

# GENERAL MEETING #3

## 05/03/2025 - 18:00 - NU4A67

1. Opening  
Dylan opens the meeting at 18:03.
2. Announcements  
Kirsten will be joining later at 20:00.  
Ziggy will be leaving early at 20:00 and will be joining later at 22:00. In the meantime he authorizes Mandy.  
Laura K will be leaving early at 23:00.  
Tawfik will be leaving early at 20:30.  
Mandy will be leaving early at 22:00.  
Nastka gave authorization to Robyn to vote.  
Laura t gave authorization to Esmee to vote.  
Kirsten gave authorization to Julia to vote.
3. Approval of Transcript  
Everyone approves.
4. Approval of Agenda  
Everyone approves.
5. Update on Financial statement
  - Robyn: This is the financial statement of March. The financial statement shows the results up until now. The budgeted results are what I expected that would happen at the beginning of the year. The virtual results are what we think would come in at the end of the year. And the current results are the results up until now.  
**Income**
    - Robyn: In income VU Bookstore will come in at the end of the year.  
Membership: the yearly contribution has gone out and we hit our target. We even went above our target. Unfortunately yearly contribution payments are very time consuming since we notice that a lot of people miss the unsubscribe deadline. Therefore, we are in the process of figuring out how to make this easier. So if you have any tips please let us know.  
Faculty: we got €1.140 from faculty which is way less than what we thought, so for next year we will anticipate beforehand.  
Bavaria will come in later.  
Sponsorship we got 245€, some contracts went out so we expect more than this. And bank account interest got in for the first 5 months and the rest will come in at the end of the year. So we will hit the target.
    - Mandy: Maybe I am stupid, but how can the budgeted result for members be higher?
    - Robyn: I expected €8000 to come in.

- mandy: Then the virtual should be the same.
- robyn: Fair.
- ziggy: The faculty, could you explain how it went and did the 77th Board agree to have €3.500 every year, for the summary thing? How did the faculty conversation go and why so little money?
- robyn: Funny story, we were told at the beginning of the year, since we cannot work with study summary companies, that the faculty would give us the money we would miss from this summary collaborations. this is €3.500 but they said they cannot remember and it is only for 1 year, and we only got €1.000 as an extra bonus. We do not get the money to substitute the money for summaries, but we do get extra money, I guess as compensation but it is a lot less than expected.
- ziggy: In the emails is there no promise? Have you tried involving the previous Board? Losing this much money like this is a quite big gap.
- robyn: I looked through all emails between faculty and the 77th Board, and it was stated that for their year they would substitute, but for upcoming years, in conversation with faculty and us, that we might get it, but that never happened, because we were not aware. I emailed back that we should have a conversation and we can show the budget and plans, but they are being really difficult. We are in the process but it does not look too bright.
- ziggy: Please involve the 77th Board, and talk to different people that you do not agree with because this is very annoying.
- robyn: They do not want to have a meeting, so unfortunately we cannot.
- julia: Did you only try to contact faculty or also study assessor? It's a student from FGB, this might be something to look into.
- Robyn: Good point, I will look into it.
- boaz: Since they are not open for meetings, but the post is not closed and we are still in the process, what is the plan now? Send more emails? How will you approach this?
- robyn: There is another meeting upcoming with faculty and the Board will try to implement this subject as well, otherwise we will push for another meeting.
- mandy: Sponsorship is now almost €250, some contracts went out. What is the estimate with the contracts that went out?
- anne: For sure we have €300 and I have a couple companies that said yes, but they have to sign the contract. But I am not sure about them. I think within a month it will be €1000.
- mandy: Okay, thank you.
- ziggy: Good job on improving sponsorship, this is really admirable. Now you have quite some pace, do you think you are going to make the expected amount?
- anne: Robyn will answer in the new budget.

### **Board activities**

- Robyn: Active Member Day is closed and we used less than expected.  
Active Member Weekend: We booked the location and are working on the rest so we will expect more expenses.  
Constitution drink: Is closed since we had the event in September.  
Transition weekend: No update.  
Mini-event: We spent €1151.94 and have a lot of kegs in storage.  
Board drinks: We had two borrels and we provided a welcome shot at both.
- mandy: About Board drinks, you have how many more coming this year?
- robyn: I think two.
- mandy: One is the BBQ borrel?
- robyn: One is in intro week, we can check.
- mandy: Just to make sure you finish all the money in a good way. Also the mini event budget is high because of the kegs, but that means there is not going to be much left to buy stuff.
- robyn: True, but we expect everything to let it sit out, or get a bit more back.

