

Minutes

10th WFDYS Meeting

17 - 20 July 2007

Madrid, Spain



World Federation of the Deaf Youth Section

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01. OPENING ADDRESS

1.1. President, World Federation of the Deaf Youth Section

President Juan Angel De Gouveia (JAG) welcomed all to the first WFDYS meeting after the Youth General Assembly and thanked the previous WFDYS administration for their hard work and dedication.

Note: WFDYS board members have met several times during the World Congress 2007. This meeting minute is an accumulation of all minutes.

02. ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were:

Board Members:

Juan Angel De Gouveia, Venezuela	President
Lars Knudsen, Denmark	Vice-President
Melissa Malzkuhn, USA	Secretary
Juliette Dalle, France	Treasurer (temporary)
Hee-Kyung Cho, South Korea	Member
Daniel Greenwood, New Zealand	Member
Roberto Suarez, Spain	Member

03. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda for the meeting will be “open agenda meeting.”

04. MINUTES FROM THE 9TH WFDYS MEETING - SEGOVIA

Deferred to the next WFDYS meeting because, as of date, the meeting minutes are not ready.

05. REPORT FROM PRESIDENT

5.1. Action Plan

JAG informs us that we will be reviewing Action Plan 2007 – 2011 to delegate responsibilities. Vivien Batory has also mentioned that the old WFDYS board will be happy to answer any questions and give support to the new board.

5.2. EUDY Invitation

JAG informs us that European Union of the Deaf Youth (EUDY) will have a General Assembly in Switzerland on 21 – 23 September 2007. An invitation has been made for WFDYS to attend and possibly give a presentation.

Decision: Juliette Dalle will attend the EUDY General Assembly to represent WFDYS.

5.3. Future Invitations

JAG explains the rules of WFDYS in regards with future invitations. If a board member gets invited to an event; it is the procedure to inform WFDYS board first to get approval before accepting the invitation to attend and represent WFDYS.

5.4. WFDYS/EUDY Collaboration

EUDY has requested that all WFDYS meeting minutes are sent to them. EUDY will send WFDYS their meeting minutes to ensure open communication. JAG adds note of information: WFDYS meeting minutes are available to all YOMs and OMs. JAG adds that EUDY has a membership with 64 countries and suggests that WFDYS request that EUDY shares contact information for those 64 countries.

Decision: JAG will check with WFD Board to see how they co-operate with EUD.

5.5. Meeting with Markku Jokinen, WFD President

JAG updates the WFDYS board members on the meeting with Markku Jokinen on Friday 20 July 2007. It was a positive meeting with LK and MM in attendance too. Refer to Appendix A for detailed meeting minutes with Markku Jokinen.

5.6. Presentation by Liisa Kauppinen

JAG proposes to invite Liisa Kauppinen, former WFD President, to the October WFD/WFDYS meeting to give a presentation on the relations between WFD and United Nations.

5.7. Next WFDYS Meeting

It is confirmed that the next WFDYS meeting will take place in Denmark on 21 – 27 October 2007. Agenda will be distributed 15 days prior to the meeting. A letter will be sent to WFDYS board members confirming this. The Danish Association of the Deaf (DDL) will provide accommodation and food. JAG has met with DDL President to discuss funding. Knud Søndergaard is the contact person for the meeting in Denmark.

06. DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

Refer to WFDYS Action Plan 2007 – 2011 for further clarification on delegation of responsibilities.

6.1. Cooperation

JAG and Lars Knudsen (LK) will assume this responsibility.

6.2. Camp Contact Persons

WFD Jr. Youth Camp, Slovakia 2009, contact: Roberto Suarez
WFD Children Camp, Venezuela 2010, contact: Juliette Dalle
WFD Youth Camp, South Africa 2011, contact: Daniel Greenwood

Camp contact persons will be responsible for full and on-going communication between the camp organising committee and WFDYS. They will provide reports on the progress to the WFDYS board.

6.3. Information/Website

Melissa Malzkuhn (MM) will assume this responsibility. LK will work with MM on the website content.

6.1. Developing Countries Contact Persons

Asia Region: Hee-Kyung Cho
Eastern Europe Region: Lars Knudsen
South America Region: Roberto Suarez
Oceania Region: Daniel Greenwood
Africa Region: *To Be Determined*

Discussion: Need clarification on the roles and responsibilities on developing countries contact persons; more details referred to next WFDYS meeting.

Decision: A contact person for Africa will be elected in the next WFDYS meeting.

6.1. Surveys/Statistics

MM will assume responsibility of mandating WFDYS surveys and statistics. JD will provide all previous statistics information as she worked on them in the previous term (2003-2007). It was also brought to attention that the recent WFD Youth Camp 2007; a survey was never distributed by camp organisers.

