Minutes for Boost Foundation

03-12-2017 (02:00pm in Delft)

## Call to Order

The 23rd monthly meeting of Boost Foundation was held on 03-12-2017 in Delft at OGD ICT-diensten. It began at 14:00 and was presided over by Justin Sloove.

## Attendees

Voting members in attendance included Remco Scherpenzeel, Erudini Smits, Justin Sloove and Gert-Jan ter Schure.

Voting members that were absent included Ian Upton and Osman Akin, Henk Bethlehem.

Non-voting members absent included Marc René.

## Proceedings

Theme

Lessons learn and year plan

General updates

*What went well*?

That Osman sent a newsletter and posted an update about equal chances. Erudini is back. That we had a few small meetings (small groups). These small group sessions are more effective and efficient. That all the finances have gone to Equal chances and that Ramani is working on getting all the stuff for the kids.

*What can we improve?*

Our hygiene in a sense that we all come to the meetings (This has to do with disciple and priority). This also has to do with keeping the atmosphere at the meetings enjoyable. The publication of the notes and minutes so that it can be used for internal use but also that we are quickly transparent to the outside. Getting the contracts and legal aspect for the project ‘Making St.Maarten great again’. That we follow our own structure and do what we say we will do. We need to improve becoming more proactive. The feeling that we are standing still and not moving forward needs to reduce and we need to make progress with getting our finances and be more active with our projects.

*Other comments?* We need to plan how to get money in and maybe do it differently than what we did last year.

*Trust score* was an average of 62.5 (Reduced) – (Re-65, G-65, E-70, J-50)

*Happy score* was an average of 60 (Reduced) – (Re-65, G-70, E-65, J-40)

Meeting

The meeting began with Justin asking everyone to discuss their general thoughts about last month’s performance and what can improve. He then gave us a quick update about how much money we have in the bank and that most of that money will be for make st.Maarten great again.

We then moved on to talk about each project. The update for equal chances is that Ramani and Sameera are working on sorting and collecting all the materials. The last few weeks they went and took the measurements of each kids shoe size and uniform size. Then she ordered all the materials which includes, books, stationary, uniform, socks, shoes, schoolbag and a few other school materials (e.g. some get a calculator). This coming week she will make the packages and then next week she will go to the different schools and deliver them. She stated that she was planning to go to the schools on the 5th, 6th and 7th of December. About the Minuwangamuwa project, Ramani said that because she was busy with Equal chances and because the weather conditions in Sri Lanka have been really bad the last couple of weeks, that project has been put on hold. She will give us a better update once equal chances has been done. Justin then spoke about Green future – Ecuador. He stated that this project will be on hold until we get our financials in order. Therefore, no contract and no progress will be made until we can secure a way to get funding for this project. Then Erudini spoke about the update that we received on the weekly meeting about Make St.Maarten Great again. Since Justin and Remco were not there at the last weekly meeting Erudini just repeated everything that was told on the weekly meeting. (Check weekly minutes for more details on this project).

Erudini then proceeded by asking each team member to state how they feel about Boost and where they stand with regards to the future of Boost. Gert-Jan and Justin agreed that in the beginning Boost had a lot of energy but at the moment there is high risk of it collapsing because the spirit (moral) of the group is low. People have left and some want to leave. The projects are moving slowly and even though we got a lot of opportunities last year we did not use to wisely. Therefore if Boost foundation would like to survive it will have to improve on its funding structure. We need to start getting money in and then push forward our projects. There also has to be an improvement next year with the structure of the team and relying on each other. We need to get all our external contracts done on time. Remco also added that at the moment he feels like Boost is not something that gives him energy. He feels that the role he has does not suit his capabilities and skills at the moment. Therefore, if possible he would like to find someone else for his role (most likely an external person). He also mentioned that the core group seems unstable at the moment and that needs to be fixed soon. Roderick leaving and a few other core members taking a long break has made it difficult for the others to pick up all the tasks. Finally, he expressed that we also need to find someone who has more knowledge about financials and ways we can get funding. Erudini ended the meeting by explaining that she understands the concerns and agrees that there have to be a few changes next year. On the other hand the cause and the reason that Boost Foundation was created in the first place is still very strong and she would like to continue. She believes in the team and in the projects but of course new members and new ways of working is needed.

## Announcements

* There will be no weekly boost meeting on the 27th of December since there will be a week Christmas break.
* Please attend the meeting on 7th January since we would like to discuss the 2018 policy plan for Boost.

## Adjournment

Erudini Smits moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 16:45.

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| Erudini Smits |  | 05/12/2017 |
| Secretary Boost Foundation |  | Date of Approval |