Minutes of the general assembly of the Hubzilla Association

Date: 3.4.2024 13:00-14:30 CEST
Place of the meeting: Online (senfcall.de)
Presence:
Scott M. Stolz (President)
Chris Burger (Treasurer)
Emanuel Han (Secretary)
Other members: Harald Eilertsen
Absence:
Mario Vavti (Chief developer; Honorary member)

Agenda

1. opening, chairmanship, minutes

2. Purpose of the Association

3. Officers

4. Budget & Initiatives

5. Membership

6. Resolutions

7. New Business

1. opening, chairmanship, minutes

Scott Stolz opens today's meeting of the General Assembly and takes the chair. He appoints Emanuel Han to take the minutes.

2. Purpose of the Association

Scott Stolz presents the purpose of the Association as stated in the Statutes.

3. Officers

Scott Stolz presents the Officers

Scott M. Stolz (President, Entrepreneur, technical writer, admin of multiple online communities, Texas)
Chris Burger (Treasurer, Media creator, network activist, Admin of allmendenetz.de, Germany)
Emanuel Han (Secretary, Musician, music teacher, Switzerland / Japan)
Mario Vavti (Chief developer; Honorary member, Musician, developer, Austria)

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4. Budget & Initiatives

Scott Stolz presented a proposed budget based on estimates and very recent findings of the Executive Committee about the fees of up to 600€ for commercial registering which is mandatory for international associations based in Switzerland¹.

All present members showed concerns about not being able to pay these fees, as well as about the necessity of collecting private information (Full name + postal address) of members and handing them over to the Swiss government when asked².

On common agreement of all present members, a re-evaluation of the domicile of the association was proposed and then voted on. The vote was accepted with 100%.

The Executive committee is now commissioned to reformulate the Statutes to be under other law than Swiss law, because we cannot afford the fees that the Swiss Government asks for, and we don't want to be forced to collect private information (Full name + postal address) of members.

On 28th of April 2024, at 15 h CEST, we'll have an extraordinary General Assembly to vote over those changes. On 8th of April, the proposed changes of the statutes will be presented to the members of the association.

¹ https://www.fedlex.admin.ch/eli/cc/24/233_245_233/en#art_61
² https://www.fedlex.admin.ch/eli/cc/24/233_245_233/en#art_61_a

5. Membership

A resolution about membership fee (24€ per year) was prepared by the executive committee to be proposed and voted on. Due to decision under 4. Budget & Initiatives, the votation is postponed. Its content will be voted on the extraordinary General Assembly of 28th of April 2024.

6. Resolutions

A resolution to clarify the meaning of Honorary Member as an adjustment of the statutes (The Honorary Member can vote in the Executive Committee, but is not required to attend meetings, and their attendance is not necessary to meet the required quorum) was prepared by the executive committee to be proposed and voted on. Due to decision under 4. Budget & Initiatives, the votation is postponed. Its content will be voted on the extraordinary General Assembly of 28th of April 2024.

7. New Business

None.

Basel, 3.4.2024

For the Executive Committee:

Emanuel Han (Secretary)