6.1. Fundraising Responsibilities

This will be determined in the next meeting.

07. OPEN AGENDA

7.1. Treasurer

It is agreed that a treasurer will be elected in the next WFDYS meeting. Juliette Dalle (JD) is the temporary treasurer for now. JD will present a report of the finances in the next meeting.

7.2. Action Plan

JAG informs that a review of the Action Plan 2007 – 2011 will be done again in the next WFDYS meeting.

7.3. Funds Raised from WFD Youth Camp 2007

Juliette Dalle (JD) informs us that a total of 813 Euros were raised at the Youth Camp. JD wants to change WFDYS policy; removing the part where WFDYS cannot ask for money or start fundraising.

Decision: JD will straighten out WFDYS finances from 2003 – 2007 before a new treasurer is elected in the October meeting.

7.4. Report from WFDYC 2007 COC

The report from Camp Organising Committee (COC) will be ready in September 2007 according to Roberto Suarez.

7.5. Meeting with Slovakia (Jr. Youth Camp 2009)

JAG informs all that he met with Jaroslav Chelarik, representing the camp organising committee for Slovakia, the winning host for WFD Jr. Youth Camp in 2009, with RS. It was agreed that RS would visit Slovakia before the Camp in 2009 to approve the programme.

7.6. Meeting with Venezuela (Children Camp 2010)

No meeting has taken place yet. JD is trying to schedule a meeting with the Venezuelan representative. JAG will attend the meeting too. They hope to schedule a meeting this afternoon.

7.7. Meeting with South Africa (Youth Camp/Congress 2011)

JAG met with organisers for the World Congress 2011 in South Africa in regards with the Youth Camp programme. JAG will go to South Africa in 2 years (following WFD Board) to approve camp programme and schedule, etc. A letter needs to be composed from WFDYS to be sent to South Africa Congress organisers to ask for sponsorship in funding WFDYS accommodation and food.

7.8. Letter to Camp Hosts

WFDYS will send letters to camp hosts, congratulating them on winning bids, and look forward in working together. Revised camp guidelines should be sent to the winning bidders.

Decision: Melissa Malzkuhn will take responsibility.

08. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1. 2008 WFDYS Meeting

JAG explains that WFDYS can decide our meeting place without following WFD.

8.2. Nordic Council of the Deaf – Viking Party

Lars Knudsen gave 3 tickets to the Viking Party, hosted by the Nordic Council of the Deaf to WFDYS board members. The 3 tickets were from Danish Deaf Youth Association (DDU). JAG, MM, and JD will attend on behalf of WFDYS.

8.3. WFD Brochure

JAG and JD mentioned that the latest WFD Brochure has some mistakes in it about WFDYS. It is agreed that hopefully WFD will check with WFDYS before printing brochures.

8.4. Meeting with Rwanda and Uganda Representatives

JAG updates WFDYS board on meeting with Rwanda and Uganda representatives on Friday 20 July 2007, during the World Congress, on how to strengthen communication between WFDYS and Central African countries. LK, MM, and DG attended the meeting too.

For detailed meeting minutes, refer to Appendix B.

09. CLOSING

President Juan Angel De Gouveia shared his excitement in working with the new WFDYS board for the next four years. JAG looks forward to our next meeting in October 2007; wishes us all safe travels from Madrid.

Ratified 22 October 2007

Juan Angel De Gouveia
President

Melissa Malzkuhn
Secretary

Lars Knudsen, Vice-President

Hee-Kyung Cho, Member

Florian Gravogl, Member

Daniel Greenwood, Member

Roberto Suarez, Member

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10. APPENDIX A – MEETING WITH MARKKU JOKINEN (MJ)

10.1. Date, time, and attendance

Friday 20 July 2007 in Madrid. 10.30 – 11.30. Attending: Juan Angel De Gouveia, Lars Knudsen, and Melissa Malzkuhn.

10.2. WFDYS Contact Person

It is agreed with MJ and JAG that Knud Søndergaard will be the contact person between WFD and WFDYS. Any important or urgent correspondence should be also sent to MJ in a carbon copy.

10.3. UNICEF/WFDYS

There is an International Disability Alliance (IDA) that WFD is working with. This is not limited to other organizations: WHO, ILO, and UNESCO. WFD sends delegates to represent it to various meetings or assemblies.

MJ explains that WFDYS need to research and find out if there are any Youth meetings hosted by those aforementioned organisations. WFDYS can send delegates there; with the support of WFD. MJ attends UNICEF and UN meetings in New York City; they are usually hosted once a year.

10.4. Status of YOM

MJ explains that the clarifications of the status of Youth Ordinary Members (YOM) can be discussed and determined in the WFD October 2007 meeting in Denmark. Some lawyers are working on WFD Statutes; they can be consulted on WFDYS and YOM.

