

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting – AGM of the CERN Welcome Club – CWC May 07, 2024, 10H Room E-005

1. OPENING

The CWC Annual General Meeting was convened at least fifteen days in advance. The quorum of 20 members was reached: 41 members attended the meeting. All members of the Steering Committee are present, except Sara Castells and Valentina Vlassova-Grinbaum.

2. REPORTS

2.1 President's report

« Hello,

It's a pleasure for me to address our AGM today. It's an opportunity to reflect on what we've achieved over the past year, and to look to the future with optimism and determination.

In a world where borders sometimes seem to become more rigid, our club remains a symbol of openness, inclusion and diversity.

We have welcomed new members (we have now 218 members, including 60 associate members), forged bonds of friendship (and I confess that this is the aspect of our club that speaks to me most) and organized joint activities, among which the pillars remain our charity initiatives. Paula will show you the results.

As we move forward, we are committed to improving our offerings to better meet the needs and interests of our beautiful family.

First of all, I'd like to announce that we'll be expanding our porcelain painting sessions, as during the Christmas Market, we have a demand for unique handmade pieces. As a result, we are increasing the frequency of these sessions to ensure we have enough pieces including student-made pieces.

In addition, the Toddlers Group continue to evolve to better support parents in raising their children. For this reason, we will be incorporating resources such as books and inviting special guest speakers to provide valuable insights and support for parents on their journeys.

The art therapy course will be replaced by occasional workshops.

For the new school year, we'll be introducing some exciting new courses, including Pilates sessions, beginner and intermediate art classes, as well as Italian language courses. These additions reflect our commitment to offering diverse and enriching experiences to our community. With this in mind, we sent you a questionnaire to find out more about your expectations and requests, so that we can respond in the best possible way.

While we celebrate these advances, there are also downsides: some of our courses have not been successful, notably English for Toddlers, Brazilian Portuguese and yoga.

Looking to the future, I'm convinced that the CWC will continue to thrive and grow. We still have so much to accomplish together, so many stories to share and so many people to welcome. Working hand in hand, we can build a future where everyone will feel at home at CERN in the next 50 years, just as we have for the past 50 years. That's right, this year we're celebrating the 50th anniversary of our club with a small ceremony on Friday June 14, with the participation of our CERN Director-General, Fabiola Gianotti, and our founder Jenny Van Hove. You are all cordially invited to attend this convivial event. You'll be receiving concrete information shortly.

I would like to extend my warmest thanks to all those who have contributed to the success of our club over the past year: teachers, active members and all those who have taken part in events and activities. In particular, Valentina. Also, Paula and Yaxiao and Patricia who have accepted new challenges, as well as the external auditors for their meticulous work.

In conclusion, I invite you to continue supporting and actively participating in the CERN Welcome Club. Together, we can continue to make our club an environment of welcoming, sharing and conviviality for all members of the CERN community. »

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MAY 16th, 2023

Clara asks if members agree with the approval of the minutes of the AGM of May 16th, 2023, which were sent by email.

The minutes are unanimously approved.

4. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF 2023/2024 FINANCIAL REPORTS AND 2024/2025 BUDGET

Clara invites Paula Goossens, treasurer, to present and explain the CWC's expenses and income in 2023/2024 and the budget for 2024/2025.

Paula explains the overall figures, income streams and expenses in 2023/2024.

Paula presents the budget for 2024/2025.

Clara asks if members agree to approve the Club's financial reports for 2023/2024 and the Budget for 2024/2025.

The financial reports and budget are approved unanimously.

The current auditors, Peggy Zavattini and Yaxiao Fu, also approve the financial report for 2023/2024 and the budget for 2024/2025.

5. ELECTION OF STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2024 / 2025

Clara asks if members agree with the proposed Steering Committee for 2024/2025.

The Steering Committee is unanimously approved.

6. ELECTION OF AUDITORS FOR 2024 / 2025

Clara asks if members agree with our auditors for 2024/2025. The auditors are unanimously approved.

Peggy Zavattini and Magaly Corthesy are auditors for the 2024/2025 financial year.

7. ACTIVITIES

The Steering Committee asks for suggestions from members. Maria Kienzle suggests Qi Qong and Brigitte suggests a plant swap event to help members develop their own garden. Cristina suggests activities such as excursions and board games.

8. CLOSING

Clara closes the meeting at 13:40 pm.

May 07, 2024.

Nyedja Marinho

CWC Secretary

Clara Raimondo

CWC President