

MINUTES OF THE 15TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SWISS ASSOCIATION OF SINGAPORE, MARCH 15st, 2022

Place: ECOLE HÔTELIÈRE DE LAUSANNE (EHL), 3 LADY HILL Rd, SINGAPORE

Present Committee:

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| PRESIDENT | Lionel Berthod |
| VICE PRESIDENT | Daniela Erni |
| TREASURER | Joséphine Boller |
| SECRETARY | Heloise Buehler-Ghipponi |
| EVENT COORDINATOR | Julie Choi |
| EVENT COORDINATOR | Karin Muntwyler |
| EVENT COORDINATOR | Carole Chatelain |

Members attending:

A total of 36 voting members

Guests

No guests were present

See annex 1 for details

Welcome and Introduction

Mr. Lionel Berthod, President, welcomes the members to the 15th Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Association of Singapore (SAS) which is for the first time since 2019 held as an in-person meeting and is also hosted for the first time at EHL (ECOLE HÔTELIÈRE DE LAUSANNE), which opened its doors last year. He addresses a special welcome to the Swiss Ambassador, his Excellency Mr. Fabrice Filliez. Mr. Berthod also thanks Jenny Ang from EHL for hosting the AGM for the first time this year.

Fabrice Filliez, Ambassador of Switzerland to Singapore

Mr. Fabrice Filliez welcomes the SAS' Committee and members and thanks EHL for hosting the evening. He shares his concerns regarding the current Covid-19 situation locally and the situation in Europe (especially the war in Ukraine). He praises the flexibility of SAS to adjust and offer activities despite existing restrictions and hopes that SAS will be able to organize larger events in the next few months. Mr. Fabrice Filliez announces that it is his last AGM. After 4 years he will be leaving Singapore and will take a new position as Ambassador in Poland. Mr. Fabrice Filliez will keep great memories of these years in Singapore and thanks all the committee members and more particularly the president.

Mr. Lionel Berthod thanks the Ambassador for his support during the last 4 years and presents Jenny Ang, Managing Director of EHL and gives her the stage.

Jenny Ang, Managing Director of EHL

Mrs. Jenny Ang feels honoured to host the AGM for the first time. The Campus opened its doors one year ago and is the first one in Asia. It will be inaugurated next week (due to Covid it was not possible before). Mrs Jenny Ang thanks the Ambassador for his support and hopes that all participants will enjoy the facilities.

Approval of the Minutes of the 14th Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 14th Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Association held on March 31st, 2021 are unanimously approved by all members present.

President's report, Lionel Berthod, SAS President

Mr. Lionel Berthod refers to the President's report, including financial and Treasurer's report, that has been sent by email to all members in advance of the AGM, in line with the Articles of the Association.

Mr. Lionel Berthod announces that it is his last AGM. After almost 6 full years in the committee, half of the time as Vice President and half of it as President, he has decided to step down ahead of upcoming professional changes.

Mr. Lionel Berthod gives a few words to describe his feelings and impressions about this last year:

- **Resilience:** Our community has grown stronger to help each other, to adapt, to share the good moments we can share. We should be proud.
- **Dynamic:** The committee remained active and continued to propose activities despite the crisis.
- **Shared moments:** That must stay the signature of the Association.
- **Growing:** After 2 years in which we saw the membership going down, there is since 3 months every week news members and that is a good sign.
- **Hope:** After this difficult time we continue to stay positive and hope that we will be able to share more activities together, also in larger groups.

The number of active members has dropped in 2021, as it did 2020. Many members left Singapore, others adopted the "wait and see" attitude and for sure the family events (Santa Claus, Eastern, BBQ) which could not take place did not motivate the families to renew their memberships.

He gave an overview of the current memberships 2022:

136 registered members of which:

- 107 adult members
- 25 children members
- 4 honorary members

Mrs. Daniela Erni, Vice President and SAS Event Coordinator, shares additional information about organised events in 2021:

- An increase from 77 in 2019 to 83 in 2020 to **89 in 2021**.

Mrs. Daniela Erni encourages all the members to check regularly our website and our social media (Instagram, Facebook) for upcoming events and to share with the committee new ideas. She thanks all the committee members for the great events they have proposed during this challenging time. See annex 2 for the President's Report.

Financial Reports FY 2021, Lionel Berthod, SAS President

Mr. Lionel Berthod outlines the provided audit approval for the 2021 financials by the auditors, Mr. Marco Huwiler and Mr. Michael Bögli, and thanks both as well as the treasurer Mrs. Josephine Boller for their volunteering work.

SAS reported a year-end financial profit of SGD 2,452 in 2021. The expenses from this year were the maintenance of the website, the different licenses, the gifts for sponsors and the large event “candle light concert” that SAS offered to the members at the end of 2021. The situation is good and stable.

Membership fees in 2022 will stay unchanged.

The President’s report and Financial report of the 14th Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Association are unanimously approved by the members present.

See annex 3 for details.

Election of two Auditors for the year 2022/2023

Mr. Lionel Berthod thanks Mr. Marco Huwiler and Mr. Michael Bögli for the 3 last years as volunteer. 2 new auditors are needed! The president asks if someone would be interested. He encourages the members to think about it and to inform the committee. The only condition is not to be in the committee or being a relative to someone of the committee.

Election of the SAS Committee 2022

Mrs. Daniela Erni presents the Committee team and introduces the candidates as new Committee Members: herself as the new President, Thomas Schwyter-Engi as Vice President, Josephine Boller as Treasurer, Heloise Buehler-Ghipponi as Secretary, Carole Chatelain as Event Coordinator, Karin Muntwyler as Event Coordinator and Julie Choi as Event Coordinator. She also thanks the committee members who left this year for their support and engagement.

The new Committee is unanimously approved by all present members for the next term:

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| President | Daniela Erni |
| Vice President | Thomas Schwyter-Engi |
| Secretary | Heloise Buehler-Ghipponi |
| Treasurer | Joséphine Boller |
| Event Coordinator | Carole Chatelain |
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Final words, thank you & farewell to 2021 Committee

Mr. Lionel Berthod closes the AGM by giving a big thank you to all members, Committee members, sponsors for this event, Huber and EHL and supporters and is looking forward to seeing each other again soon.

The Annual General Meeting is closed at 8.30 pm.

Singapore, March 15st, 2022



Daniela Erni
President

Annexes:

Annex 1: Attendance list AGM 2022

Annex 2: President's Report 2021

Annex 3: Financial Reports FY 2021