10.5. WFDYS Training

Training for new WFD Board members will be provided in the October 2007 meeting; WFDYS board members are welcome to join, but MJ suggests that WFDYS provide training too.

10.6. Letter of Authorisation

For fundraising purposes and organisational support for WFDYS board members; MJ will authorise a letter stating the new WFDYS board members and their duties for 2007 – 2011.

10.7. WFDYS Funds

In regards with the funds raised during 2007 WFDYC, MJ says the money will go to WFD's Bank in Finland and it will be organised by his secretaries. Further information will be provided.

10.8. Future Youth General Assembly (YGA)

MJ acknowledges the problems faced by WFDYS in the recent Youth General Assembly (YGA) on the size and accessibility of the room provided by Madrid Congress organisers. MJ has spoken with South Africa organisers to ensure that this does not happen again. JAG wants the YGA to be set before the Congress begins, just like the WFD GA so anyone can attend.

10.9. WFD News

Concerns have been brought up that in the recent WFD News (Congress Special Edition) did not include any columns, articles, or comments on WFDYS. MJ acknowledges this and explains that it was a last minute project. WFD News was printed in Spain. In the future, MJ wants to see WFDYS involvement in WFD News.

10.10. Closing

MJ wishes WFDYS good luck and looks forward in working with WFDYS for the next four years.

11. APPENDIX B – MEETING WITH RWANDA AND UGANDA REPRESENTATIVES

This meeting occurred after WFDYS was approached by the President of the Ugandan Association of the Deaf, Ambrose Murangira. He is 25 years old. It also turned out that the Rwandan Association of the Deaf shares a similar situation with a 27-year-old President.

This meeting was set up to see how they could promote the youth to participate in WFDYS camps and strengthen communication between WFDYS and countries in Africa.

10.1. Date and attendance.

Friday, 19 July 2007, in Madrid. Attendance: JAG, LK, MM, and DG (WFDYS), Ambrose Murangira (AM) Uganda, and Rwaka Parfait (RP), Rwanda.

10.2. Narrative of Ambrose Murangira's Election

AM explains how he became President of Uganda Association of the Deaf, through voting, because he had a large youth support from within the association. AM feels it is “a time for change” with the system in Uganda. They get their funds from NGO and a bit from the government. There is much work to do with education, equality, and leadership training for deaf in Uganda.

10.3. Needs of Rwandan Association of the Deaf

RP explains that RAD youth will need to learn “how to” become actively participate. They need training, education, and funding. RP requests that WFDYS compose a letter to recommend those.

10.4. Suggestions from Uganda

AM suggests that WFDYS compose a letter (step 1) to Uganda Association of the Deaf asking about deaf youth involvement, (step 2) plan a visit and identify problems, (step 3)

hold a meeting with representatives in Uganda to agree on possible solutions, (step 4) approve the solutions, (step 5) WFDYS and Uganda Association of the Deaf can compose a letter of request from the Ugandan government with copies to World Bank, UN, USAID for funding purposes. AM says those steps can make a difference with deaf youth in Uganda.

10.5. Standard procedure

JAG explains that WFD must approve the letter first, and WFDYS cannot visit a country – it has to be on an invitation. If Uganda wishes WFDYS to come, they need to propose this themselves. WFDYS (and WFD) represents 123 countries and cannot pick which countries to visit; WFDYS must be invited first. JAG cautions that funding are limited and sometimes WFDYS cannot accept invitations because there are no funding to sponsor the visit.

10.6. Work with FIFA (Suggestion by Rwanda)

RP asks if WFDYS can work with FIFA (soccer organization) to connect and help deaf youth in Rwanda. JAG explains that it would fall under the responsibility of CISS, or a deaf sports-oriented organization.

10.7. Upcoming event – football match

Lars Knudsen discusses that it could be possible if WFDYS help with sports events in Africa, as a strategy to draw deaf youth together. It could be possible to work with CISS. RP and AM inform WFDYS of an upcoming soccer match for deaf youth of Rwanda and Uganda during 15 – 18 September 2007. This would be an opportunity for one or two WFDYS members to attend, RP and AM suggested.

10.8. Internet Access

RP explains that 80 – 90% of deaf people in Rwanda don't have internet access. Communication remains a serious problem for them. JAG said WFDYS would communicate with Uganda or Rwanda representatives if they contact us through email or letters.

10.9. Funds

AM explains that he has contacts with World Bank in Uganda and will try to request funding for deaf youth in Uganda so they can attend and participate in WFD camps.

10.10. Closing

JAG wishes both representatives the best of luck and look forwards to continuing this contact for the best interests of deaf youth in Uganda and Rwanda.