

**EUROTARY 87
7th Assembly
September 18 - 20, 1998
Göteborg-Säve RC
Minutes Assembly Meeting Sep 20**

**§1
President's welcome**

President Björn Sjöholm, Göteborg-Säve, welcomed all participants to the meeting. The agenda was approved, see appendix 1.

**§2
Minutes from the meeting at Etwall & Hilton RC Sep 1997**

President Björn reviewed the key points. The minutes were approved without discussion.

**§3&4
Matters arising & review of the 1998 meeting**

Carl-Åke Ahlqvist, Göteborg-Säve, reported that the only problem he had encountered was to interpret the different "symbols" used when the registration forms were filled in. Some registrations also came late but he believed organisers have to live with this problem.

The participants applauded Göteborg-Säve for excellent hospitality and a very good program.

Club banners were exchanged.

**§5
Common Actions**

Klaus Döhler, Langenhagen-Wedemark, presented a proposal for a common project to be discussed at the 1999 Eurotary 87 Assembly.

The project has the objective to fund street schools in Pakistan. The project is described in a letter from President Ulf Wollin, see appendix 2. Total project cost is estimated to USD 20.000 of which contributions from clubs should be USD 10.000 and the remaining USD 10.000 should be in the form of a Matching Grant.

The clubs were asked to consider this proposal and be ready for a decision at next year's assembly.

§6

Host and date for Eurotary 87 Assembly 1999

Klaus Döhler confirmed that Langenhagen-Wedemark RC will have the pleasure to host the 1999 Eurotary 87 Assembly September 17 - 19. He described and distributed the program and supporting material to be used in the clubs to inform about next year's event.

The program was recieved with a warm applause and President Björn expressed the participants' great expectations for next year's assembly.

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Host for the 9th Eurotary 87 Assembly Year 2000

President David Bell, Albrighton & District RC, offered his club to be the host for the year 2000 Assembly. The preparations had already started with a committee consisting of Peter Leigh, Ray Vye and Barry Woodward.

The invitation was accepted with applause.

§8

Any other business

Erik Thrap-Olsen made the following reflections on the development of Eurotary 87:

- Positive points:
 - The excellent Göteborg-Säve Assembly
 - The proposal to decide a new Common Project next year
 - Year 2000 Assembly host club decided
- Negative points
 - Only clubs chartered during calender year 1987 invited, could be extended to all clubs chartered during Rotary years 86/87 and 87/88.
 - Almost no participation from "Latin" countries
 - Hotel accomodation has replaced homestay

On the question of which Rotary clubs should be invited it was decided to maintain the present practise to limit the invitations to the 64 clubs chartered during the calender year 1987 as there would otherwise be to many clubs and the assembly meetings could become too large.

The reasons for both "Latin" and other clubs not to participate were discussed. Lack of international interest and no homestay were mentioned. To be able to reach the "right" persons in the clubs was identified as a key point. No special action was decided, each club will take action as the club finds appropriate.

Regarding hotel accomodation or homestay it became clear during the discussion that

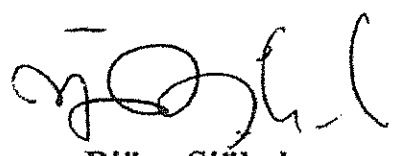
- some prefer hotel and some prefer homestay
- small clubs find it impossible to arrange homestay for everybody due to the number of participants
- the combination of hotel accomodation and homeparties was one way of getting a feeling for the "local" way of living

It was concluded that the hosting club has to find the solution best suited for the club.

§9
Close of meeting

President Björn thanked all participants for coming to Göteborg and looked forward to next year's assembly in Hannover. The meeting was closed.

Göteborg September 20, 1998



Björn Sjöholm
President
Göteborg-Säve RC



Bo Egerdal
Meeting secretary

Eurotary 87

Meeting of the 7th Assembly 1998-09-20

Agenda

1. Presidents welcome
2. Minutes of the meeting in Etwall & Hilton
3. Matters Arising
4. A Review of Eurotary 98 Göteborg Säve
5. Common Actions
6. Host and date for Eurotary 1999
7. Eurotary 2000
8. Any Other Business
9. Close of meeting.

Eurotary '87

7TH ASSEMBLY IN GOTHENBURG

(Text and photos: Gunnar Rahm, PP & PHF, Göteborg Säve RC.)

Göteborg-Säve RK hosted the 7th annual Eurotary '87 meeting from September 18th – 20th 1998. Eurotary '87 consists of rotary clubs in Europe that were chartered in 1987. 63 clubs from 16 different countries were invited to this gathering. Clubs from the following countries accepted the invitation and took part in this event: Denmark, Germany, Belgium, England (5 clubs), France, and Sweden.

On the first day, as the more than 70 guests arrived in Gothenburg, they were warmly welcomed at the Hotel 11's reception by the Göteborg-Säve RK members. Later that evening, the guests were divided into smaller groups and were invited for dinner at the homes of the host club members. These "Home parties" provided an opportunity for the guests to experience first hand the unique Swedish customs and culture. It was also a time for them to be together with old friends and/or meet new ones.

For some the night was too short, but nevertheless everyone was ready to attack the next day's activities which began at 9:00am. The guests had earlier got the opportunity to choose from 3 different activities for that day, namely:

1. Terra Nova / Volvo
2. Gunnebo Manor
3. Marstrand trip by boat
4. Dinner & Dance

The last day of this exciting weekend was reserved for taking care of business matters pertaining to Eurotary '87. A formal meeting was called and presided over by Björn Sjöholm, the president of Göteborg-Säve RK. The meeting began with greetings and the exchanging of the clubs banners from the attending clubs. The minutes from the previous years meeting held at RC Etwall & Hilton in England were then presented and accepted by the members present. The president then opened the floor for comments from the guests about this years gathering. It was a unanimous feeling amongst all guests that they had a wonderful time here in Gothenburg this past weekend. After hearing these positive comments, the president was convinced that it was a job well done.



Klaus Döhler, Langenhagen-Wedemark RC (to the left) welcomes to the next Eurotary '87 meeting in 1999.

The final item on the meetings agenda was to provide information on the activities for the 1999 meeting and to decide the host club for the year 2000 meeting. According to a previous decision, RC Langenhagen-Wedemark from Germany had been appointed to be the host of the 1999 meeting. The clubs representatives then handed out some preliminary information about the 1999 meeting to the attending guests. The hosting of the year 2000 meeting was taken up by RC Albrighton & Distr. from England. The meeting concluded with the expectation that we will all soon meet again. While the members were attending the meeting, their spouses devoted these few hours to shopping in the city.



David Bell, Albrighton & District RC, invites to the first meeting of the new millenium.