### **Committees**

- Robyn: Actie had their first two events and made a profit of €27.35 this is due to no reimbursements for the second event. Therefore I expect that the profit will be gone. Barcie had their first two events and made a profit of almost 200€, I think for next year we just have to calculate in advance that Barcie makes profits so we can use it for other things to give back to the members. Chronicles no update. Feestcie has made a profit of €171.68 at their first event that can be used for the gala. Illusie got their faculty money, just like opcie and ouderdagcie and used some of their budget for their mentor selections. Lex had their first two events and spent 27.72€ of their budget. Pedcie had their first event this week and didn't reimburse anything yet therefore they have a profit. Reiscie booked their hostel and bus. Wintersportcie ordered their free hoodies for the people that attend the ski trip, and had some unforeseen expenses due to not selling out. Flexible committee budget no one has asked for it yet.
- boaz: Even with the unexpected expenses of Wintersportcie, the virtual result will still remain at €900?
- robyn: We will talk about it later.
- ziggy: What I understand, Actie still has €200 in totals even after reimbursement.
- robyn: They will probably have €180 after reimbursement.
- ziggy: There are only two events left, what will they plan with this much money?
- robyn: I hope something nice.
- ziggy: Make sure to do something big or nice so the money is spent nicely. You mentioned Illusie getting faculty money, how much?
- robyn: €7200

### **Board expenses**

- Robyn: General Meeting: The first dinner has been reimbursed.  
General Board Meeting: We had four General Board Meetings so far and provided snacks and a drink every time.  
External relations: We went to a couple of Constitution Borrels from other associations and gave them a gift.  
External gifts: We gave flowers to someone where we had an event.  
Board reimbursement: Two of us already reimbursed.  
Porto/print/Board: We reimbursed our Board suits, and printed cards and stickers.  
Home & office: We spent €48.94 so far.  
Fixed costs: We spent €1517.56 already.
- mandy: Does not porto need to be minus?
- robyn: No because we get €900.
- india: I saw on the financial statement last time that the General Board Meeting had more spendings last time.
- robyn: Then we had some nicer food. Oh maybe I made a mistake.
- julia: Since most of the Constitution Borrels are done now, are you still going to reimburse, or do you have other plans?
- robyn: Other plans.
- anne: India is right about the mistake.
- robyn: I think I looked at the 77th Board's last General meeting, so it is my mistake.

### **Investments**

- Robyn: Investments we spend 72.39€ on transaction costs. And bought a phone for the room so we have better life work balance and to start a WhatsApp group for first years.
- ziggy: Where do the transaction costs come from?
- robyn: Peter and ING when you do an incasso and from the website, for contribution when they become a member for example.
- ziggy: Like for the ticketsale they buy themselves.
- robyn: For becoming a member we pay it. I do not know how much Peter costs per time.
- ziggy: Can you have this in the prices? Because for the introduced tosti's for 50 cents, I assume 10% is transaction cost, so then it does not seem right.
- robyn: I can look into how much we pay for each transaction.
- seliina: There is going to be transaction costs no matter what and if it is % based, does not it increase no matter what?
- ziggy: Really stupid answer, but it is depending on the companies, some have fixed costs, and I think Peter has fixed costs. Figure it out and make a limit for yourself to not lose money.
- julia: If Peter has fixed transaction costs and you buy some at the same time, you pay for each transaction during 1 transaction, so maybe that would also be unfair.

- robyn: I think I get what you mean, this is why some associations have beercards, I do not know from the top of my head, but will look into it and come up with a solution.
- boaz: Wondering because you put the phone under room, but I was wondering why not under Home & Office General or something like that, because it is not really a room investment, but more work investment
- robyn: I think it does fall under room investment since it is and stays in the room for next years and I do not have the money to buy a phone from Home & Office Generals and I think that is more meant for tea and coffee and dish soap and that kind of thing
- ziggy: I am pretty sure VSPVU-room investment comes from investing in the room, as in investing for the people, I think that is what boaz is leaning into. It is for the tv or couch, for the members.
- anais: I do not want to be rude, but the room is for members and a phone improves the Board life, not the room. How much was it?
- robyn: €173.
- anais: I do not have a solution right now but I do think it is fair.
- edmond: I get the points about not being a VSPVU-room investment, but Home & Office Generals. I agree with the points, but it is also a VSPVU-room investment. This is a thing that has a grey line between these two and if Robyn thinks they can use the money better within the one post than the other, it is fine. Nowhere in the statutes states that the VSPVU room is only for the members, it is for the room. But I had another point as well. Transaction costs, first we had beercard, I am not going to ask to reintroduce them, because of sustainability, but I would like to ask to think about some other digital solutions like tabs or put credits on tabs so you have higher transactions instead of paying every 50 cents, pay every week some more.
- robyn: Good point, I will look into it.
- ziggy: I agree with edmond about the transaction, about the VSPVU room. Last General Meeting they discussed how much VSPVU did not have money, we lost €2.000 from faculty, so we invested money in the phone when we do not have the money. It is increasing the board life, but you take money that is supposed to be for members, for the board life.
- robyn: I think one General Meeting ago we made clear that every post you put money on, you spend all the money. I think everyone is more pessimistic about the association than necessary. I think a phone is good to attract first years, and I think it is a room investment and I think it is a good one.
- ziggy: I think I am coming to the conclusion that this should be rerouted money that should be clear what to spend it on. If you want to take out the €200 and have sufficient money. But now in the General Meeting, you come here and say this about how you want to refresh the room.
- julia: I want to add onto robyn, I also think the phone is a good investment, ziggy stated that it is not an investment for the members, but I disagree, because the phone is not only to be used for the board, but also passed onto

