

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the CERN Welcome Club May 17, 2022, 10h Room 504

1. OPENING

The Annual General Meeting of the CWC was convened at least fifteen days in advance. The quorum of twenty members was attained: 33 members attended the meeting. All members of the Steering Committee were present.

2. REPORTS

2.1 President's report

« We tried to start the club activities in September, but we had to go back. We already wanted to get together, to meet and to start meeting again but circumstances and CERN's directives did not allow us to do so. Now we have tried again to restart. Maybe it's because of the difficulty of getting back to people, to the crowds, to face-to-face activities, but we're finding that it's still difficult for some to get back to the club.

I want to say during my official speech the things that are dearest to my heart.

In fact, we have lost quite a few registered members. Thanks to the language course, we have been able to keep a certain number of registered members and we thank them because they allow us to continue the activities. But it is true that we have lost members, there are fewer activities, there are fewer people who are committed and who want to come back.

And so, I was thinking a little bit about our club at the beginning. When I think back to 45-50 years ago, the needs were different. The ladies that came here didn't speak the language. Now everybody speaks French actually.

The needs today, after 2 years of confinement, I think, have evolved.

We are a club that lives for and with all its members, with everyone. We are currently looking for the new direction we will take. We need all the members to help us define the new instructors of the club, the activities so that we can continue to live within the CWC. I think that everyone, if you think about it, needs to come back to each other, to have face-to-face sharing activities, to be together again, it is a strong and important desire.

So, I ask people, members, if you have the skills, things you like to share with others, don't be afraid to come and propose them to the club. Yesterday, with Paula and Valentine, after the aperitif together, we were discussing it and here is an example: I was thinking about my personal case and my expectations of the moment. I was thinking about a musical awakening class during which we meet, maybe people who would like to learn a little bit about music. This is just an example.

I was thinking of you, Linda, who does the bridge classes. It's something that you love, and I guess you want to share with us? And it's interesting. If you have skills and knowledge to share. And that I find that it was necessary, it would be necessary, that's my wish to come back and propose, to dare to show

up, I would like to do that. That this type of experience be recreated in the club, the sharing of skills in various forms, an hour, a conference, a seminar, a workshop

I mean, it's a suggestion to liven up our club that needs it because there are teachers that unfortunately have left us. In fact, during the pandemic, they needed to continue their activities elsewhere, which is quite normal.

I think of Nathalie who did a lot for the club too, even before. I'm asking her if she would be interested in coming back in a lighter form to share her knowledge in these different forms without necessarily leading a full year course, things like that.

That's it. I said everything, I think. »

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MAY 25, 2021

Clara asks if members agree with the approval of the May 25, 2021, GA minutes that were available on the Club website via this link:

https://club-welcome.web.cern.ch/sites/default/files/AGM_EN_2021.pdf

The minutes were approved unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 2021/2022 AND THE BUDGET FOR 2022/2023

Clara invites Paula Goossens, the Treasurer, to present and explain the CWC's expenses and revenues for 2021/2022 and the budget for 2022/2023.

Paula explains the overall figures, revenue streams and expenses in 2021/2022. She explains that our revenue from membership dropped drastically in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic. However, due to the language classes, revenue increased slightly in 2022, compared to 2021.

She explains we need to start attracting members back to the club, to start taking advantage of the face-to-face classes.

She presents the budget for 2023/2023.

Clara asks if members agree to approve the Club's financial reports for 2021/2022 and the Budget for 2022/2023.

The financial reports and budget were approved unanimously.

The current auditors, Peggy Zavattini and Veronique PARIS, also approve the financial report for 2021/2022 and the budget for 2022/2023.

5. ELECTION OF STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2022/2023

Clara asks if the members agree with the proposed Steering Committee for 2022/2023.

The Steering Committee was approved unanimously.

6. ELECTION OF AUDITORS FOR 2022 / 2023

Clara asks if members agree with our auditors for 2022/2023. Yaxiao Fu and Peggy Zavattini are the auditors for 2022/2023.

The auditors were approved unanimously.

7. ACTIVITIES

Sara explains the CWC has restarted face-to-face activities since March 14, 2022. Currently we offer gymnastics, porcelain painting, French book discussion, Chinese.

Although we continue some online activities, we need to be aware that the spirit of our club is to be together, to exchange.

The club needs a Toddlers' room leader.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Clara reinforces the idea that we need to resume our activities at Cern, on site, because one of the main goals of the club is to meet, to be together. So, we need to focus on the on-site activities because we are a club to exchange where people feel welcome.

9. CLOSING

Clara closes the meeting at 12:33 p.m.

May 17, 2022.

Nyedja Marinho
CWC Secretary

Clara Raimondo
CWC President