



## Minutes of the Joint Board Meeting – Saumur, October 12, 2018

Attendees : Ed Davis, Kevin Drum, Philippe Koenig, Annette Lannigan, Tom Michalak, Albert Moussa, Sunne Savage.

Participants : Brigitte Briffaud, Didier Briffaud, Régine Cetin, Bernard, Cuaz, Patricia Frantzen, Michel Froidevaux, Marie-Hélène Génin, Caroline Gorse-Combalat, Marc Miloutinovitch, Arnaud Péricard, René Prioux, Khady Sall.

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Marc opens the meeting thanking Arnaud Péricard, René Prioux, Khady and Caroline for their presence.

### 1. Organizational changes and updates on both sides, association and city

Winchester : the town manager Richard Howard has retired after a smooth transition. His replacement is Mrs Liz Wong effective November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

Saint-Germain : modernization of subscription and payment methods on our website thanks to Didier.

### 2. Highlights/activities on both sides

Winchester 2017/2018 :

- . Virginia trip in October 2017.
- . Taste of France dinner on Oct 27th and a Holiday Party in Dec, at Sanborn House.
- . Cedric Boyer and student André Millot from Conservatoire de Saint-Germain at Winchester Music School April 23/27 for concerts and Master Class.
- . Taste of the Loire dinner at Sanborn House on March 23rd.
- . Certificates of appreciation issued to Peggy and Jack Roll, town manager Richard Howard and Representative Mickael Day in recognition of many years of support to the jumelage.
- . Booth at the Town day on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- . 3 Winchester interns in Saint-Germain in June.
- . Bastille day, July 14th, at John McConnell's.
- . Barbecue picnic and pool party at Sanborn House on July 20th.
- . 3 French interns in Winchester in July : Eva, Clément and Amaury

Saint-Germain 2017/2018 :

- . Conference on Nov 7th, 2017 on the introduction of jazz in France by American soldiers during WWI.
- . Thanksgiving dinner on Nov 23rd.
- . Award of European Flag of Honour on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> to Saint-Germain by the Council of Europe in recognition of the town actions in favor of European ideals. Though Winchester is not a European city, René Prioux insisted that all the jumelages shared this award.



- . Winchester High School students were welcomed in the Town Hall on Feb 16th thanks to René Prioux and Sylvie Habert-Dupuis.
- . Annual General Assembly meeting on March 8th, greeting of 8 new members.
- . Open doors at Marc's and Sylvie's on April 13th to share past activities, photos and archives.
- . Barbecue at the Briffaud's June 15th for Winchester interns.
- . 4th of July at the Froidevaux'. French interns are expected to and do generally attend.
- . Visit of Judy Muggia's niece July 4/14 and her parents July 14th.
- . Saint-Germain Associations day on Sept 22nd. Visitors main interests are conversation and internship.

An important event to come : Exhibit of pictures Patrouille de France US Tour 2017.

<http://www.patrouilledefrance.fr/galerie/photos/paf-us-tour-2017/>

Caroline met 2 people from the Tour in cooperation with the US WWI Commission.

The tour does not only celebrate the US/France friendship but also brothers of arms.

The exhibit will be shown at the Paris US Embassy in November, then in various cities around Paris, and in Saint-Germain during April 2/29 at the Mediathèque. It will include 35 posters, a video and an interview of Monique Seefried, commissioner of the exhibit.

### 3. Update on Interns exchange program

French interns : Eva, Clément and Amaury were « charming young people ». No issue to report.

They worked in Michael Day's office, Book Ends and Kidstock. Clément also spent 4 days in Albert Moussa's office.

Annette stresses 2 points to keep in mind which will be mentioned to the interns from now on : alcohol is not allowed under 21 in Massachusetts and marijuana is now legal in USA. Interns should neither drink nor smoke.

US interns : Marc says everything went well but explains that the notice was too short due to legal requirements. Interns should be designated by end February to be on the safe side.

We were surprised that they had little knowledge about the jumelage and spent a lot of time outside the families. Annette will include a presentation of what the jumelage is all about and family life in the manifest.

### 4. Interns candidates and suggestions for next year

3 French interns. Michael Day will have one if he is reelected (expected). If not Annette will approach his replacement. The candidate from Sciences-Po will be known by year end. The 2 other interns already applied.

### 5. Music schools exchanges

After Cedric Boyer in Winchester, Saint-Germain Conservatoire should receive one instructor and selected students from Winchester Music School. The program would be a 5 day Master Class and concerts. The good timing would be 2019. Arnaud Péricard will talk to Gilles Dulong.

### 6. High School exchanges

The jumelage is not involved in these exchanges. The Saint-Germain Lycée English teacher who used to organize the exchanges left the Lycée 3 years ago and the exchanges stopped. Brigitte



communicates with the new English teacher. Sylvie Habert-Dupuis is looking into the matter. Maybe another Lycée ? In 2020 ?

Annette is looking forward to having it again. Kevin has good memories of hosting French students and thinks it stimulates the knowledge of the Jumelage on both sides. René Prioux sees it as a unique opportunity for our young students and will talk with Sylvie Habert-Dupuis to start it again.

#### 7. Preview on 2019 USA trip

Tom presents the highlights of the trip in the Brandywine Valley, September 25th to October 2nd.

<http://thebrandywine.com/>

It is planned to land in Philadelphia and stay at the Hotel Dupont in Wilmington

<http://www.hoteldupont.com/>

Among the various sites : the Hagley museum where the du Pont story began, the Nemours gardens, a helicopter museum, the Winterthur museum (traditional US homes), the Valley forge, Saint Joseph church, home parish of Joe Biden, ...

Marc has a copy of the presentation.

#### 8. French plans for Jumelage 30th anniversary.

2020 will be a year of many anniversaries : 400th of the Mayflower in the US, 233th of the US constitution...

Our plan is to have a special brochure, a video on the history of the jumelage and between 6 and 8 events in Saint-Germain in the course of the year. And of course a special week when the US members come over. Date to be determined.

Marc has started talking with various partners including the US Embassy. A program will be presented Q4 2019 to the Town Hall who will support the project.

Khady reminded us that on our jumelage 10th anniversary, all the jumelages got together.

#### 9. US plans for Jumelage 30th anniversary

Too busy with 2019 trip to start working on the anniversary. Winchester officials may participate in the 2020 trip in France.

#### 10. Possible improvements and members expectations

It seems that more free/rest time would be appreciated on the week trips. We could try optional activities like golf for instance, or organize half-day activities/visits like in Saumur, or else an evening activity like theater or a musical event.

#### 11. How to attract younger members and new activities for members

Interns should be members. Find new hosting families to know more people. Have lectures in the Mediathèque as many people go there, and bring someone along.

Annette will present Marc's PPT to show what the French jumelage does.

#### 12. Political conference with Skype exchange

Marc proposes an after mid-term conference to be held at Sciences-Po in November and maybe a Skype exchange to follow.

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