next boards, for the groupchats, which is an easy way for the new members to reach out to us, which makes us more accessible and makes us more beneficial for members.

- boaz: More members might be nice, but I agree with ziggy and does not feel in the spirit of the post. Getting more members is nice, but is it improving the room, which seems what the post is for. I do think getting the phone is nice and I think you need it. But I think this should have been in a different post or it had to be voted in if you would ask me.
- anais: Get it outside of budget.
- dylan: From savings?
- anais: Yes we got the camera like that as well. I do not agree with edmond, the members do not gain anything. It is better for association in general but not for the room which is literally the name of the post.
- mandy: I do not know what the plan is for the phone, but I think it can be a room investment, if you let committees use it for promotion, have it for Instagram and then you also have more looks into what the spam is for VSPVU. Promotion for whatsapp for example.
- edmond: I 100% agree with mandy.
- ziggy: It is very smart to let them post it from the phone, but make sure the board is going to reply to everything, it is going to be extra work, but I agree with anais, get it outside of the budget. It feels that the post is not for that.
- dylan: I think it is also an investment because right now we are getting personal and board texts, which causes us to lose personal and VSPVU messages. For example I get texts about the room, is it going to be open longer, it is easier than having to look into who has room shift and all that.
- robyn: I get the points, i still think it is a VSPVU room investment, if there are no people in the room, it does not matter how much we spend on it. For first years it takes longer to get them into the room. So if it is easier to reach them, it is easier to get them to come.
- anne: I want to add to robyn, last General Meeting we talked about having a community for Active members, Chairs which is a beneficial thing for all the members, so they come in the room more, but know the people better as well.
- anais: But is there a problem with getting it outside of budget?
- dylan: We will talk about this more during the break.
- ziggy: The arguments you use that it is going to get people to the room, it is stupid because free events or free things also get people to the room. With the community you can invite them to the room. It makes your life easier but we are talking about which post it should be in.
- edmond: Outside the budget I would say no option because it is an investment. I do not care what investment but it should be under investment. If we can make a post with 'other investments', then it should also be fine.
- Robyn: Active Member Rewards: No updates other than that Active member hoodies have been distributed and paid. The incasso has gone out and is processed.

- boaz: Everyone paid in the Active member clothing, so it can be closed?
- robyn: No because something will happen.
- boaz: What is going to happen?
- robyn: Money leftover will be reallocated.
- mandy: Clothing virtual result should be changed.
- robyn: Yes.
- seliina: Since it is not in the budget I assume you do not have to pay for the door?
- robyn: The VU will pay, since it was an accident.

#### 6. New budget

- Robyn: I want to present a new estimated budget for the rest of the year since we noticed that some posts are better than expected and other posts are worse. Therefore, it would be nice to update the budget to a more realistic budget for the moment.

#### Income

- Robyn: VU Bookstore didn't change. Membership we expect to get 700€ more since we already have around 8.600€ in our account right now and are expecting some more payments. Contribution investment didn't change. Faculty we changed to what we actually got from faculty this year. Sponsorship is not going as planned and we expect that €2500 for the end of the year is not doable anymore. Therefore we lower sponsorship with €750. Bank account interest increased, because a lot of money already came in.
- mandy: About sponsorship you are lowering with €750, but you are already with the idea of €1.100 this month, so it would be €500 for the rest of the year, because then you will be there and you would not have to do anything the rest of the year.
- anne: After the last General Meeting we spoke about it and it was lower than we had then. I am almost sure this money will come in but we do not have a signature. €1.750 is what we are almost sure of that we can make. I will try to get more, but I also have to think about the committees and the other stuff. Now I had time to invest in sponsorships which is why we have the big boost. €2.500 I do not think is doable, it is not the goal anymore and this goal is reachable.
- anais: Faculty money, what were you expecting to get?
- robyn: €3.500.
- jan: Can you say a bit more about sponsorships and the companies or not?
- anne: There are pedagogical and psychology related companies, most of them are vacancies that we promote and they are different kinds of companies and you will see them online.
- jan: Any stuff that is not vacancies?
- anne: I cannot say yet because I do not have a signature yet.
- india: I get why you changed faculty money, but if they decide to give the money, do you change the budget again?

