



Swiss Society of the Kansai

March 12, 2021

Minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting

held at the Kobe Regatta & Athletic Club, Kobe on Friday, March 12, 2021, 7:10pm-7:30pm

Herbert Bucher, Vice-President of the Swiss Society of the Kansai (SSOK) opened the meeting at 7:10pm and welcomed the attendees to the 42nd Annual General Meeting. He informed, that Philip Spaelti, President of the SSOK excused himself due to the passing away of his mother-in-law. He conveyed the greetings from the President.

Mr. Bucher mentioned that 2020 was a year to be remembered forever as “the year of coronavirus pandemic”. Our Society, too, was strongly affected by the pandemic, as only a few of the planned events could be held as planned.

Mr. Bucher informed that the Annual General Meeting was called by invitation to all members, together with the agenda, 4 weeks before the date set for the assembly, as stipulated in the Statutes of the SSOK. With 14 members attending, the quorum (20% of all the current 38 family members / 58 individual members) was reached, and Mr. Bucher proceeded with the ordinary business of the 42nd AGM.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the 41st (last year's) Annual General Meeting (AGM)

As there were no comments to the minutes of the 41st AGM, Mr. Bucher proposed to approve them.

→ The Minutes of the 41st (2020) AGM were approved unanimously.

2. Approval of the 2020 Annual Report

Mr. Bucher read the activities report for 2020, which was prepared by the President. The report had been distributed to all members. Below is a short summary:

5 Committee meetings were held throughout the year. One of the was an online meeting (LINE), which was a “first” for the Society.

Out of the 5 planned events, the Spring BBQ and the Raclette/Santa party fell victim to the coronavirus pandemic. The attendance at the other 3 events was as follows:

- AGM (March 6: 27 people
- National Day (August 1) 43 people
- Autumn BBQ (October 17) 51 people

The report also thanked various parties for their support throughout the year, mainly the Swiss Representation in Tokyo, all the tombola sponsors, Kozo Iwata for the cervelats and bratwursts, Andy Mueller for making various arrangements and last, but not least, to all the members for sticking with the Society through these difficult times.

Member movements in 2020 were as stated below, resulting in a total of 58 members (38 family members and 20 ‘single’ members)

New Members

- Correa Carlos-Felipe
- Michaud Pierre Alain

Outgoing Members

- Rueegger Thomas

→ The Annual Report for 2020 was approved unanimously.



3. Approval of the 2020 Treasurer and Auditor's report

Nelson Izquierdo (treasurer) informed that only 3 out the 5 planned events were held in 2020.

The year 2020 ended with a profit of Yen 9,230, resulting in assets of the Society of Yen 968,417. Some of the membership fees could not be collected as various members refrained from attending the events due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Committee will not seek to collect them in view of the special circumstances.

Mr. Andy Mueller (Auditor) confirmed in writing that he checked all the records and that he found everything in perfect order. He thanked Mr. Izquierdo for taking such good care of the finances of the SSOK

→ The Financials for 2020 were approved unanimously.

4. Election of an Election Chairman

Mr. Daniel Aviolat was proposed as Election Chairman.

→ Mr. Daniel Aviolat was elected as Election Chairman unanimously.

5. Discharge of the outgoing Executive Committee

Mr. Aviolat thanked the outgoing Executive Committee and the Auditor for their dedication and time spent for the Society throughout the last year and proposed to discharge them.

→ The Executive Committee and the Auditor were discharged unanimously.

6. Election of the new Committee

The following members were proposed as Committee Members / Auditor for 2021:

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| • President | Philip Spälti |
| • Vice President & Secretary | Herbert Bucher |
| • Treasurer | Nelson Izquierdo |
| • Committee Member | Urs Pfenninger |
| • Committee Member | Oscar Egli |
| • Committee Member | Eduard Herbst |
| • Committee Member | Carlos-Felipe Correa |
| • Auditor | Andy Mueller |

→ All proposed Committee members and the Auditor were elected by acclamation.

Mr. Aviolat congratulated the new Committee and the Auditor. He mentioned that the work the SSOK is doing for the Swiss community in the Kansai was highly appreciated by the Embassy and the community.

7. Budget and Annual Membership Dues for 2021

Mr. Izquierdo explained that the 2021 budget was again a 'normal' year with a normal line up of events. He proposed the membership dues to remain unchanged at Yen 5,000 for family membership, Yen 3,000 for individual membership and Yen 1,000 for student membership. The proposed budget foresees equal income and expenses.

→ The membership fees and the budget for 2021 were approved unanimously.



8. Approval of the General Directives for 2021 for the activities of the Swiss Society

Mr. Bucher presented the line-up of events for 2021. The proposed events calendar for 2021 is as follows:

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| • March 12 (Friday) | AGM, Kobe Regatta & Athletic Club, Kobe |
| • May 15 (Saturday) | Spring BBQ, Okuike |
| • August 1 (Sunday) | Swiss National Day Party, Kobe Club |
| • October 16 (Saturday) | Autumn BBQ, Okuike (place & date tentative) |
| • December 5 (Sunday) | Raclette & Santa Claus Party, KR&AC Kobe |

→ The events calendar for 2021 was approved unanimously.

As there was no other business brought forward, Mr. Bucher closed the meeting at 7:30pm.

Kobe, March 12, 2021

Herbert Bucher
Secretary of the SSOK