Report of Sebastian Krone aka "Bastian" (Treasurer 2014-15)



Pirate Parties International General Assembly 04th - 05st July 2015 Warsaw, Poland I was elected to the board of PPI in Paris and took over the position of Treasurer on 15th of April 2014.

I have found no documents since the founding of the PPI in 2010 with which I could work with. Some documents I could gather through numerous requests.

On 24th of August 2014, the first time I transferred all my known financial postings to the PPI-Wiki. Since then, the PPI has transparent finances, so that everyone can see what is received and expended.

Board meeting in London

The Board met on 5th and 6th of July in London to discuss operational and programmatic matters. This meeting was one of the most expensive meetings in which I participated. I can therefore only recommend that not just cheap flights but a cheap calculation of the total costs for future sessions forms the basis.

The meeting was not very effective; another meeting was planned, but was not carried out.

Think Twice conference in Istanbul

On 30th and 31st of August, the Think Twice conference in Istanbul was organized.

The Executive Board member has this organized largely autonomously and the Pirate Party of Norway has financed this thankfully.

Unfortunately, there was no financial plan, which the Board has been put to the vote.

However, there was a promise that the costs would be fully covered by entrance tickets and sponsors.

It was quite clear that the PPI has no financial resources to make major expenditures, thus no expenditure was approved.

The result was a financial disaster with a loss in the amount of 2,276.56 EUR and we have to fulfil our obligations to the Pirate Party of Norway in the long term.

The Pirate Party of Norway has assured us that this amount is granted as a long-standing and interest-free loan. Thank you for that.

Turnover 2014

In 2014, we took since the GA in Paris 527.46 EUR in donations, which costs our meeting in London and the registration fees for the PPI Headquarters have been paid.

New Bank Account

Since 23rd of August 2014 we have - after several failed attempts - finally a bank account for the PPI, which has come with the kind support of the Pirate Party of Luxembourg concluded.

I paid 50.00 EUR as a deposit in order to verify the correct operation.

Triodos Bank Account

That probably still existing bank account with Triodos Bank, which has been established by three individuals for PPI, was due to the blockade of one of the owners not yet been evaluated.

There is no reliable information on the current balance, or whether the money at all belongs to PPI.

Membership Fees

On 30th of December 2014 a surprising judgment of the Court of Arbitration reached the board, thus the decision to the membership fees on a technicality was invalid.

Unfortunately, no member contribution was still paid voluntarily. Therefore all the financial plans for 2014 and 2015 were void.

This meant that - after previously almost no Member had expressed interest in mind - the first Online General Assembly was organized and carried out successfully, where significantly lower contributions for 2016 were decided.

But that is a start.

Financial Reports for the Tax Authorities

The necessary financial reports for the tax authorities were transmitted to the tax authorities for the years 2010 to 2013. The Financial Report 2014 is ready to be decided by the next board.

Turnover 2015

In 2015, we collected 20.00 EUR of donations for the Pirate Party of Australia, which have yet to be passed on cost.

For the year 2015, establishing a budget is not possible because we do not have predictable revenue.

We are reliant on all of their necessary expenses paid out of pocket and other costs are handled solely on a donation basis.

Overall, we have received in 2015 25.00 EUR in donations, so that we now have 86.30 EUR balances, of which the deposit of the Treasurer in the amount of 50.00 EUR as well as the costs incurred by the server account in the amount of 122.02 EUR, and the above donation for the Pirate Party of Australia are to be paid.

Sale of PPI Products

With today's meeting we begin the experiment with the sale of PPI products at least to generate a little revenue, so at least there is a small budget for necessary expenses available.

I ask you to support us.

Warsaw, 5th of July, 2015