- robyn: Yes.
- anais: How much bank account interest came in?
- robyn: €305 for 5 months, so I think if we will have the 12 months we will have €700.

### Board activities

- Robyn: Active member day we had and spent €1685.60 to be precise. Therefore we lowered it to what we actually spend. Active member weekend we noticed that everything got way more expensive compared to previous years, therefore we want to allocate more money to active member weekend so we can keep the ticket prices from becoming extremely high. Constitution drink we had in September and I changed the price to what we actually spent. Transition weekend, board drinks, mini events, emballage nothing changed.
- mandy: Active member day is a closed position and it is closed to a different number so that needs to change. Second of all, for Active member weekend you expect to have €3.000 income, I think this is only tickets, because if we have 70 active members and you expect 60 people to come, it would be €50 to come.
- robyn: That is why we need more money. I do not think we will need €6.500 to spend on the weekend,
- mandy: You make €500 extra for the budget, then still, with this idea, it is too much.
- robyn: We do not want to have people spend €50.
- edmond: What mandy said, the €3.000 is pretty high, make sure to adjust this before voting.

### Committees

- Robyn: Actie, Chronicles, Feestcie, Illusie, LEX, Opcie, Ouderdagcie, Pedcie nothing changed. Barcie we calculated a profit since last year we noticed that barcie makes quite a lot of profit. Therefore, we believe that it is better to calculate a bit of a profit so we can use the money in other ways to give back to the members. Reiscie is going to get money from faculty since they incorporated an educational event in their week schedule. Therefore, they can use the money from internationalisation we get from faculty which is €1.900. Wintersportcie encountered some unexpected costs and we noticed that they cannot cover these. These costs are not their fault and we do not want to punish them for these. Therefore, we want to give them more money for one time only, so they can still organize a nice trip. For next year we will take the lessons we learned this year and pass them on so we do not encounter these unexpected costs again. Flexible committee budget we lowered since we are already halfway through the year and nobody asked for it up until now.
- mandy: Am I right that Lucie investment is out of this one?
- robyn: Correct because it is under investments this time. me and Kasco think it is more clear to do that.

- mandy: I do not know if it is true, but I always learned you could not estimate a profit, but what I know from barcie is that they make profit in the first half a year, and then in the second half they lose money, so I would suggest budgeting for €0 for barcie.
- robyn: I think lowering the drink prices is irresponsible because barcie makes money off of shots and I think it is irresponsible to pay 50 or 60 cents for a shot. We noticed that barcie makes profit either way, last year they had a profit of €300/400 euros even when they handed out 100 liters of free beer. I think we need to be realistic that they do make a profit.
- mandy: Agreed on the shots. and the beer prices are already as low as they can be.
- ziggy: What is the solution on the budget? Is it okay if they give out 100 liters of free beer every year? What would be the best?
- robyn: I do not think they have to use the money for the beer, they can also have a bigger event as an extra event, go outside or rent an obstacle course or jumping castle or whatever, it does not have to be free beer.
- ziggy: Make sure to bring buckets as well.
- edmond: I do not agree with mandy, I think it is good to have the profit so in the beginning of the year you could use the profits of the Barcie at another post, but the money will not be seen on the post and you force them to spend more than they might want to.
- mandy: Well, I think when you make a budget of €100, with an extra even they have to make sure to keep the €100 euros, it does limit them in the cool extra event, they have to make a profit while when they are on €0, they can use it to spend on something really cool and if there is still a profit, they can use it.
- ziggy: I disagree with edmond, I do not know where you can spend more money in a barcie. They will get more decoration and throw it out or what?
- edmond: To be clear, that is not what I am saying, I am saying if you put it on zero, they need to buy and if you higher the budget they have less to spend. We are now on plus €180 and will be more and I do not think it will be an issue and for next year they can say they do not have to worry about the profit and show budgets from last year.
- anais: But you are saying to have a forced budget, but they have the same issues both ways. They have the chance to spend it now and if they have a budget of €0, they can spend it how they want. You can say it is an estimation that can be taken into account, forcing to make a profit is shittier than forcing to spend. What good does a profit standing there do?
- robyn: I do not mean to scare people away or scare barcie people but I think it is very realistic and I think we need to accept it, last year they made a profit of €300/400 euros so I think it will be fine. Even with an extra event they have €200/300 euros to spend.
- mandy: I think it is okay like this, I just prefer a €0 instead of profit. You are not forcing the committee and you are being realistic so it is okay.

