



Minutes from NoMe Meeting 2023 Sankt Gallen, Switzerland



Felix Mauron, Convenor, Guide, Entertainer etc

1. Participants

Elnrieder Günter (Austria)

Jensen Egon (Denmark)

Klaamann Vaho (Estonia)

Leisdal Jan (Sweden) *Minutes of this Meeting*

Mauron Félix (Switzerland) *Host and Chairman of the NoMe2023*

Reinerie John (Netherlands)

Verweij Cees (Netherlands)

Roberts Mike (UK)

Royenko Nikolay (Ukraine)

2. Opening of the Meeting

Felix welcome all of us to the 23rd NoMe session in our history, and that in the year 2023. We may no longer miss a meeting, then we will always know from the year in what number of meeting we are in. NoMe was founded by Werner Blessing in 1996. This means we have missed our 25th Anniversary because the last three years there was no NoMe. But we will celebrate the 25th Meeting that will take place in 2025!

A special welcome goes to Nikolay Royenko, the Founder President of Round Table Ukraine.

It's the first time he takes part in NoMe, hopefully not the last one.

Also a special welcome to Günter Elnrieder, our lost son, who participated at the first meeting in Biberach and after a long period of absence is now here among us!

And Egon, it's great to have you back again.

With these words Felix officially declared the meeting open.

3. Remembering deceased members

We started off with a moment of silence to honour our three members who have left us since the last meeting. These three are:

Costas Kyriakides

Michael Fechter

Paul Aaldering

May Costas, Michael and Paul be kept in bright memory.

I would like to add that their spouses are always welcome to join the NoMe Meetings in the future, of course.

4. Greetings and / or excuses

Greetings and excuses from Mike Knauth, Werner Blessing, Erik Weehuizen, Ian De Cesare, Bjarni Gudmundson, Jan Andersen, Andreas Proestos, Otto Baron, Jérôme Brunet-Debaines and Liana Kyriakides. The apologies have been based on various reasons. However, it cannot be overlooked that absences due to illness are increasing.

5. Not reached members

We have no valid email address to Filip Gille, removed from the mailing list.

6. Chairman and Secretary for the Meeting

Félix Mauron became elected as the chairman of the meeting, because he is the host of the meeting.

Jan Leisdal became elected as the secretary of the meeting, because he was elected for life-time.

7. Minutes from 2019 Heilbronn

Everybody have got the minutes and read them as well, no comments.

8. Discussion about the Meeting 2023 in St. Gallen

We discussed:

- Number of participants
- Cost for the meeting. (inflation, exchange rate etc)
- Organisation of the NoMe
- Program, seightseeing tours, museums etc
- Discipline regarding advance request, coming or not

Everyone seems to be quite happy with our “concept” for these meetings, work very well.

Costs can of course be a problem, full respect for that. Remember: Friends are like stars, you can´t always see them, but you know they are always there!

For the one how are the organizer it is extremely important that we communicate correctly, to avoid unnecessary costs.

9. Election regarding NoMe 2024

First of all we thanked Vaho Klaaman for organize the meeting three years in a row without being able to carry it out...because of Covid two times and then the Russian´s offensive war against Ukraine.

We discussed many other options and find out it was easier to point out were we can´t go at the moment, for several reasons. These points are to be seen under the aspect that **it is more important to hold a meeting than where the meeting takes place:**

- No Baltic State as long as the situation with the war is not clear. Some people are still afraid to go to such places.
- Not Norway, because Björn took part last time in France and since then disappeared. (Discussion at Meeting 2018 in Reykjavik)
- Not Israel. (Discussion at Meeting 2018 in Reykjavik). We also said that the convenor for the next meeting should be present the year before his meeting.
- Not France or Corsica, because Jerome is too busy, but will stay on the list for 2026

Felix thoughts were:

- Günter Elnrieder is from Austria. We could ask him.
- We could ask Mike Roberts, because he offered a meeting during Covid.

Regarding the meeting next year, we had a long discussion which finally ended up with Dublin.

Mike Roberts will be the one responsible, hopefully with great help from Gerard O´Herlihy.

We do hope Mike can give us some positive news regarding this co-operation and the meeting in Dublin.

Günter Elnrieder lives in Portugal today, he was positive and promised to check out the possibilities for such a meeting in Portugal, but not for next year.

Again: It is more important that the Meeting takes places and not where it takes place.

10. Future Plans

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| • 2024 | Dublin | Ireland | Mike & Gerald |
| • 2025 | 25 th NoMe Jubilee | | |
| • 2026 | Corsica | (or France?) | Jérôme Brunet-Debaines |
| • 2027 | I wish I could say Kiev, Ukraine | | |

Vaho Klaamann also came up with an idea of going to South Africa for a NoMe Meeting. All agreed on that it was great idea, but probably very expensive. The NoMe Meeting should be hold in Europe. A trip to South Africa will not be an extended weekend.

What ever happen in the future Jan Leisdal offering an “emergency exit” to organize the NoMe Meeting in Sweden, whenever.

11. Officials of NoMe

Past President	Félix Mauron	2024
President	Mike Roberts	Convenor in Dublin
Vice President	Günter Elnrieder	Portugal 2025 ???
Secretary NoMe	Félix Mauron	“elected for life-time”
Webmaster	Jan Andersen	“elected for life-time”
Secretary NoMe session	Jan Leisdal	“elected for life-time”

12. Thanks

Felix thanked each and everyone for attending the meeting and for the friendship.

A special thank you goes to one of those two guys who always work in the background, Felix thought of our webmaster Jan Andersen. Thank you Jan for your support.

And also, another special thank you goes to our Lord John, who has always have an open ear for the secretary. Thank you John for this.

13. Other matters

Today our thought also goes to the people of Ukraine, our support will be ever lasting.

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Jan Leisdal