

**Minutes of Meeting  
held in Tallinn, 04 February 2005**

**Meeting:** 04 February 2005, 14:00 – 18:00  
Meriton Grand Hotel, "Eduard Wiralt"

**Participants:**

Anne Jakunin	(AJ)	Ermo Mäeots	(EM)
Anne Ståhl-Mousa	(ASM)	Henrik Eybye Nielsen	(HEN)
Anders Nyholm	(AN)	Martina Schwinkendorf	(MS)

**Item 1 – General (budget 2004, budget 2005, website PtP etc.)**

**1. Budget 2004**

With last invoices forwarded after the AC meeting, the final accounts show that the WG used SEK 21.470,14 from budget line PtP Basics (abt. 50 %) Anne Jakunin claimed the refunding of the missing 60 % for her meeting participation in the September WG meeting on Vilm. So far 40 % have been refunded from budget line "Travel costs".

**Decision:** MS will contact Henry Henziger to ask for corresponding refund to Saaremaa account.

**2. Budget 2005**

The B7 budget contains	PtP Basics	amounting to	SEK 40,000
	Contact Meeting budget		SEK 40,000
	Youth Art Project budget		SEK 50,000
	B7 Games, 1 <sup>st</sup> instalment		SEK 50,000.

Not included are the amounts the WG asked for

website update	SEK 10,000
other exchange projects	SEK 40,000

(support for exchanges resulting from Contact Meetings such as exhibitions, workshops, etc.)

**Decision:** The board will be contacted again to discuss possibilities for additional award of means. The money not used in 2004 could be committed for these purposes for 2005.

**3. Website PtP update**

With the budget proposal forwarded to the Board before the October meeting WG asked for SEK 10,000 to pay for website update according to Annex WG to the B7 Charter.

From the 2005 budget the WG could see that the board did not award additional money. However, the regular website updated can be done only by an external person. No WG member has the time to take care of this task in the framework of normal work tasks.

**Decision:** The board will be contacted again by MS to find a solution – maybe to commit the money left from 2004. At first Seppo, who agreed to take care of PtP website, will be asked how much money he would need to update the page.

## Item 2 Board Meeting 20 Jan 2005 – Decisions related to WG PtP

### § 4 Budget “Other costs”

By a mistake, an amount of SEK 4,420.24 has been paid out from “PtP Basics” budget instead of “Other cost” budget line → will be corrected.

### § 7 / § 9 INTERREG project application

Discussing the big project history the WG regrets that we did not yet reach a point where we could submit an application for a bigger PtP project.

Beginning with the board’s decision in Oct 2003 we were recommended to focus on INTERREG only, whereas the PtP matters (several youth exchange ideas and Saaremaa drama festival project) seemed not to be sufficient as project content so finally there had been added other subjects such as politics, transport and tourism.

Here it started to spin round – Not knowing exactly what the asked money shall be spent for, the politicians’ answer is “no” when asked for money. Without a project description no politician can be convinced to make the necessary co-financing available. Without chances to get the necessary co-financing the time-consuming project writing seems to be senseless, etc.

#### Present situation for PtP WG:

- The initial intention of making a big PtP project had been fallen apart with the extension by political, transport and other subjects.
- The WG members from Bornholm, Gotland and Öland – the islands who normally need to have a co-financing amounting to 50 % - where told by their politicians that the islands will not be able neither to provide bigger co-financing amounts as necessary for INTERREG projects nor the man-power to run such a project. (At present e. g. Bornholm is involved in two INTERREG projects, in one of them even as lead partner.)

#### How to go on?

AJ declared that Saaremaa theatre was relying very much on the promised big project application for its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration – project idea forwarded to the islands in 2003. Therefore and for the other project ideas forwarded during the last two years the PtP WG will focus on their objectives, i. e. first off all on youth exchange and culture projects. The prepared WP “Youth” can be a working foundation to start from.

**Decision:** Due to Hanna’s experience with EU programmes, the WG will ask her for a consultation in order to find and apply to suitable programmes for PtP purposes.

