



# EUROMAYENNE

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022

On Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 10:00 am, the Annual General Meeting of the EuroMayenne Association, whose head office is located at La Maison des Associations, 130 rue de la Visitation, Mayenne (53100) was held in the Old Refectory at La Maison des Associations, 130 rue de la Visitation, Mayenne (53100).

57 members were present or represented, the quorum being set at 30 members present or represented in the association's internal regulations approved by the Executive Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

*Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE*, President, opened the meeting and thanked the participants for their attendance.

*Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE* asked the meeting to remember for a moment Queen Elizabeth II who passed away on the 8<sup>th</sup> September. The meeting was also reminded to remember *Edith LAIGLE*, one of our Senior Members who passed away on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022.

The President reminded those attending of the agenda for the meeting:

- 1- Apologies
- 2- Approval of the minutes of the AGM on 06/11/2021
- 3- Activity Report 2021-2022
- 4- Financial Report 2021-2022
- 5- Election of Executive Committee Members
- 6- Any other Business

The President then thanked the following Community Officials for their presence:

- Madame *Lyssia SAULNIER*, Deputy Mayor of Mayenne for Attractiveness, Twinning and City Centre, representing Monsieur *Jean-Pierre LE SCORNET*, Mayor of Mayenne,
- Monsieur *Michel FERRON*, President of The House of Europe in Mayenne,
- Monsieur *Pierre DOUILLET*, President of the University of Free Time in Haute-Mayenne,
- Madame *Annick BAYER*, Vice-President of the University of Free Time in Haute-Mayenne,
- Monsieur *Michel BUSSENEAU*, Past-President and Honorary member of the EuroMayenne association,
- Madame *Yvette BUSSENEAU*, Honorary Member of the EuroMayenne Association.

### **1 – Apologies**

The President then gave apologies on behalf of the following:

- Monsieur *Olivier RICHEFOU*, President of the Departmental Council,
- Monsieur *Guillaume CHEVROLLIER*, Senator,
- Madame *Valérie HAYER*, European Deputy,
- Madame *Géraldine BANNIER*, Member of Parliament,
- Monsieur *Yannick FAVENNEC*, Member of Parliament,
- Monsieur *Guillaume GAROT*, Member of Parliament,
- Monsieur *Florian BERCAULT*, Mayor of Laval,
- Monsieur *Jean-Pierre LE SCORNET*, Mayor of Mayenne and President of Mayenne Communauté,
- Monsieur *Antoine VALPREMIT*, Departmental Councillor, First Vice-President of Mayenne Communauté, Mayor of Sacé.

Also the following: Mesdames et Messieurs *Colette BERRON*, *Gerard BOURSIER*, *Eileen CLARK*, *Wendy FIELD*, *Janet and Fred GREATOREX*, *Michel LIEBERT*, *Linda and Robin POWELL*, *Paul PUNCHARD*, *Raymond TOWLER*, *Alexandra WILBY*, *Mélanie WOERLY*, EuroMayenne Members, and *Alain Faucon*, who is leading our French Lessons.

The President then reminded the meeting that all notifications and reports to be presented at the meeting were sent by email to all members of the association on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022, as all members have an email address. The various reports were also available to be consulted in the room.

The President stated that 3 members needed to be available for counting votes in case a vote by secret ballot would be required. *Patrice BOMPAIS*, *Julie WATSON* and *Linda LIDDIARD* volunteered and agreed to be scrutineers if required. The members present approved their candidature.

## **2. Approval of the minutes of the AGM on 06/11/2021**

The President reminded the meeting that the minutes of the AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021 had been sent to all members, together with the notification of this AGM, on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022.

She asked if there were any comments on these minutes. There were no comments.

**The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were unanimously approved.**

## **3 – Activity Report 2021-2022**

The Activity report was circulated to all EuroMayenne members before this AGM.

The President then gave a short summary for the benefit of the Official Guests.

### **Membership**

**209 members on 31/08/2022** (213 on 31/08/2021) - a good stability despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many thanks to *Roselyne SPEYER* and *Gloria KENNERLEY* for managing our membership.

### **French Courses – 126 registrations from September 2021 to June 2022 in 4 classes**

	Beginners	Intermediates	Advanced	Advanced Plus	TOTAL
09–12/2021	12	11	8	12	<b>43</b>
01–03/2022	12	12	7	6	<b>43</b>
04–06/2022	12	12	5	6	<b>40</b>

There has been an increase in the participation to our courses.

All courses were held face-to-face.

The Executive Committee would like to record their thanks to the Town of Mayenne which offers us free rooms in order to organise our courses.

In addition, we thank most warmly *Alain FAUCON*, our teacher, for his collaboration with our association, and *Simon KING* who has coordinated our courses with great efficiency. *Simon KING* has decided to stop his work in this role and we thank *Peter WOODS* who has offered to take over.

### **Conversation Workshops**

#### **Mayenne**

Afternoon : 11 participants (8 English speakers and 3 French speakers) on average.

Evening: 11 participants (7 English speakers and 4 French speakers) on average.

#### **Laval**

5 participants (3 English speakers and 2 French speakers) on average at the evening workshop.

1 or 2 new English speakers are needed for the Laval workshop.

We would like to record our thanks to *Lycée Don Bosco* in Mayenne and *Maison de Quartier des Fourches* in Laval for offering us free rooms during the year.