- edmond: To reply to anais, I get that you do not see it normal that the budget is estimated with plus, but it is fine when the entire association ends on €0. You are missing the point that we have the problem that we get too much money because of Barcie and we cannot spend the money because we haven't budgeted it in, but if we budget in the plus, we can spend it on something else than Barcie.
- boaz: About Wintersportcie, could you give a bit more detailed explanation and the extra costs?
- robyn: The skitrip this year is quite expensive and in the beginning it was decided that it would have been nice to have a different location than previous years, but it came with extra costs and students aren't willing to pay these costs. We will be with 25 instead of 40 people. I think for the coming years, we should choose the cheaper location even if we have been there, because now we have to pay "empty bed charge" which is expensive and that's why they need more money.
- boaz: With TotallySnow you don't have the option to lower the spots?
- robyn: Normally we would go for 40 people, this year it is lowered with 10 beds, but we weren't able to fill the 30 beds either and they couldn't give 5 beds away which is why we need to pay them.
- anais: Are they going to pay for 2?
- robyn: Yes.
- ziggy: Wintersportcie point is that a lot of people disagreed with the location, and maybe we should change in the Board Manual that one person can choose the location for the association.
- robyn: I don't think it was a choice made by one person, it's a Board/RvA/Wintersportcie Chair choice, so I think it has been discussed, instead of being laid on one person, or that's what I have been told.
- ziggy: The majority of the people advised against it, that's why it brought me to the point that this decision shouldn't fall on one person. Last year advice wasn't listened to. Even though the location is great, the price is double and then we are dropping money for it as well.
- robyn: I don't know what happened last year or is discussed, I can only make sure and advice and keep doing what was supposed to happen. I think it is good in general to discuss the location of the Wintersportcie, so everyone can have some input. I don't know what happened last year, I don't want to know, I just have to accept the consequences and for the coming years that it won't happen again.
- julia: I agree that it's supposed to be with more people, therefore I do agree with ziggy that it should be written down that more people are involved in the decision. If there is no Chair it would become this and this Board position for example.
- robyn: Do you have advice where to put this?
- julia: Board manual or committee manual.
- robyn: I don't think there is a committee manual for Wintersportcie.

- julia: But I would happily discuss this with you and think of solutions.
- ziggy: Retweet Julia and I can help out where to go as well.
- julia: Until when can we apply for flexpot and what if the money doesn't get spent?
- robyn: I don't know if we set a deadline, we can think of one and otherwise we would reallocate to probably mini-events. We will communicate the deadline.
- edmond: Also about the flexpot, you lowered it with €200, I think that's good, but how did you come up with the €200, have you asked committees or picked a random number?
- robyn: Not a random number, i looked at the biggest committee, for example Reiscie, Wintersportcie, Feestcie and Illusie and I know Wintersportcie and Illusie didn't need it and Reiscie doesn't need it with the new plan, so the only committees left over are small committees and I don't think they will need €500.
- edmond: I agree, but that's not the point. Shouldn't you lower it even more? Ask committees if they will ask for it and if at the end of the day you hear committees only want €100, you can put the other €100 in other things as well.
- seliina: Since you know Wintersportcie had extra expenses and it's their responsibility to fix it, have they definitely said no they don't need the flexpot? Are you sure they don't apply for it?
- robyn: With this new budget they will 100% not need it.
- julia: I disagree with edmond about lowering it more, because of the big committees, applying for €100 is not doing much. It means they are going to need more, I think €300 is a good balance.
- edmond: I agree but that's why I am asking if she asked, so asking if they need it or lower it more. If they are sure that they don't need it, we can lower it more.
- robyn: I agree with Julia, that it's a nice balance and I know from a lot of committees they don't want to use it, but I do want to be safe and have a middle ground for example if a committee like Reiscie needs it, I don't think €200 or €300 will make a big difference but it is something and I think lower committees that want a bigger event don't have anything and now I can divide it still.  
I do want to go back to barcie, since we are still figuring out what to do with barcie, now we have €100 plus or €0. I want to know what barcie wants or what committees think is better. So it's not a single man's job.
- jan: I think barcie should be able to spend that money that isn't necessarily barcie, but should improve barcies, for example shakers, or ice machines that should be bought but there isn't money for it.
- robyn: I like the idea, I don't know where to store everything, because our room isn't big. I think it is better to invest in the members than in the ice machine.
- jan: But they can make ice coffees or cool down.