Meeting shall be arranged on 14/15 April, together with the UBC meeting in Visby.

## Item 3 Contact Meeting 2005

ASM proposed to plan for the contact meeting in autumn, preferably in October after the tourist season.

Concerning the Broadband subject, focus will be on “How to use broadband?”.

**Decision:** ASM will contact AN for planning details and present a plan until the April WG meeting on Gotland.

#### **Item 4 Pupil exchange at gymnasium level**

Gotlands idea of establishing a pupil exchange network has been checked by WG members for implementation possibilities.

The scope of necessary preparation – permanent finding of interested families, willing and able to host students, solving insurance and similar pre-requisites – will make it a full-time job to build up and run such a network. So it can not be done by the WG members along with all-day work.

- Decision:**
1. The WG members will address to student exchange organisations in their countries to offer the B7 region as an interesting place for students from other parts of the world.
  2. The WG members will collect information and material to print a brochure "B7 for Students" providing information about study opportunities on the islands.
  3. Seppo will be asked to offer the same information on a webpage "B7 for Students" under [www.b7.org](http://www.b7.org).
  4. The information brochure and info about the webpage will be spread at the gymnasiums on all islands.

#### **Item 5 "Young medieval week"**

The Medieval Festival on Bornholm will take place during the second week in July 2005. Young medievalists from the B7-islands (2 representatives per island) are invited to go to Bornholm.

Participants have to bear their own travel costs. Accommodation etc. will be paid by Bornholm.

**Decision:** HEN will forward more detailed information by mail very soon.

#### **Item 6 "Optimist" sailing competitions**

The "Optimist" sailing competitions for young islanders – On most of the islands there are no special clubs for young sailors. They sail in their parents clubs.

**Decision:** The WG members will check about the interest and the possibilities to organise B7 competitions until April meeting.

#### **Item 7 Rudolf-Tobias-Piano festival, Hiiumaa**

The preparation are running well. Deadline for registration is 21 February, 2005. At the moment it is not yet known, which islands will participate.

- Decision:**
1. EM will send out more information by mail.
  2. The WG members will contact their music schools and remind about registration deadline.

## Item 8 Bornholms Culture Week, September 2005

HEN informed about the culture week on Bornholm. The Culture Week stands under the headline "NORDIC DREAMS".

HEN proposes to have a B7 presentation, preferably an exhibition – photographs, the B7 wall Rügen showed at the AC 2004 - or others.

**Decision:** HEN will send more information by mail. The decision about B7 PtP presence on Bornholm will be taken at the April meeting.

## Item 9 UBC meeting, 15 April 2005

UBC Commission of Culture, Olle Gibsson offered a meeting with B7 PtP WG in order to discuss common project ideas.

Along with this UBC meeting the WG will hold the Project meeting with Hanna.

**Decision:** The WG members AN, ASM, AJ and MS will participate in the meeting with UBC Commission of Culture.

## Item 10 Others

### 1. B7 Website

WG members discussed the [www.b7.org](http://www.b7.org) and necessary changes.

In the WG PtP opinion the page "**B7 in the world**" shall be revised very soon. It is formulated in a very unfavourable way for the islands. With respect to tourists, investors, or others thinking about visiting our region we will rather discourage "the world" to come and see us than to convince it that we need help.

WG proposes to name the page "B7 for Guests" or "B7 for Investors" and present a positive view from the islands.

In the same way we think about a new button and page "**B7 for Students**" shall be installed. (as per above Item 4)

### 2. Webmaster's inclusion into B7 work

The Webmaster should have the chance to partake in B7 meetings and other activities, to know what's on within the organisation and, thus, to be able to keep the website on the latest state.

In this way we could save much work for those B7 people who have to send information for the website update.

## Next Meeting:

14 and 15 April 2005 – in Visby. Subjects: project consultation with Hanna; UBC meeting

**Decision:** ASM will arrange accommodation and meeting place.