



28th Assembly Eurotary87

Eurotary 87, 20th-22th September 2028, hosted by RC Westerlo

Minutes of the AGM of Sunday 21th September 2019, Mechelen

1. Welcome

Karel Van Hulle, President of Eurotary87 welcomed the participants and introduced the people behind the headtable:

- Wim Van Den Bergh, President of RC Westerlo
- Luc Duts, Secretary of RC Westerlo
- Steen Frits-Olsen, Vice president of Eurotary87

2. Apologies for absence

- No apologies were received. All participants regretted the lack of responsiveness from the other (105) clubs of Eurotary 87 and it was agreed that efforts will be undertaken to ensure a higher participation rate next year through more personal contacts with individual clubs.

3. Roll-call of clubs

- 7 European clubs were present: Bayreuth-Ermitage, Haddenham & District, Korsor, Kolbäck, , Langenhagen-Wedenmark, Westerlo and the Wreake Valley.
- Banners and gifts were exchanged.

4. Approval of the minutes of the 27th Assembly AGM (The Wreake Valley, RC Leicestershire, UK)

- The minutes of meeting were approved.

5. Report on the Wreake Valley RC Leicestershire humanitarian project

- An oral report about the project was presented by the representative of the Wreake Valley, who promised to keep the group informed about further progress as the project had not started yet.

6. Decision on the Host Club for the 29th Assembly (2020)

- As agreed last year, the 29th Assembly will be hosted by RC Langenhagen-Wedemark (Hanover). This was confirmed by the President, Frank Siebert, on behalf of his club and welcomed by all participants.

7. Decision on the Host Club for the 30th Assembly (2021)

- Last year, the same clubs as this year attended the Eurotary Assembly. Out of 110 possible clubs, only 7 clubs were present. It was agreed that such a low attendance was a poor success.
- Karel Van Hulle, suggested to delay the decision on the Host Club for 2021 until next year when it would become clearer whether there still is sufficient interest among the Eurotary87 clubs. This proposal was unanimously agreed and a discussion took place on ways and means to obtain a higher attendance at next year's meeting.
- Is Eurotary87 still having a future? What after 2020?
- We have to be creative to attract clubs and also new members to keep Rotary a "young club".
 - o All suggestions are welcome
- We will use the coming year and the Assembly of 2020 to decide if and how we continue this Eurotary 87 project.
- Some participants asked RC Westerlo how they attracted young members, as it was observed that several participants from RC Westerlo were or appeared to be younger than their colleagues from the other clubs present. Some ideas were exchanged.
 - o Bring family and kids
 - o A family friendly programme
 - o We have to inform other clubs about Eurotary87 activities
 - o Use new technology (virtual conferences and mailing)
 - o Better timing of informing clubs about upcoming Eurotary 87 events
 - o ...

8. Presentation of the humanitarian project 2019/2020 from RC Westerlo

- On behalf of RC Westerlo, Bert Van Dessel presented the humanitarian project 2019/2020 of RC Westerlo, which deals with an energy project in Gambia. All participating clubs agreed to financially support the project.

9. Handover of the Eurotary 87 Presidency

- Karel Van Hulle handed over the Presidency of Eurotary 87 to Frank Siebert. At his request, all members present agreed that their e-mail addresses would be exchanged to him so as to allow him to personally invite everybody to the meeting next year.
- Frank expressed his gratitude to RC Westerlo for a wonderful weekend. This was agreed by all participants.

10. Presentation of the Eurotary 87 programme for 2020

- Frank Siebert presented the programme for 2020, which looked exciting and very attractive.

11. Matters arising, not on the agenda

- None

12. Closing remarks

- Karel Van Hulle thanked the participants for their presence. It was agreed that the organisation and the programme had been excellent.
- A special word of thanks was expressed to the hostmaster (website).
- Wim Van den Bergh expressed his thanks on behalf of RC Westerlo.
- Steen Frits-Olsen joined in by thanking RC Westerlo for the excellent organisation of the weekend.