

## **Minutes of the AGM of 11th May 2010**

### **1. OPENING**

The Annual General Meeting was convened at least two weeks in advance and the quorum of a minimum of 20 members was reached. Forty two members were present and 39 proxy forms were received. The meeting was therefore validated and opened at 09:40.

### **2. AGENDA**

No further proposals were made.

### **3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF 12 MAY 2009**

The Assembly was asked to approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 12 May 2009, published in the June–July 2009 Newsletter, by a show of hands. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

### **4. REPORTS**

#### **a) President's Report**

Another club year is coming to an end, leaving us with happy memories, but also unfortunately some sorrow.

We are saddened by the deaths of Liesel van Holten, founding member of the sports activities section of our club, of Inge Schopper, and of Sandy Price, the latter being instrumental in setting up the Welcome Center for new arrivals.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Steering Committee, to coopted members and everyone involved in the preparation of our regular Newsletter for their active participation. This includes the dedication of Jean Roderick who, after having taken on the task of Activities Coordinator, then took on the responsibility of Webmaster and the efficient functioning of the Club's computer resources.

I would like to remind you of the extraordinary work done by Rita Borcharding, who has now returned to the United States, in taking over the reins of the Coordination of Courses.

A big thank you to everyone involved in the organization of the Christmas Sale, notably Michèle Alexandre and her team, and to Nicole Comte who took over responsibility of the Bric-a-brac and Book Sale last April. This event took CHF 900.-. The traditional Christmas Sale was held in November 2009, for the first time in the hall of the Main Building. It was a great success. Last February our club was able to hand over the proceeds of this sale, CHF 6100.-, to SOS Street Children of Vietnam. During May, the remaining CHF 900.- will be handed over to this charity.

On Tuesday, 9 March, the Japanese Coffee Morning included a demonstration of a tea ceremony. We give our sincere thanks to our Japanese members for the organization of this event, and particularly to the person who came dressed in a traditional kimono.

I am convinced that, thanks to the dedication of the many volunteers for our numerous activities, our club can today proudly claim to meet the aims of its Statute.

#### **b) Vice-President's Report**

Michèle Alexandre has resigned from the Committee, but continues as group leader. She is very pleased to continue her activities and appealed to the younger members present to come forward and actively participate in the Club.

c) Treasurer's Report

Ivana Rosinska presented the financial report. She explained that the negative result came partly from the purchase of computers, materials for certain classes, as well as pre-paid envelopes for France for two years.

d) Auditor's Report

Thea Vermeulen and Mathias Schröder checked the accounts and congratulated Ivana Rosinska for her excellent work. They proposed the approval of the accounts and her honourable discharge.

5. APPROVAL OF THE 2009/2010 ACCOUNTS AND DISSOLUTION OF THE 2009/2010 COMMITTEE  
The accounts for 2009/2010 were approved unanimously and the Committee dissolved.

6. ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

a) Election of the 2010/2011 Steering Committee

Maria Dewin, President  
Lori Hakulinen, Vice-President  
Ursula Freudenreich, Secretary  
Birgitte Spanggaard, Membership Secretary  
Ivana Rosinska, Treasurer  
Emily Fellmann, Activities Coordinator  
The Steering Committee was approved unanimously.

b) Election of coopted members for the 2010/2011 Full Committee

Donatella Bona, Coffee Mornings, with Avril Quarrie and Gisela Luscher  
Nicole Comte, Newcomers, with Evelyne Sprich and Nadine Pires  
Deirdre Moore, Newsletter Editor, with Beryl Chesi, Marie-Christine Quesnel,  
Jane Kwiatkowska-del Pozo and Françoise Gaudin  
Lori Hakulinen, Computer Support and Web Site, with Daria Nosych  
The Full Committee was approved unanimously.

c) Election of Auditors

Thea Vermeulen, Ute Kälbere, and Frédéric Bona  
The auditors were elected unanimously.

7. PRESENTATION OF THE 2010/2011 BUDGET

Ivana Rosinska presented the 2010/2011 budget.  
The budget was approved unanimously.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Maria Dewin announced that she would hand over the presidency in 2011. Nobody present at the meeting came forward to take over the presidency.

Rachel Bray, the new President of the CCC, was excused. Maria Dewin has been in contact with her and hoped that a ventilator would finally be installed in the language rooms.

Jenny Van Hove was surprised at the anticipated cost of the equipment for the rooms. Maria Dewin explained that a second notice board, books for language courses and several replacement chairs were to be purchased.

Renate Rudge added that group leaders could submit requests to the club for the purchase of materials.

Jessica Benelli, leader of the Toddler Group, was excused. Her request for the purchase of shelves was approved by the Committee.

Thea Vermeulen resigned as Sports Section Leader and will again ask for a replacement to be found at the Annual Leaders Meeting on 18 May 2010.

Birgitte Spanggaard confirmed that the club had 258 ordinary members and 104 associate members.

Nicole Comte is taking inscriptions for the end-of-year meal to be held on 8 June 2010.

Maria Dewin thanked the outgoing members and gave them the traditional vouchers and bouquets.

Special thanks were given to Lynne Lauckner who acted as interpreter for the entire General Meeting.

#### 9. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 11:00 and was followed by an aperitif