

**MINUTES OF THE 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
THE SWISS ASSOCIATION OF SINGAPORE, 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019  
UBS AUDITORIUM, ONE RAFFLES QUAY, 49<sup>TH</sup> NORTH TOWER, SINGAPORE**

**Present Committee:**

PRESIDENT	Janine Bachmann
VICE PRESIDENT	Lionel Berthod
TREASURER	Emmanuelle Barasche
SECRETARY	Daniela Wespi Civelli
WEBMASTER	Lina Wastian
FUNDRAISER	Kristof Trautwein
EVENT COORDINATOR	Rebecca Kershaw
EVENT COORDINATOR	Virginie Esparon
EVENT COORDINATOR	Matthias Meienhofer

**Absent Committee:**

EVENT COORDINATOR	Vanessa Mathieu Genolet
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**Members:**

A total of 41 voting members

**Guests:**

A total of 6 guests

See annex 1 for details

**Welcoming and Introduction**

Mr. Lionel Berthod, Vice President since July 2016, welcomed the members and guests on behalf of the Committee to the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Association of Singapore (SAS). He addressed a special welcome to the Swiss Ambassador, his Excellency Mr. Fabrice Fillez, and his wife and highlighted his gratefulness on behalf of the Committee of their participation. Mr. Berthod also thanked Cornelius Ehrat from UBS for hosting the AGM since 10 years in the Auditorium.

**Fabrice Fillez, Swiss Ambassador**

Mr. Fabrice Fillez who has been the Swiss Ambassador in Singapore for almost one year addressed a warm welcome to SAS members and guests. He thanked the Committee for the continuing voluntarily work and efforts to fostering the Swiss community in Singapore. He expressed his appreciation of the close collaboration with the Swiss Embassy in Singapore and emphasised to continue supporting SAS and the collaboration.

### **Cornelius Ehrat, Director, Client Advisor at UBS Wealth Management (Singapore)**

Mr. Cornelius Ehrat welcomed the Swiss Association of Singapore at UBS and thanked SAS for the good and long collaboration and emphasized the importance for the bank to support the Swiss community in Singapore, highlighting the high number of SAS members from UBS and therefore the strong relationship to its roots.

### **President's report and Agenda, Janine Bachmann, SAS President**

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Mrs. Janine Bachmann welcomed members and guests and thanked the speakers. She outlined the official agenda for the AGM and referred for further details of the President's report, including financial and Treasurer's report, to the email that has been sent to all members in advance of the AGM, in line with the Articles of the Association.

### **Financial Reports FY 2018 presented by Janine Bachmann**

Mrs. Janine Bachmann outlined the provided audit approval for the 2018 financials by the Singaporean authorized auditors, Ms. Fabienne Fournier and Mr. Xavier Schnyder, and thanked both for their volunteering work.

SAS reported a year-end financial loss of SGD 5,053.26.

Expenditures in 2018 that have primarily caused the loss:

- Maintenance and training for the new website, launched in December 2017
- "New Members" Day in April 2018
- Stripe fees (payment platform)
- Welcome Back Cocktail without sponsorship

As illustrated by Mrs. Bachmann, despite the loss in 2018, SAS has managed to remain profitable looking over the past 6 years and closes the year with a comfortable credit balance. The investments for the new SAS website in 2017 and 2018 can be considered as an investment into the future of the organization with a positive impact for the daily work of the volunteering Committee members and user experience for the SAS members.

SAS will seek two new volunteers as auditors by email request to all members before end of 2019.

See annex 3 for details

## Approvals

The minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Association held on 14 April 2018 were unanimously approved by the members present.

The President's report of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Association was unanimously approved by the members present.

The financial report / Treasurer's report 2018 was unanimously approved by the members present.

## Election of the SAS Committee 2019

Mrs. Janine Bachmann informed the members and guests that she steps down as President of Swiss Association of Singapore with this AGM after four successful years to focus more on family and work life. She thanked the Committee team and the members for the continuous support and trust for the last 4 years.

Mrs. Janine Bachmann appointed Lionel Berthod as new President and Daniela Wespi Civelli as new Vice President. She also introduced the new Committee Member, Kristof Trautwein, who joined the team in January 2019 to support the association with sponsoring and fundraising.

The Committee members introduced themselves to the members present.

The new Committee was unanimously approved by the members present as follows for the next term:

President	Lionel Berthod
Vice President	Daniela Wespi Civelli
Secretary	a.i. Daniela Wespi Civelli
Treasurer	Emmanuelle Barasche
Webmaster	Lina Wastian
Fundraising & Sponsoring	Kristof Trautwein
Event Coordinator	Vanessa Mathieu Genolet
Event Coordinator	Virginie Esparon
Event Coordinator	Matthias Meienhofer

By closing, Mrs. Janine Bachmann addressed a special thank you to the loyal and biggest SAS sponsor, Mr. Ryan Huber from Huber's Butchery, for the generous sponsoring and support over many years, including the Apero for this AGM, the Easter Picnic Event and Santa Claus.

## Outlook 2019, presented by the incoming president, Lionel Berthod

Mr. Berthod pointed out that SAS wants to continue to offer a wide range of activities and events and wants to increase the number of its members. He expressed his excitement to take over the role as President, and he is confident that with the new Vice President, Daniela Wespi Civelli, and a stable and strong SAS Committee throughout the year, SAS will experience a profitable and successful year.

Due to the increasing costs for the events and due to the fact that the membership fee has not been increased since 6 years, the Committee decided to increase the membership fee by SGD 20.- per category, effective as per January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

<b>Membership category</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Single	\$ 70	\$ 90
Couple	\$ 120	\$ 140
Family	\$ 140	\$ 160

### **Sponsoring update, Kristof Trautwein, SAS Sponsoring**

Mr. Kristof Trautwein presented himself and explained his motivation for his job role at SAS. He emphasized is the importance for the team to keep up the quality of the events and therefore, also ensuring to increase sponsorships where possible. Considering the big financial burden of the Welcome Back Cocktail, a key goal for 2019 is to win sponsor(s) for the event. The members are also being asked to provide ideas for potential new sponsors. Mr. Kristof Trautwein also thanked for the generous and long lasting support of: Huber's Butchery, Embassy of Switzerland, Wine Universe, UBS, Swisshotel Merchant Court, Swiss International Air Lines, University of St. Gallen, Ricola, Soliswiss, eb European Bedding and W4W Workshop for Water ETHICS.

### **Thank you and farewell to 2018 Committee, Mr. Lionel Berthold**

Mr. Berthod gave a big thank you to Mrs. Janine Bachmann for her outstanding engagement and the huge amount of time and effort she contributed to the Swiss Association of Singapore over the last four years.

The incoming President thanked also the other leaving committee members for their effort and time.

As no further question was raised by the present SAS members, the Annual General Meeting was closed at 8pm and Mr. Berthod invited the audience to attend the Apéro – catered and sponsored by Huber's Butchery in the UBS Lounge area.

Singapore, April 18, 2019



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Janine Bachmann  
President

### **Annexes:**

Annex 1: List of members present 2019

Annex 2: President's Report 2019

Annex 3: Financial Reports FY 2018