

Minutes of the AGM of 17th May 2011

1. OPENING

The General Assembly was convened at least fifteen days in advance and the quorum of a minimum of 20 members was reached. Fifty seven members were present and 53 proxies were received. The meeting was therefore validated and Maria Dewin opened the meeting at 9:40.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF 11 MAY 2010

The meeting was asked to approve the minutes of the General Assembly on May 11, 2010, published in the newsletter edition of June-July 2010, by a show of hands. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. REPORTS

a) President's Report

The club currently has 393 members. Many nationalities are represented. Registration payment controls are effective and delinquency is minimal.

I can say that, within the Club, all is functioning well: the courses are popular in spite of the cramped quarters, but have patience, in two or three years perhaps we will have more spacious surroundings, at least we can hope for that.

We have had four very interesting Coffee Mornings: two members from the English Speaking Cancer Association (ESCA), gave us advice on to behave and speak with a person suffering from cancer. Also a representative from *Solidarité Femmes* spoke to us on the distressing problems which some women living in Geneva are suffering. In addition, at our two other Tuesday Coffee Mornings, in February we had a Francophone theme and in March an Irish theme, both of which were well-attended.

Solidarité Femmes was the beneficiary of our charitable endeavors – the Christmas Sale and the Spring Jumble Sale.

Anna Childers (the coordinator of the Toddler Group) with the help of some mothers from the group organized a bake sale to benefit the victims of the Japanese tsunami disaster. Ivana Rosinska will give the results of the three sales.

In conclusion I thank everyone for their effective collaboration, namely: those responsible for the classes; the co-opted members; and especially the Steering Committee; and Ursula Freudenreich who, in addition to her duties as secretary, has also served as translator for the committee. Not to forget Deirdre Moore and Emily Fellmann who will soon return to their home country; Nicole Earl who for many years took care of registrations of new entrants and Donatella Bona who is responsible, as always, for our Coffee Mornings.

b) Vice-President's Report

Lori Hakulinen thanked everyone who participated in the Christmas Sale. She particularly regrets the departure of Michele Alexander. At the same time she appealed to the younger members present and encouraged them to actively participate in the Club.

c) Treasurer's Report

Ivana Rosinska presented the financial report. She explained each item on the financial spreadsheet.

The Christmas Sale and Spring Jumble Sale raised a total of 6,250 CHF. The Toddler Club Bake Sale raised 1,000 CHF.

d) Auditor's Report

Ute Kälberer and Fred Bona have audited the accounts by Ivana Rosinska. They proposed the approval of the accounts and her honourable discharge.

4. APPROVAL OF THE 2010/2011 ACCOUNTS AND DISSOLUTION OF THE 2010/2011 COMMITTEE

The accounts for 2010/2011 were approved unanimously and the Committee dissolved.

5. ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

a) Election of Executive Committee 2011/2012

Two people presented as candidates for the post of President, Maria Kienzle and Lori Hakulinen. Maria Dewin asked they briefly introduce themselves.

Maria Kienzle, an Italian-born physicist, arrived in Geneva in 1964. She first worked at CERN, before being appointed professor in charge of PhD students at the University of Geneva. Five years ago she retired and joined the CWC. She participates in several of the Club activities.

Lori Hakulinen is of American origin and is the wife a CERN employee. She was Vice-President for the year 2010/2011. She has organized the Christmas Sale and has many new ideas for the CWC. She is responsible for the website which she has rebuilt. In addition, she has hosted the "Welcome Center for Newcomers".

The ballots were distributed, taking into account the number of proxies. Thea Vermeulen, Lynne Lauckner and Judith Richards conducted the count. Maria Kienzle was elected with 81 votes.

Maria Keinzle - President

VACANT - Vice President

Helen Incandela, Secretary

Lynda Evans, Membership Secretary

Ivana Rosinska, Treasurer

Brittany Johnson, Activities Coordinator

The Steering Committee was approved unanimously.

b) Election of co-opted members for the 2010/2011 Full Committee

Coffee Mornings - Donatella Bona with Gisela Luscher

Newcomers - Avril Quarrie with Lynne Lauckner

Newsletter Editor - Vacant

Team Newsletter Team - Beryl Chesi, Danielle Haenni-Kubischta, Françoise Gaudin and Victoria Tranquille

Computer Support and Website - Lori Hakulinen

The Full Committee was elected unanimously.

c) Election of the Auditors

Ute Kälberer, Frederick Bona and Thea Vermeulen

The auditors were elected unanimously.

6. PRESENTATION OF THE 2010/2011 BUDGET

Ivana Rosinska presented the 2010/2011 budget.

The budget was approved unanimously.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

While the ballots were being counted, Maria Dewin read out a request put forward by Lilian Jung concerning the admission of men to the CWC. It was clear from the discussion that this would require a change to the Club statutes. As the quorum for a change of statute could not be achieved that day (50% of members must be present or must have elected a proxy) the proposal could not be voted upon. Maria Dewin suggested putting Lilian Jung's proposal on the agenda for the General Assembly of 2012.

Lori Hakulinen will take reservations for the year-end lunch to be held June 7, 2011.

A beautiful flower arrangement was delivered to Maria Dewin in appreciation of her three years as President.

Special thanks to Emily Fellmann and Debbie Groby who served as interpreters throughout the General Assembly.

8. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 11:10, followed by a celebratory drink.