



# EUROMAYENNE

## ASSOCIATION EUROMAYENNE MINUTES OF THE AGM ON SATURDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020 POSTPONED TO SATURDAY, 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021

Due to the current health situation related to the Covid-19 pandemic, our AGM, originally scheduled for Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2020, had to be postponed to Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

As a reminder, in view of this health situation, the holding of governance meetings (Officers meetings, Executive Committee meetings, AGMs etc.) should be preferred using a remote format. These face-to-face meetings are prohibited in any establishment open to the public.

On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 10.00am, the AGM of the EuroMayenne Association, whose head office is located at the Maison des Associations, 130 rue de la Visitation, Mayenne (53100), was held in a meeting room at "La Ligue de l'Enseignement", 31 allée du Vieux-Saint-Louis à Laval (53000). 29 members were present or represented.

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

She asked everyone to remember five former members who had passed away since October 2019:

- Marian Barontini (October 2019)
- Mary King (August 2020)
- John Robinson (January 2021)
- William (Bill) Beuthin (February 2021)
- Gisèle Pouteau (February 2021)

The President reminded the meeting of the A.G.M. agenda:

- 1 – Apologies
- 2 – Approval of the minutes of the AGM on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019
- 3 – Activities Report 2019-2020
- 4 – Financial Report 2019-2020
- 5 – Election of Members to the Executive Committee
- 6 – A.O.B.

### **1 – APOLOGIES**

The President then named those members who had sent apologies:

- Monsieur Jean LACOME
- Monsieur Michel LIEBERT
- Madame Clotilde SEDOUGA
- Monsieur Gilbert POULEYN (*prior commitment as president of another association*)
- Madame Christine WICKS
- Monsieur Jean-Claude SPEYER

The President reminded those participating that all notifications, the various documents presented, the candidacies for E.C. Member positions, the digital link to vote remotely on *Google Forms*, the digital link to access this *Zoom* meeting and the amended Internal Rules approved by the Executive Committee were sent on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021 by email, as all current members of the association are connected to the internet.

## **2 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AGM ON 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

The President reminded those participating that this document had been sent to all members with the notification. There were no particular comments on the minutes of the AGM on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

**Result of the distance voting: 46 Voters - Votes for: 42/ Votes against: 1/ Abstentions: 2**

**The minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019 A.G.M. are approved.**

## **3 – ACTIVITIES REPORT 2019-2020**

This report had been sent to all members before the AGM and the president, *Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE*, made a short résumé.

### **Membership:**

She pointed out that the association counted **213 members on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020:**

- 54% women and 46% men,
- 63 years old on average.

### **French Lessons and numbers of participants each session:**

09-12/2019	12 Beginners	13 Intermediaries	11 Advanced		<b>Total:36</b>
01-03/2020	7 Beginners	13 Intermediaries	12 Advanced		<b>Total:32</b>
04-06/2020	7 Beginners	12 Intermediaries	13 Advanced		<b>Total:32</b>
09-12/2020	6 Beginners	11 Intermediaries	11 Advanced	8 Advanced Plus	<b>Total:36</b>
01-04/2021	8 Beginners	12 Intermediaries	11 Advanced	6 Advanced Plus	<b>Total:37</b>

For the past year our French Lessons have been held remotely by video-conference using *Syype* and *Zoom*.

In September 2020 we created a new “Advanced Plus” group, which has enabled some participants to access a higher level course and has resulted in the integration of new beginners.

### **Conversation Workshops:**

These workshops are held by video conference on *Zoom* in groups of 3 to 4 people (12 participants for the Mayenne workshop and 6 for the Laval workshop).

### **School Interventions:**

There has been only 1 school intervention during the school year 2019 - 2020.

### **Outings:**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and national lockdown, we were only able to organise 5 outings with visits, with an average of 25 participants (compared to 30 for the year 2018-2019), of which 30% were French-speaking members.