- dylan: I dont think the ice machine has anything to do with barcie.
- robyn: I think it is only a trial for one or two years, barcie makes a lot of profit and they don't make €100 profit so they can still use the other money to invest in stuff for barcie.
- ziggy: I agree with jan, I would love to take a middleground, why cannot they present what they want to do with the money and we will say if we think it is worth it and then we can decide as an association if it is best and otherwise I would have Board present why they think it is not good.
- mandy: I do think ziggy has a good point that if they want to buy something nice and they present it to the board and a General Board Meeting or General Meeting would be nice. But that is why I would say put it at €0 and have €100 to invest and if there are profits they can go to board uses. If it is from shots and not other stuff then it is okay.
- steph: I agree and the members make the barcie a success so I think we should give back to the members.
- edmond: Before I go further, what kind of costs are you expecting for an ice machine?
- jan: Like €180 for a really nice icemachine.
- edmond: If it is a big amount you can make it a more year plan. But if the costs are higher you can spend the money through 5 barcies or something.
- jan: I do not think the ice machine is important but the idea is that it is something to improve the barcies and also the room. ziggy has a good point that if we make that money, that we should improve future barcies and if everyone agrees then it is the way to go about it.

#### Board expenses

- Robyn: Nothing changed except for external relations, external gifts and home & office general since we are already halfway through the year and spent way less than what we thought.
- anais: You only spend €38 and €15 on General Meeting and General Board Meeting?
- robyn: At the end of the year we want a bigger snack and for General Meeting only one dinner has been reimbursed yet and we have 2. We will reach it.
- anais: What will you buy for €100 for the General Board Meeting?
- robyn: Pizza.

#### Investments

- Robyn: Nothing changed.

#### Active member rewards

- Robyn: Active member hoodies are finished so we changed the expected results to what we actually spent.
- boaz: About the vspvu room thing, maybe I am a bit vague, but estimated income and expenses are both €1000 but in the previous budget, was it the same?

- robyn: Yes, but we get it from 77 so it is not ours.
- seliina: What is Lucie?
- robyn: Every 5 years, it is the lustrum committee.
- mandy: Until when can we put in the reimbursement for the committee 10?
- robyn: 25 march.
- mandy: So people need to hurry up.
- seliina: Has there only been a profit of 57 cents?
- robyn: I think it is because there is an investment and we are not allowed to make profits, that is why it is between €0 and €1.
- julia: There were a lot of comments about the budget, so I think you will make some changes, what are you leaning to with barcie?
- robyn: I think €0 for now, because it is a trial.

#### 7. Voting

- Steph: Just to be clear, the advice is to spend it this year.
- Robyn: Yes.
- anais: What about the phone?
- robyn: That is not relevant for now, because it is a financial statement and not budget, so do not worry about the phone, it will be for the next General Meeting not this budget.
- robyn: Voting on a new budget.

In favour: 27

Neutral: 2

Against: 0

#### 8. Update on Policy Plan

##### **Committee Development**

- Dylan: The Actie has had their second event, ceramic making. This event went well. They have done 2 events in total now. More signups than expected.
- Dylan: The Barcie has had 2 events now with their third one coming up soon.
- Dylan: The Chronicles is still busy with the yearbook but well on their way.
- Dylan: Feestcie had their first event and is busy with planning the gala
- Dylan: Illusie had the mentor selections and is busy with planning mentor day, weekend and the introduction days.
- Dylan: Lex had their second event about cyber love. This was successful. They started on their third event.
- Dylan: Opcie is still busy with organising the career days
- Dylan: Ouderdagcie is coming up soon and very busy.
- Dylan: Pedcie had their first event, boomerang zorg. Very successful.
- Dylan: Reiscie had their preunion and is very busy with finalising all details. Preunion was successful and everyone had a great time. Reiscie is very excited about going to Lyon.
- Dylan: Wintersportcie is going on their trip this week and are very excited!

- Dylan: The piccie is doing good for a pilot committee, during the year we found some hurdles but we are busy finding solutions for them. We need to work on these problems on our side (Board). The piccie is already running way better than at the start of the year. We found out that it helps to have set days for events so that the piccie can plan better who goes to what shift. Before we give advice to 79 for the piccie with details on other regulations or solutions we want to have the feedback from the committee itself first. After we get this feedback we will form a formal advice for 79.
- mandy: About piccie, when we voted in the beginning of the year, I thought they would be more active on TikTok and reels and stories as well. Maybe I'm wrong. Is that true and if yes, why hasn't that happened yet?
- isabel: That was not the intention of piccie, also not stated in piccie or policy plan. It is just there for taking pictures and the idea is that the Commissioner of Communication and Media has more opportunity to do more Instagram stories and TikToks simultaneously which has been happening but it could be happening more.
- seliina: Are they supposed to be at every event? Because it seems like the Board is taking pictures and not piccie members, maybe I don't know the committee members but should they be at every event and have they been?
- dylan: They are not supposed to be at every event such as trips and weekends away. Sometimes it is hard to schedule them at all events, so I think youre referring to Reiscie for example, they tried, but sometimes it is not possible. They have to be at 80% of the events.
- maeve: Is that not why they are with 14 people, so they can be at almost every event?
- dylan: That was one of the reasons why the committee was bigger than other committees, however our expectations and piccies expectations were not clear at the start of the year, so some people are busier with their personal lives than expected, which made it hard to plan every event
- esmee: i was at the reiscie borrel and i offered to take pictures, but it wasnt needed, so maybe for these instances let them take it.

