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Record of the meeting of the WAGGGS/WOSM Consultative Committee

Dear Colleagues,

Attached for your information is a copy of the record of the tele-conference meeting of the WAGGGS/WOSM Consultative Committee, which was held on Monday 30 June 2008.

These minutes are being distributed by both Organizations. A subsequent meeting of the Consultative Committee took place on 11 October. You will receive the minutes of that meeting in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Luc Panissod
Acting Secretary General

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WAGGGS/WOSM CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (WWCM)

Record of the Tele-Conference Meeting held on Monday, 30 June 2008

Present

WOSM

- Philippe Da Costa, Chairman, World Scout Committee (chairing)
- Thérèse Bermingham, Vice-Chairman, World Scout Committee
- Ana Elisa Piubello, Member, World Scout Committee
- Luc Panissod, Acting Secretary General, WOSM

WOSM staff support

- Jim Sharp, World Scout Bureau
- Arturo Romboli, World Scout Bureau

WAGGGS

- Elspeth Henderson, Chairman, WAGGGS World Board
- Liesbeth Lijnzaad, Member, WAGGGS World Board
- Mary Mc Phail, Chief Executive, WAGGGS

WAGGGS staff support

- Elena Moya, WAGGGS World Bureau

Apologies

- Magda Murr, Member, WAGGGS World Board

1. Joint work

1.1 Joint Peace Team

It was agreed that there was a need for greater communication between WAGGGS, WOSM and the Joint Peace Team regarding progress of the work carried out by the Joint Peace Team. This item would be discussed in further detail at the next meeting. An Executive Summary on what the Joint Peace Team has achieved and who has been involved would be produced.

Action

- LP would contact the Joint Peace Team and provide the WWCM with an update and an Executive Summary.

1.2 Amahoro

The joint WAGGGS/WOSM speech for both World Conferences will include an update on the Amahoro project. The project had officially finished although a lot of work still had to be done. Funding would be required in order to continue with this work.

WOSM informed the committee that it had carried out an evaluation of the project, funded by the World Scout Foundation. It was suggested that the evaluation of the Amahoro project be added to the agenda for the next meeting, as WAGGGS did not have the details. This should include clarity about the financial situation of the project.

Action

- MMP would pass on relevant correspondence to WOSM. MMP and LP would work on resolving this issue together.

1.3 Open Minds Global (OMG) (analysis of current situation and next steps)

A physical meeting had taken place in London, in April 2008, chaired by EH. Some difficulties had arisen around the work in Egypt; OMG had a responsibility as a board to draw the Egypt phase to a conclusion.

There had been some discussion regarding the direction OMG was going. A think tank

group had convened in Gotwick Manor, organized by Peder Wallenberg (PW), in order to prepare a concept paper for the OMG Board. If the OMG project was to move forward, there would need to be a clear focus on next stage for WAGGGS and WOSM. Also it was considered relevant to include the Member Organizations concerned in discussions about the future of the project.

WAGGGS had prepared a PowerPoint Presentation on OMG for its forthcoming Conference; WOSM informed the committee that they would not have a separate presentation at theirs.

EH proposed that no further OMG developments be considered until September as WAGGGS and WOSM both had World Conferences to deal with during the summer months. It was agreed that this would be communicated to all concerned.

2. Regional Cooperation

MMP acknowledged that during the triennium stronger relationships had developed between the Regions. Each had attended the other's Regional Conference. Both Organizations might want to explore widening and deepening this relationship.

This item would be discussed further at the next WWCC meeting in November 2008.

3. SAGNOs issues

This item would be discussed at the next WWCC meeting in November 2008.

4. World Conferences

4.1 Participation in each Conference

Ana Elisa Piubello will represent WOSM at the WAGGGS Conference. The WAGGGS/WOSM presentation will take place on Tuesday, 8 July, AEP would leave the following day. Nkwenke Nkomo, member of the World Scout Committee living in South Africa, will also attend the WAGGGS Conference.

Linden Edgell (a continuing WAGGGS World Board member from Australia) and MMP will represent WAGGGS at the WOSM Conference. The WAGGGS/WOSM presentation will take place on Thursday, 17 July.

