

Minutes of the Virtual AGM of the CERN Welcome Club, 1st September 2020 10:00 through the link:

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1. OPENING

The Virtual Annual General Meeting of the CWC was convened at least fifteen days in advance. The quorum of twenty members was attained: 47 members participated in the ZOOM Meeting in the peak of participation. Overall, 40 members were present at the virtual meeting all the time. All members of the Steering Committee were present except Judy Richards, who was excused for medical reasons.

2. REPORTS

2.1 President's Report

Good morning to all.

This year has been challenging and we have been trying to maintain our activities as best as we can. We want to thank our Teachers and Group Leaders who kept their classes/activities during the Covid-19 lockdown.

I want to clarify that there will not be access to CERN facilities until October 1st 2020.

*I want to share with you all that our Treasurer, Judy Richards, is not well. Thus, she will not be able to participate in this AGM. As we need to discuss and approve the financial report for 2019/2020 and our budget for 2020/2021, I propose two alternatives: either we discuss it now during this AGM, or we set another meeting to discuss and approve it. **[All participants voted to discuss and approve both in this AGM]***

I want to inform you that we have a new website and I invite you all to browse it and take advantage of its new structure and beautiful design.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 19th MAY 2019

Clara asks if members agree with the approval of the minutes of the AGM of 19th May 2019 which were available in the Club website through this link <https://club-welcome.web.cern.ch/sites/club-welcome.web.cern.ch/files/AGM%20EN%202019.pdf>

The Minutes were approved unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS 2019/2020 AND BUDGET FOR 2020/2021

Clara asked if members agree to approve the Club's financial reports for 2019/2020, exceptionally without Judy Richards. Maria Kienzle remarks that as Judy Richards has been trustworthy for a long time, a vote of confidence should be given to her.

The Financial Reports and Budget were approved unanimously.

The current auditors, Véronique PARIS and Yaxiao FU, approved the Financial Report for 2019/2020 and Budget for 2020/2021 as well.

5. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2020 / 2021

Clara asks if members agree with the Steering Committee proposed for 2020/2021.

The changes in the Steering Committee are as follows:

Nyedja DA SILVA MARINHO will be Secretary, replacing Peggy Zavattini, Paula GOOSSENS will be the Treasurer, replacing Judy Richards, Sofia STERGIU will join the Coffee Mornings' Team, replacing Nicole Comte, Sarah SPEZIALI will join the Newcomer's Team, replacing Marie-Thérèse Coin, Peggy ZAVATTINI will join the Auditor's Team, replacing Yaxiao Fu.

The new Steering Committee was approved unanimously.

6. ELECTION OF THE AUDITORS FOR 2020 / 2021

Clara asks if members agree with our Auditors for 2020/2021. She explains that Peggy ZAVATTINI agreed to replace Yaxiao Fu and team up with Véronique PARIS to be Auditors for the fiscal year of 2020/2021.

The Auditors were approved unanimously.

7. PROPOSALS FOR NEW COURSES OR ACTIVITIES

Sara Castells, activities coordinator, reports that our club offered in 2019/2020 97 courses taught by 39 teachers. For 2020/2021 our Club will offer 91 courses taught by 36 teachers. She mentions that during the Covid-19 lockdown all languages courses continued. It is proposed for the 2020/2021 a new course: Art Therapy for kids. All members agree with this initiative.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Our Committee has been discussing for a few months a transition to a new payment system for teachers. While the Committee plans the implementation process, the current one prevails.

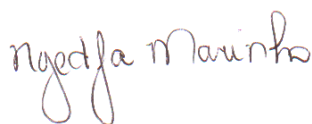
Maria Kienzle reminds our members that our Club has different procedures for registration and access cards. Our registration procedures are explained in our website through this link <https://club-welcome.web.cern.ch/membership>. On the other hand, the procedures to get an access card and enter CERN facilities remains basically the same with only one change: members can ask her to renew their access cards only after October 2nd as there will not be access to CERN facilities before October 1st 2020. From October 2nd 2020 members can ask Maria Kienzle to renew their access cards through: mnkienzle@gmail.com. The process has been streamlined for a few years.

It is recommended that teachers shall start their courses/activities online from September/2020 until CERN facilities are opened.

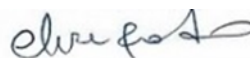
It was decided that an Email will be sent to all members reminding them of the date they can start asking for access card renewal.

9. CLOSURE

Clara closed the meeting at 10:48. 08 September 2020



Nyedja Marinho
Secretary of the CWC



Clara Raimondo
President of the CWC