### **Membership**

- Dylan: We have obtained 201 new bachelor members and 20 new master members. It was not possible yet to look at the engagement of the discounts etc. Since we had to promote it more. Next GM we will have the numbers.
- robyn: i think we are a bit confused here, but the point last gm was made if the discount for the yearly contribution was successful and we did the math. this year during period of discount, we got 230 new members, 77 got 159 during the period without discount, so difference of 71 members, and 76 had even less new members in that period. in total the amount of new members that came in during the year, for us it was 272, and 77 217 and 76 253, so i do tink the discount worked well because a lot more people signed up and we have

to most new members of the three years and we might need to consider doing it again.

- edmond: nice, thanks for looking it up.

### **Involvement and events**

#### General meeting Engagement

- Dylan: We have decided to evaluate this at the next General Meeting since we have only done the GM Bingo once before now.
- anais: remember to hand out list to people coming in later.

#### Recess

- Dylan: We evaluated recess. We as the 78th Board has decided against recess. We want to have more quality events instead of a rise in the quantity of events. We have been noticing that attendance in busy event weeks varies due to the number of events. We want to put more focus on the bigger events and make sure that people attend these well. One of the goals for recess was to boost attendance in the room and we now have something else instead of that. We are now selling tostis all week in the room which has been going well. We are selling quite a few tostis. Mini events also boost the attendance in the room.

#### Dominate 78

- Dylan: Dominate 78 has been going well. We see a lot of participation from the committees and they are having a lot of fun with it.

#### Masters event

- Dylan: The masters event will be on April 23rd. We are organising this together with SSPN in Utrecht.
- edmond: about involvements in general, because last gm there was the idea about the whatsapp group, did you look into it?
- dylan: we spoke about this with board phone, starting next year, during introduction weeks we want to spread out the groupchat. we want to start next year with the first years to have more involvement.

#### Promotion

- Dylan: We did 10 lecture talks, we have a few more in our schedule for the upcoming period because that works best with our promotion. We now have a price list on the TV in the room and have started selling merchandise.
- seliina: in regards to lecture talks, suggestion, for me is to include you have instagram because some people dont know unless they are members. a friend of mine didnt know, so they cannot know where to check out the instagram and people dont go the website for information.
- maeve: last time we spoke about lecture talks and you switched it up which is amazing, because it was better because there was osme vspvu information. but still the talk and presentation is the same and not about the events. just

you have a reiscie and a wintersportcie and a barcie, the mini events werent talked about, so maybe also put that in the presentation.

- dylan: thank for feedback.
- seliina: they were better, but you do seem like you dont wanna be there, not enthusiastic when doing the talks and i get i, they are not the most fun part, but that also might not help it that much.
- dylan: i get what you mean, but i didnt notice it so much.
- steph: i agree and also i say keep it shorter, tell them about things that come up shortly and briefly, like a party, a borrel and an event, so they can talk about it with their friends. keep it more in the moment.
- dylan: im confused because feedback 1 is more, and feedback 2 is be shorter. how should i incorporate this?
- steph: i would say touch it briefly, highlight most fun parts.
- maeve: the last feedback from gm was committee and becoming active member which wasnt relevant anymore, and people thought they couldnt be a member without being active, so now it is more for events.
- mary: i would say maybe have lecture talks during the lecture and not in the break, you could ask becasie now people are standing and they dont listen because they go pee or buy coffee, so if they can, it would be better.
- dylan: i get what you mean, its annoying for us as well, ive had it many times that i have contact with a professor and they would announce us, and then forgot we are coming. i get its better to do it that way, but its a bit annoying with the professors itself.
- laura k: what do you mean the professor forgets and the slides are ready?
- dylan: they are in the professro slides presentation. but when i show up ar the lecture hall and then they forget about us and announce break and the moment they remember they tell they still have a presentation but then the attention span is already gone.
- laura k: how late do you have the last contact with the professor? so they get a remindr youre coming.
- dylan: usually i arrange the talk itself about a week before and then i usually also forget to ask some details so the day before i ask them so they do have a reminder and then even still they forget because they are busy with their own lecture and break.
- laura k: could you ask them if they could put a single slide in their presentation that its not break yet and they know you will speak?
- dylan: good suggestion.
- india: how long do the lecture talks usually last?
- dylan: usually 5 minutes.