4.2 Joint presentation

A draft outline written by WAGGGS and contributed to by WOSM had been agreed. Discussion took place regarding amendments to the text accompanying the PowerPoint presentation, and changes were agreed during the tele-conference meeting.

5. Scouting's Centenary - WAGGGS' celebrations in 2010-12

EH re-acknowledged how much WAGGGS appreciated being involved in the Jamboree last year.

It was noted that some of WAGGGS' members had already celebrated the centenary with WOSM (SAGNOs). WAGGGS will celebrate the centenary in 2010 (the centenary for Girlguiding UK) through to 2012 (the centenary for Girl Scouts of the USA). The celebration will span three years, so that many MOs can join in at the appropriate time. The launch of the slogan for the centenary will take place at the WAGGGS Conference, and WAGGGS hoped that WOSM would be involved in celebrations as they wished. Details will be circulated on the events as they evolve. More information on the centenary celebrations will be given in the joint speech at the WOSM Conference. WOSM supported this initiative.

6. Policy on suspension and cancellation of membership

LL informed the committee that she had worked with Derek Pollard on this policy, but that discussions had not progressed. This would be discussed further at the next WWCC

meeting as standardisation of policies with respect to SAGNOs would be useful. Quality checks of Member Organizations had been discussed at the last WWCC meeting in Geneva. It was noted that WAGGGS has Performance Indicators as a tool to measure the performance of MOs. WOSM is also considering the assessment of NSOs with an evaluation and checklist of criteria, but had no agreed policy on this at the moment. WOSM would be happy to learn from WAGGGS' experiences in this field. It was recognised that work on suspension and cancellation related to the quality of Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting or Scouting would be difficult at this stage, but exchanges on the subject should continue.

7. General issues on Member Organizations

Discussion took place on Syria. JS was not happy with the Proposed Motion in the WAGGGS Conference Document on Membership as the wording in the document implied that the organization was a SAGNO. WOSM requested clarification on the matter. Correspondence had been exchanged, and it seemed that the underlying issue was the language used: Scouts of Syria, Guide Branch. WAGGGS clarified that only the Girl Guides would be members of WAGGGS. A lot of emphasis had been placed on the title of the Association, and the preferred name of the organization had been "Syria Girl Scouts" instead of Scouts of Syria. LL mentioned that it was standard policy that the name of the National Organization should always reflect the aspect of Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting.

JS suggested that part of the confusion lay with the translation. In the Arabic language there is no separate word for "Guide" that distinguishes it from "Scout". It was agreed that there should be clarification when documents are translated to use distinguishing language in English to avoid confusion.

WOSM stated that the membership figure in the WAGGGS Conference document was incorrect and that the figure for WAGGGS membership was substantially smaller. WAGGGS pointed out that this was a WAGGGS document which contained the relevant detail given to WAGGGS.

The WWCC agreed that the organization was an all female organization with a Guide structure, that different branches of Scouting and Guiding exist in Syria and that this organization was not a SAGNO. WAGGGS requested that in future where there were WAGGGS/WOSM difficulties of this nature, they be discussed first for clarification at regional or world level, and not at country level.

It was noted that Chile was no longer suspended in WOSM as they had paid their quota fees the previous Saturday. They had yet to pay their quota for WAGGGS. Chile would therefore have voting rights in Korea but not in South Africa.

8. Any other business

The World Scout Committee will meet in Geneva from 7-9 November 2008. The WAGGGS World Board meeting will take place from 3-10 October 2008.

The WWCC committed to hold a Consultative Committee meeting as soon as possible after both World Conferences, with the new World Board and Scout Committee members. The weekend of 11-12 October 2008 was suggested and would be confirmed once both Conferences had been held.

PDC wished WAGGGS good luck for its Conference, and EH wished WOSM a successful Conference. EH on behalf of Magda Murr (who was absent from the meeting) gave their thanks and appreciation to other members of the WWCC, as their terms were coming to an end at the WAGGGS Conference. Congratulations were extended to EH from the World Scout Committee for her actions, and the meetings in Hong Kong and the UK Jamboree, and her contribution in general to Scouting over the years.

AEP also extended her thanks as this would be her last meeting, AEP appreciated the mutual cooperation that had developed over the years and thanked WAGGGS for their hospitality.