We are very grateful to *Armelle JAMELOT* (Laval), *Colette BERRON* and *Lynn CHESTERS* (Mayenne) for their hard work in coordinating our conversation workshops.

### **School Interventions**

12 interventions at *Collège des 7 Fontaines* in Andouillé and 7 conversation workshops at *INSPé* (Training Centre for Teachers) in Laval.

We would like to record our warmest thanks to the schools that have approached us and to all our native English-speaking volunteers who have invested their time during the school year to provide these interventions.

We would also like to record our warmest thanks to *Paul CLIMANCE* who has been coordinating our school interventions for many years. He has now stepped down from this role and we are looking for a new coordinator.

### **Volunteer Assistance Network**

This year 5 additional members volunteered to reinforce our volunteer support team. Thanks to Lynn *CHESTERS* and Sylvie *QUINTON* for their coordination of this network.

### **Monthly Outings**

We organised 10 outings from September 2021 to August 2022 with 23 participants on average (15 English speakers and 8 French speakers).

65 members participated in our 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

A hundred participants attended the conference organised on 18/11/21 in partnership with UTLHM as part of our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Mayenne Theatre with the theme "*French and English, cousin languages, so close and so different*", led by Pierre *HEUDIER*, Honorary Professor at the Faculty of Tours.

In May 2022 a survey was sent to all of our members in order to find out their expectations regarding our outings and activities. The results showed that historical tours, museums/art galleries and shows/concerts were the most popular outings.

### **Monthly Teas**

12 participants on average at La Visitation.

Many thanks to *Eileen CLIMANCE* for coordinating these meetings.

### **Interest Groups**

Craft Group: 6 sessions and 4 participants on average.

Gardening Group: no meetings from September 2021 to August 2022. This group is meeting again this year under the leadership of *Stephen and Julia BOSTOCK*.

Photography Group : 10 meetings with 11 participants on average.

Walking Group: 9 walks with 10 participants on average.

Reading Group : 8 meetings and 9 participants on average.

Card Games Group: this group was stopped due to insufficient interest from members.

We would like to record our warmest thanks to Lynn *CHESTERS*, Chair of our Activities Committee, and to all our interest groups leaders (*Pam BRITTON*, *Susan CHARNOCK*, *Stephen BOSTOCK*, *John LIDDIARD*, *Lynn CHESTERS*, *Josiane HOUESNARD*, *Pam DAVIES*), for their involvement and hard work in organising our leisure activities.

### **Salon EuroMayenne**

Our Executive Committee is presently reflecting on the future orientations of our Fair.

After having been in charge of our Fair Committee for 20 years, *Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE* has decided to step down from this role, but to date no one has volunteered to take over the responsibility.

### **Communications**

#### **Facebook**

Our Association's public page has 442 Friends.

Our Photographic Group private page has 21 members only.

The private group for our members has 16 members.

The new Gardening Group private page has 8 members.

We encourage all members to check our Facebook pages regularly and sign up!

#### **EuroMayenne Website**

The President invited all members attending to visit the website regularly for the latest updates on all our activities.

The Executive Committee warmly thanks *Ian and Julie WATSON* for their involvement and their hard work for the communications of our association.

### **Project of bilingual guide for medical emergencies**

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown, our draft bilingual guide had to be put on stand-by.

Our Communications Committee will consider reactivating the organisation of this project.

### **Conclusion**

The Executive Committee would like to thank all of our members who have given their free time to organise the different activities of our association during the year 2021-2022, as well as those who have participated in our outings and events. If you would like to take on more responsibility in our association, please feel free to let us know!

The President then invited questions from the meeting. There were no questions.

**The Activity Report 2021-2022 was unanimously approved.**

#### **4 – Financial Report and Audit Report on Accounts for 2021-2022**

*Roselyne SPEYER*, treasurer of the association, presented the 2021-2022 Financial Report.

The President thanked *Roselyne SPEYER* for her great efficiency in managing our accounts, and she also thanked *Stéphanie LE GLAUNEC* who has audited our accounts this year.

The President asked if there were any questions on these reports. There were no questions.

**The Financial Report and the Audit Report on Accounts 2021-2022 were unanimously approved.**

#### **5 – Election of Executive Committee Members**

The mandates of *Colette BERRON*, *Pamela DAVIES*, *Clotilde SEDOUGA* and *Roselyne SPEYER* have come to an end and there are 4 vacancies for Executive Committee Members.

These four members were standing for re-election.

The President confirmed that she had circulated a request for candidacies to all members on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 but had not received any new candidatures.

The above-mentioned 4 candidates then presented their candidatures in alphabetical order:

*Colette BERRON* (absent, candidature read by *Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE*), *Pamela DAVIES*, *Clotilde SEDOUGA* et *Roselyne SPEYER*.

As there were as many candidates as the number of positions to be filled, the meeting agreed to a show of hands.

#### **Result of the voting**

***Colette BERRON*, *Pamela DAVIES*, *Clotilde SEDOUGA* and *Roselyne SPEYER* were unanimously re-elected for three years.**

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

#### **6 - Any other Business**

There were no questions sent to the President following her email of 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

No questions were asked by the participants.

As there were no other items on the agenda, the meeting was closed at 11.47am.

Nicole DEVEL-LAIGLE  
President