**CIRCOLO SCANDINAVO**

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Minutes from the Board Meeting

Date: 9.11.2022

Time: 11.30

Location: Circolo Scandinavo

Attending: Kolbrún Hallórsdóttir, Lars Strandh, Lone Falster, Mia Törnqvist, Christine Aspelund, Ingo Arnason, Marie Kraft, Charlotte Jansson

Absent: Björn Ross, Linda Gaarder, Ulf R. Hansson

1. Opening of the meeting, selection of secretary

Kolbrún Hallórsdóttir opends the meeting at 11.30. Charlotte will be the secretary for the meeting. A short discussion regarding the inauguration of Novembre Nordico follows, and everyone is pleased with the celebrations.

1. Update Financial situation 2022–2023

No new changes. There is a gap in the budget of 41 000 € for 2022. 20 000 € of the adjustment of the director’s salary (2020-2022) is postponed to the budget for 2023. Circolo is in need of financial support and the director has put a lot of effort into applying for funds. Due to the move of the residence the costs will be reduced. A difficulty lies in that most of the funding is directed for project-based work only.

A diagram of Circolo’s financial situation and how it has changed over the years will illustrate the actual financial situation Circolo is in, will be sent to the NMR. The actual scope of the operation of Circolo calls for financing the director’s salary in full, an assistant working 50 % and an accountant working 25 %. Transparency and Circolo´s vision as well as strategy is important to present to the NRM, not least in connection to democratic values as well as humanities’ research that Circolo is supporting. The director will contact the Nordic Embassies in Rome and encourage them to write a joint statement, or individually, to the NMR stating the importance of Circolo’s financial security.

1. Campaign for NMR support 2024

A letter to the NRM will be written. There is a need to be transparent about the difficult financial situation that Circolo is in. The director will ask Annika Söderlund for advice.

1. Decision on update of Circolo’s Statues

There is a need to change the Statutes of Circolo. The statutes will be scrutinized at the same time as the strategy of the future will be dealt with. A strategy plan for the future will be made. The board will return to Rome in March to work on this matter.

1. Decision on update of Circolo’s Strategy-plan, Logo and Graphic profile

See the point above.

The current Logo is a picture of the former residence. For the time being the logo of Circolo will only be the name. The Strategy document and the Graphic profile will be discussed at the same time with the change of statues and the strategy-plan.

1. Decision on update of AiR application system and conditions for AiR 2023-2024

Application time, residency duration etc., will be discussed in accordance with the strategy plan. The evaluators will give special notice to the artists that have stayed before at Circolo, and the director will decide if there is a valid reason for these artists to be selected again. More specific questions will be added to the application-form, in order to strengthen the final selection of the artists. For the meeting in March the director will prepare a document on how the French evaluate applications to their residence, for future comparison.

1. Ongoing projects and collaborations

Discussed under the other headings.

1. Any other item

Membership fees are now very low, and the prices will be increased. The categories “students” and “couples” will be erased. The new membership fees decided are the following:

Individual: 35 €/ month

Institutions, associations etc.: 250 €

Lifetime membership: 700 €

The assistant will update the new fees on the webpage and the director will inform the member associations of the change.

The next board meeting will take place March 20th and 21st 2023 in Rome, where the board will work on a new strategy plan and prepare a proposal for changed statutes to the General Assembly 2023, which will be held April 27th, 2023.

The meeting is adjourned at 18.54