

« NATO Wives Bazaar » ASBL
66 Avenue de l'Aigle – 1150 Bruxelles
No : 874.358.592
Ordinary General Assembly
Thursday 26th March 2009

The Ordinary General Assembly started at 10:20 hrs.
33 Full Members were present or represented.
Absents: 2 Full Members: Belgium and Luxembourg

Introduction

Elisabeth Clere welcomed all attendees and opened the 26 March 2009 General Meeting. She reminded all attendees of the importance of this Ordinary General Meeting and of the main points in the Agenda.

Minutes from the ordinary general meeting of 4 November 2009 were voted: 33 votes for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

New Full Members

Elisabeth Clere welcomed the new members:

- Mrs. Yvonne KALEIJ from Finland (Provisional National Assistant Rep)
- Mrs. Irma NOVOTNA from Czech Republic (Assistant National Rep)
- Mrs. Elena IENCO RISTORI from Italy (National Rep)
- Mrs. Sabrina VOLTARI from Italy (Assistant National Rep)
- Mrs. Ingeborg BORNEMANN from Germany (National Rep)
- Mrs. Natasha ULSH from United States (National Rep)
- Mrs. Berglind INGADOTTIR from Iceland (National Rep)
- Mrs. Ele Schiff from Estonia (Assistant National Rep)
- Mrs. Christina KOUTOYIORGOU from Greece (National or Assistant Nat Rep not known)
- Mrs. Giota MASTOROPOULOU from Greece (Assistant National Rep)

Two representatives, one from Slovakia and one from Lithuania are recorded as being present. However, their names were not on the attendance list .

Elisabeth announced to the association that she and Lene Engstroem will be leaving the Board. She encouraged the National Representatives and the Assistants to the National Representatives to consider offering their time as a board member.

Financial Report

The Treasurer presented an over all break down of the amounts raised at the 2008 NATO Wives Bazaar:

- Tombola - 31.390,00€
 - Sponsor – 10.794,00€
 - National Stands – 94.638,00€
 - Private Events – 4.473,00€
 - Restaurant – 28.633,00€
- Total 169.928,00€**

The Treasurer clarified the bank accounts and answered questions from the members.

The Treasurer proposed the 2008 Financial Report. The General Meeting unanimously approved the following 2008 Financial Report,

Financial Overall Breakdown from 1 March 2008 through 3 March 2009

Expenses		Income	
Charity Contribution	166.595,00 €	Sponsor Contribution	12.794,00 €
Administrative	12.626,47 €	Goods Paid by Sponsors	5.470,41 €
		08 National Contribution	154.660,06 €
Total Expenses	179.221,47 €	Total Income	172.924,47 €

Assets 28-02-2009	
Sight account	856,41 €
Business Account	12.421,73 €
Total assets	13.278,14 €

Elisabeth reported that all the 2008 pre-selected charities received a contribution from the NATO Wives Bazaar ASBL. 13 Belgium Charities and 14 International Charities. Due to limited available funds, two charities (13 - Smile of a Child and 14 - Asset) were given a portion of their project fund request.

2009 Budget

The Treasurer proposed the 2009 budget. The General Meeting unanimously approved the following 2009 budget:

- Administrative costs (legal registration, copies, printings, stamps, other supplies) 7.500,00 Euros.
- Organization of events (services, goods, etc) 3 500,00 Euros.
- Donations Charities
 - Regular Requests 100.000,00 Euros.
 - Emergency Requests 10.000,00 Euros

Board of Administrators

During the break, prospective board members met briefly and agreed to take on the following board positions for the 2009-2010 term:

- President: Mrs. Katia Abi-Nader
- Vice-President: Mrs. Hilary Thorn
- Treasurer: Mrs. Sarah Russell
- Charity Coordinator: Maryse Van Bussel
- Restaurant Coordinator: Maria Jose Lombarte
- Assistant Restaurant Coordinator: Hulya Yikilken
- Assistant Tombola Coordinator: Katalin Schmidt

Confirmation of the Board 2009-2010

The outgoing President proposed the confirmation of the new board composition for 2009-2010. The General Meeting assembly unanimously confirmed Mrs. Katia Abinader as President, Mrs. Hilary Thorn as Vice-President, Mrs. Sarah Russell as Treasurer, Mrs. Maryse Van Bussel as Charity Coordinator, Maria Jose Lombarte as Restaurant Coordinator, Mrs. Hulya Yikilken as Assistant Restaurant Coordinator and Ms Katalin Schmidt as Assistant Tombola Coordinator.

The names of the prospective board members for the positions of Bazaar Coordinator and Tombola Coordinator were to be confirmed at the next general assembly meeting.

Election of Honorary Members

Election of Honorary President and Vice-President: Mrs. Iris Sullivan's nomination as Honorary President and Laurence Wosolsobe nomination as Honorary Vice-President were proposed by the outgoing President, and unanimously elected by the general assembly.

The Board thanked Mrs Zora Turk, on leaving her position as Honorary Vice-President, and for her support over the year 2008.

Brocante

The Association voted to conduct the 2009 NATO Wives Bazaar Brocante. The assembly discussed two proposed dates for the Brocante. Upon the conclusion of the discussion, the majority voted to hold the event on 16 May from 0900-1400 (set up from 0800) *(please note that this time has changed from the time suggested at the meeting)

Kati Schmidt agreed to manage the details of the event and will communicate the specifics later.

Charities

Charity Coordinator, Maryse Van Bussel, proposed that a National Representative act as a contact person (go between) to assist the Charity Coordinator with assuring the accuracy of the prospective charity information. Both the Charity Coordinator and the Treasurer reminded the association of the importance of having the correct bank data for completing transfers.

June 1st 2009 is the deadline for receipt of charity requests. It is preferred that charity requests be submitted in English or French. If submitted in another language, the National Rep will be asked to translate.

Presentations

A Certificate of appreciation for service to the NATO Wives Bazaar ASBL was presented to Elisabeth Clere.

Next Ordinary General Assembly:

The next general meeting would be held on Thursday 28 May 2009 at 10:00 hrs at the Chalet of the Staff Center. (**PLEASE NOTE the date has changed** and will now take place on **FRIDAY 29 May** at the same time).

The General Meeting adjourned at 12:30 hrs.

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Brussels, 26th March 2009.

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Full Members