. This change was made to avoid confusion since within Rotary International a Rotary Club has different structure than Rotex Association (Rotex Club) has.

Emma shows a new section called "Frequently Asked Questions". She welcomes anyone to give feedback on questions that can be added and presents the questions that have already been added.

Emma continues to explain a recommended usage for Rotex related vocabulary in English. She highlights that they are recommendations and used in such way by Rotex International but Rotex International does not enforce their usage.

The terminology, proper usage and frequently asked questions can be found on [our website](#).

Kyla encourages participants to ask questions. At this point there are no questions or comments so Emma reminds everyone that they can reach out with suggestions and feedback later if they wish to do so. The website link is also shared in the Zoom chat.

5. Training and Development Committee

Albert introduces a new committee, the Training and Development committee, that is looking for members. The committee will work on creating useful materials for Rotex in Rotex International's Knowledgebase and organize training and workshop events for Rotex. Albert welcomes anyone interested in joining the committee to contact him or Rotex International.

6. Status of registration as association in Germany

Previously a decision was made to register Rotex International as an official association in Germany. After careful consideration and assessment, the board of Rotex International has come to the conclusion that the registration will not be feasible. Albert shares more details on how the board has come to this conclusion. The main reason is that only associations registered in Germany would be able to become members of Rotex International. Rotex International will re-evaluate and search alternative solutions for registration.

7. Rotary Youth Network

Kyla welcomes Elena to present Rotary Youth Network. Elena introduces herself and Rotary Youth Network. Rotary Youth Network wants to connect youth involved in Rotary's Youth Programs. Their collaborative project with Rotex International is called twinning meetings for the RYE Students. Elena welcomes Claudia to explain the benefits of the project. Elena talks about possible challenges and opportunities.

Kyla welcomes participants to ask questions or share comment. The idea was supported in the chat. Albert asks about a platform that would be used in the project and shares his experience with a similar project. Elena answers the question by saying that they are still exploring options for the platform. She encourages anyone to approach the Roary Youth Network on Instagram.

8. Updates from Rotex International

Kyla shares updates from Rotex International. She reminds everyone to answer the RXI Yearly Survey and subscribe to Rotex International's newsletter for future updates. Rotes Hangout with Rotex D2050 is planned for December. A spring general meeting will take place in 2023 and the date will be announced later.

9. Other Business

Merit from Rotex Germany thanks Rotex International for a recent update email and asks to take a picture with all the participants. In the chat feedback was raised about sending email invitations to the meetings, Rotex International will explore that option.

10. Meeting ends

Kyla ends the meeting and thanks everyone for joining.