- india: maybe try to do it not at the beginning of the break, do it at the end of the break, so they are more engaged in the presentation.
- steph: maybe this is too small, but maybe you contact faculty and stress to them, so they can put it through to the professors.
- seliina: if you can keep it closer to 5 than 8 minutes would be nice because of the break time. also, maybe for the lecture talks, do the soon upcoming events, if you can get people to come to the events, see that they are fun and then they will be more eager to become a member.

#### Health and safety

- Dylan: We will talk about the social safety plan later on this GM.

#### Sustainability

- Dylan: We still stand behind our current sustainability plan but will not be setting extra boundaries now. We still don't print posters, don't use single plastic and try to recycle decorations where possible. We do agree stricter boundaries need to be set and will look into this together with 79.

### **Policy continuation**

#### Committees

- Dylan: Five committees have used their committee ten, to give the committees another chance we will move the deadline for committee ten to March 25th.

#### Meetings

- Dylan: We are on our way with the general meetings. We will definitely reach the 4 GM's.

#### Alumni

- Dylan: We sent out 1 newsletter to the alumni with all new information about the VSPVU. During the next newsletter we want to ask about why alumni events are not well visited.

#### Member opinion

- Dylan: We did this during the Mini Event movie night and will do another one this year.

#### Study sessions

- Dylan: We incorporated the feedback from the last GM and hung up QR codes to check in and out of the room. No one used the QR code. Also someone tore it down once.
- laura k: don't let that discourage you.

#### FAQ

- Dylan: We are busy with updating it.

#### Member initiative

- Dylan: We have had some initiatives and are working them out.

## 9. Update social safety plan

### Social Safety

- Dylan: can you all read it first?
- maeve: why is it in the agenda when it is not an update?
- dylan: there is an update but there isnt a change in the document. this is also the first time we have this document during the gm, which is why we wanted to show it before updating.
- mary: what happens when someone did this and then what happens?
- dylan: if someone has done this and it is reported to us, then there is an entire process which will be explained later on in the document.
- steph: criticizing or shaming for behavior or actions, that could be interpreted broadly. Thats basically the whole safety plan. i feel like there is a contradiction.
- dylan: You mean that the whole plan is designed around criticizing someone?
- steph: yes.
- julia: i get what you mean, but example h is there to know what verbal bullying entails.
- steph: but it is also part of keeping someone accountable, you should be able to criticize.
- julia: agree, but there is a different type of criticizing.
- esmee: it says it is a list which it isnt complete or definitive. its a disclaimer.
- julia: i think some of the people read the document and its an official document, because it is taking quite some time.
- dylan: i agree. the update: We now have set accessories to indicate who the sober people are. We also post this on instagram so people know who they can go to when something happens.

## 10. Idea box

- Mabel: We have a lot of ideas!
- Mabel: Annual Beercantus
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- Mabel: Jar of period chocolates that is always full
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- Mabel: VSPVU strings (thongs?)
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- Mabel: Raise beer prices to create buffer for VSPVU
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- Mabel: Give gifts
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- Mabel: Board and first year hazing
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- Mabel: Mini-event - Cupcake decorating

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- Mabel: VSPVU pockies
- julia: VIB is selling them as merch right now.
- Mabel: Decibel meter in the room for Isabel, Esmee and Babet.

#### 11. Important dates

1. March 12th	Apres ski borrel
2. March 17th - 21st	Study Sessions
3. March 20th	Mini-event
4. April 11 - 13	Active Member Weekend
5. April 23rd	Master's event
6. May 12th - 16th	Study Sessions
7. May 13th	Mini-event
8. June 11th	GM #4

#### 12. A.O.B.

- edmond: i got the image that there is missing some committee manuals. please make sure to have them by next gm. second one, i saw you moved location of the meeting in the groupchat, but you have more members than only the active members. put it on the instagram.
- kirsten: i was looking at the side and all the transcripts of gm are public, but i think that shouldnt be the case. not everyone is able to be here. why are the documents public but cannot you be here when you arent a member.
- isabel: last gm we had the same discussion about budgets, we put all the budgets under a lock, we can also do this for transcripts, we werent aware.
- anais: i want snacks in the room. every year there have been snacks.

#### 13. Questions or Comments

#### 14. Closing

Dylan closes the meeting at 21:20.