### **Monthly Teas:**

These have been held at La Visitation and then via *Zoom* with 12 - 20 participants each month.

### **Activity Groups:**

Photography: 10 - 14 participants on average (at *John & Linda Liddiard's* home)

Gardening: 13 participants in October 2019 (lunch and quiz at *Malcolm Casson's* home)

Walking: 10 - 12 participants on average (different venues in the Mayenne department)

Reading: 9 - 14 participants (at La Visitation and then on *Zoom*)

Card Games: 8 - 12 participants on average (at *Maison de Quartier des Fourches* in Laval)

Crafts: 4 - 6 participants on average (at La Visitation)

### **EuroMayenne Fair 2019:**

2,900 Visitors

Financial result: 871,73€

Due to a fire that damaged the Exhibition Hall in November 2019, there was no Fair in 2020 and also there will be no Fair in 2021. We will canvas our Members' opinions and suggestions by means of a survey. Then our Fair Committee and our Executive Committee will decide of the future orientations of our Fair.

#### **Communications:**

*Facebook:*

Public Page: 320 friends

Salon Page: 53 subscribers

Photography Page: 40 members

Private EuroMayenne Members Page: 22 members

The President reminded all participants to the AGM to visit our website regularly for the latest updates on all our activities.

The Executive Committee warmly thanks all members who devote a lot of their free time to organise the various activities of our association on a voluntary basis.

There were no questions in relation to this report.

**Result of the remote voting: 46 Voters - Votes for: 46/ Votes against:0 / Abstentions:0**

**The Activities Report 2019-2020 is unanimously approved.**

#### **4 – FINANCIAL REPORT 2018-2019**

*Roselyne SPEYER*, Treasurer, presented the Financial Report 2019-2020, which showed a negative result of 1294,87€ (negative result of 4974,40€ in 2018-2019).

*Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE* thanked *Roselyne SPEYER* for her efficiency in managing our accounts, and also *Patrice RIEGLER* who audited our accounts.

There were no questions from those present in relation with this report.

**Result of the Remote Voting: 46 Voters - Votes for: 44/ Votes against: 0/ Abstentions: 2**

**The Financial Report 2019-2020 is approved.**

#### **5 – ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

3 administrators posts were available.

First of all, *Paul CLIMANCE* has decided to step down from his important responsibilities as Vice-President for 12 years, Executive Committee member, Chairperson of our Languages Committee and member of our Fair and Communications Committees.

The Executive Committee, on behalf of all members, would like to address our warmest thanks to him.

The President presented him with a gift.

In addition, *Lynn CHESTERS'* mandate is coming to an end today.

Finally, *Len FORSHAW* resigned his mandate in November 2020.

A call for candidacies was sent out by the President on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

Two members sent their candidacies and expressed their motivations on a text sent out to members together with the notification.

*Lynn CHESTERS* was standing for re-election and read her presentation.

*Simon KING*, co-opted by the Executive Committee in February 2021, was a candidate and read his presentation.

**Result of the remote voting:**

***Lynn CHESTERS* was re-elected for 3 years (46 Voters - Votes for:46 /Vote against:0 /Abstentions:0 /Invalid vote:1)**

***Simon KING* was elected for 3 years (46 Voters - Votes for:46 /Votes against:0 /Abstentions:0)**

This leaves one position available for a British Executive Committee member (to ensure parity of representation).

Members wishing to join the Executive Committee can send an email to the President, and the Executive Committee will consider their co-option before the next AGM.

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

## **6 – A.O.B.**

There were no questions sent to the President following her email on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

The President made two announcements:

- *EuroMayenne* 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary could be celebrated in July or October 2021 depending on the evolution of the health situation (the association was created on 8<sup>th</sup> July 1991).
- The Exhibition of the works of our Lockdown Competition winners could take place during the celebration of our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

As there was no other item on the agenda, the President *Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE*, closed the meeting at 11.13am.

LAVAL, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021

*Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE*  
President