



Swiss Society of the Kansai

March 12, 2022

Minutes of the 43rd Annual General Meeting

held at the Kobe Regatta & Athletic Club, Kobe on Friday, March 12, 2022, 7:10pm-7:45pm

Herbert Bucher, Vice-President of the Swiss Society of the Kansai (SSOK) opened the meeting at 7:10pm and welcomed the attendees to the 43rd Annual General Meeting. He informed, that Philip Spaelti, President of the SSOK excused himself due to travels to Switzerland to see his father who is not in good health. He conveyed the greetings from the President.

Mr. Bucher mentioned that 2021 was the 2nd consecutive year where we all had to cope with the coronavirus pandemic. Despite the difficult times, our Society could hold all the planned events, except the Spring BBQ. He expressed his thanks to all the committee members for always smoothly preparing and running the events.

During the year, a new Consulate of Switzerland and 'Swissnex in Japan' office was accredited in Osaka, with Dr. Felix Moesner as Consul / Head of Post. Dr. Felix Moesner joined our committee as an honorary member, which was greatly appreciated and further cemented SSOK's relationship with the official Swiss representations in Japan. Furthermore, Jacqueline Teissier offered her services to the SSOK after the AGM and unofficially joined our committee. She will be up for election this time.

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 19 members attending, the quorum (20% or 14 of all 68 members) was reached, and Mr. Bucher proceeded with the ordinary business of the 43rd AGM.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the 42nd (last year's) Annual General Meeting (AGM)

As there were no comments to the minutes of the 42nd AGM, Mr. Bucher proposed to approve them.

→ The Minutes of the 42nd (2021) AGM were approved by acclamation.

2. Approval of the 2021 Annual Report

Mr. Bucher read the annual report for 2021, which was prepared by the President. The report had been distributed to all members. Below is a short summary:

6 Committee meetings were held throughout the year to discuss and prepare our events.

Out of the 5 planned events, only the Spring BBQ had to be cancelled due to closure of the Okuike BBQ ground. The attendance at the other 4 events was as follows:

- AGM (March 12) 25 person (14 members attended the AGM)
- Swiss National Day (Aug 1) 63 person
- Autumn BBQ (Oct 30) 53 person
- Raclette/Santa Party (Dec 12) 90 person

The report also thanked everyone for their support in 2021 and was looking forward to seeing all of you again in 2022.

Member movements in 2021 were as stated below, resulting in a total of 68 members (52 family members and 16 individual members)



New Members

- Berner Samuel & wife
- Flueckiger Remo & Nino
- Moesner Felix & Makiko
- Hamm Speedy & Keiko
- Capellani Pierre & Stephanie

Outgoing Members

- Dupertois Naomi
- Fukai Masahiro

→ The Annual Report for 2021 was approved by acclamation.

3. Approval of the 2021 Treasurer and Auditor's report

Nelson Izquierdo (treasurer) informed that although only 4 out of the 5 planned events could be held in 2021, it was a successful year in terms of the finances.

The year 2021 ended with a profit of Yen 102,934, lifting the assets of the Society to Yen 1,111,351. This excellent result could be achieved as almost all members paid their membership fees despite the difficult times. Furthermore, the autumn BBQ was quite profitable as we could sell a lot of leftover sausages and meatloaves.

Mr. Andy Mueller (Auditor) confirmed in writing that he checked all the financial 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 2021 were approved by acclamation.

4. Election of an Election Chairman

Mr. Bucher proposed Dr Felix Moesner as Election Chairman.

→ Dr Felix Moesner was elected as Election Chairman by acclamation.

5. Discharge of the outgoing Executive Committee

Dr Moesner thanked the outgoing Executive Committee and the Auditor for their dedication and time spent for the Society throughout the last year. He proposed to discharge the Committee.

→ The Executive Committee and the Auditor were discharged by acclamation.

6. Election of the new Committee

The following members were proposed as Committee Members / Auditor for 2022:

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

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



Dr Moesner informed that he will continue to join the committee meetings if his schedule allows and would act as Honorary Committee Member.

Dr Moesner 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 not only by the Consulate of Switzerland in Osaka but also by the Swiss Embassy and the community. He continued with a short remark on the Consulate's outlook for 2022, the strengthening of the Swiss presence in the Kansai with the new Consulate and future political delegations in consideration.

7. Budget and Annual Membership Dues for 2022

Mr. Izquierdo explained that the 2022 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 2022 were approved by acclamation.

8. Approval of the General Directives for 2022 for the activities of the Swiss Society

Mr. Bucher presented the line-up of events for 2022. The proposed events calendar is as follows:

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| • March 12 (Friday) | AGM, KR&AC, Kobe |
| • May 14 (Saturday) | Spring BBQ, Okuike |
| • July 30 (Saturday) | Swiss National Day Party, Kobe Club |
| • October 15 (Saturday) | Autumn BBQ, Okuike (place & date tentative) |
| • December 4 (Sunday) | Raclette & Santa Claus Party, KR&AC Kobe |

→ The events calendar for 2022 was approved unanimously.

As there was no other business brought forward, Mr. Bucher thanked all participants for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7:45pm.

Kobe, March 12, 2022

Herbert Bucher
President of the SSOK