

« NATO Wives Bazaar » ASBL
127, Avenue Paul Hymans - 1200 Bruxelles
No : 874.358.592
Annual General Meeting
23rd March 2010

The Annual General Assembly started at 10:00 hrs.

In Attendance: 32 Full Members were present or represented.

Absent: Ukraine

Apologies: Luxembourg, Iceland and Sweden

1. Introduction & Welcome - Katia Abinader

The President welcomed all attendees, the returning and the new ones. She introduced the following new members: Mrs Violeta Drakalska, National Representative (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), Mrs Roslyn Gallagher, National Representative (USA), Mrs Adrijana Petrik, National Representative (Slovenia), Mrs Karen Kiaerskou, National Representative (Denmark), Mrs Anita Simon, National Representative (Hungary), Mrs Tinatin Mzarelua, National Representative (Georgia), Mrs Judit Fierpasz, Assistant National Representative (Hungary), Mrs Yordanka Stoyanova, Assistant National Representative (Bulgaria), Mrs Helle Jakobsen, Assistant National Representative (Denmark), Mrs Joanna Antczak, Assistant National Representative (Poland), Mrs Vera Azubaliene, Assistant National Representative (Lithuania), Mrs Anna Palliwoda, Volunteer (Poland), Mrs Jana Sekelska, Volunteer (Slovakia), Mrs Mirja Jandris Sacer, Volunteer (Croatia).

The new members were unanimously agreed by the General Assembly.

2. Approval of Minutes

The President proposed that the minutes of 15 October 2009 be accepted by the General Assembly. Suzie Sinnett proposed this motion and Pattie Brower seconded it. The General Assembly unanimously approved the minutes.

The President then proposed acceptance of the minutes of 27 October 2009 by the General Assembly. Suzie Sinnett proposed this motion and Pattie Brower seconded it. The General Assembly unanimously approved the minutes.

3.Events and Activities – Maria Jose Lombarte & Hulya Yikilkan

3.1. Events

Maria Jose Lombarte summarised the four main events of 2009: 1) Brocante organised in May, 2) Making and sales of NWB t-shirts and aprons, 3) Making and sales of NWB cookbook, 4) the NATO Wives Bazaar.

3.2. Internal Activities

Hulya Yikilkan told the Assembly that the NWB web page had had a total make over and in this refreshed new look the “Members Only” area was also created.

3.3. Maria Jose Lombarte invited the Assembly to Approve the 2009 Annual Report of the Activities, Suzie Sinnett proposed this motion which was seconded by Pattie Brower. The General Assembly unanimously approved the 2009 Annual Report of the Activities.

4. Financial Report - Sarah Russell

4.1. Sarah Russell announced to the Assembly that during year 2009 NWB asbl raised a total

amount of 177897,21 euros.

4.2. Sarah Russell presented the 2009 Financial Summary/Report (Overall Financial Breakdown from 1 March 2009 to 28 February 2010) in accordance with our Statutes Fiscal Year (1st March to the last day of February) and the Proposed Budget 2010 (please see documents in attachment).

Sarah Russell invited the General Assembly to approve the above named 2009 Financial Summary/Report and Proposed Budget 2010. Pilar Garratt proposed this motion, Suzie Sinnett seconded it. The Assembly unanimously approved both documents.

4.3. Sarah Russell thanked the two ladies selected from the Assembly who read every detail of 2009 accounts. Erika Badet stated that she had checked the accountability sheets for 2009 and that she would kindly accept this same “job” for 2010.

5. Election of New Board - Robbin Warner

Robbin Warner asked the members to come forward for several Board Positions. She presented the proposed list of Honorary President, Honorary Vice President, and Board Members, including the Management Board and invited the Members to accept these recommendations. Suzie Sinnett proposed the motion and it was seconded by Pattie Brower. The Assembly unanimously approved the new board and Management Board.

Honorary President: Elena Ienco Ristori

Honorary Vice President: Elisa Harris

President: Kati Schmidt

Vice President: Hilary Thorn

Treasurer: Claudia Marian

Bazaar Coordinator: Robbin Warner

Charity Co-Coordinator: Maryse Van Bussel & Katia Abinader

Tombola Coordinator: Pattie Brower

Assistant Tombola Coordinator: Suzi Sinnette & Iveta Peterova

International Restaurant Coordinator: Fatma Demir

Assistant International Restaurant Coordinator: OPEN

General Assistants: Linda Skou / Gabrijela Gjorgjevikj / Hanni Kangasmaki

6. Name change - Kati Schmidt

Kati Schmidt told the members that the list of names had been submitted to the Private Office for approval. As a result a few proposed names were considered as being too close to official NATO entities and certain acronyms were inappropriate in specific languages, therefore, they were removed from the list. She reminded the members of the following:

- to vote for only 1 name.
- a 2/3rds majority was necessary to make a change.
- those who didn't want to change the name, should vote for “NATO Wives Bazaar”
- if a 2/3rds majority was not achieved in first round, a second vote by show of hands would be conducted with the top 3 choices. This would be continued until a name received 2/3rds majority vote.

Each National Representative voted on 1 name, the votes were counted resulting in NATO Wives Bazaar 9 votes, NATO Charity Bazaar 9 votes, NATO Family Bazaar 5 votes, NATO International

Bazaar 5 votes and NATO Spouses Bazaar 1 vote.

This motion was followed by an open discussion amongst the members. As a result two more names were added to the list: NATO International Charity Bazaar and NATO International Bazaar for Charity.

In the second round the members voted by show of hands, resulting in NATO Wives Bazaar 9 votes, NATO Charity Bazaar 18 votes, NATO Family Bazaar 2 votes, NATO International Bazaar 2 votes and NATO International Charity Bazaar 1 vote, NATO International Bazaar for Charity 0 votes.

In the third round the members again voted by show of hands resulting in NATO Charity Bazaar 25 votes and NATO Wives Bazaar 6 votes.

NATO Charity Bazaar had a 2/3rds majority and will therefore become the new name of the organization.

7. Farewell to Departing Board Members - Katia Abinader

Katia Abinader thanked the following departing Board Members: Maria Jose Lombarte, Sarah Russell, Laurence Wosolsobe, Hulya Yikilkan, for their support and great work, and presented them with a certificate of appreciation.

Katia Abinader also said farewell to Lori Conkright & Edit Siklósi and Senada Ivanoska and thanked them for their precious work throughout the years.

8. Modification of the Statues - Hilary Thorn

Hilary Thorn went through the Statutes and Internal regulations which needed to be amended and voted on.

Article 1. Name change

The board proposed that *“The name of the association “NATO Wives Bazaar” ASBL shall be changed to NATO Charity Bazaar ASBL. With the abbreviation NCB. All relevant documentation shall be updated accordingly.”*

Linda Skou proposed this motion which was seconded by Fatma Demir. The Assembly unanimously approved the change.

Article 3. Registered Office/HQ of the Association

Hilary Thorn reminded the Assembly that:

“The registered address of the Association shall be the address of the President. It shall be changed at each change of President.”

Therefore the Registered Address of the Association shall change from Boîte 15, Avenue Paul Hymans 127, 1200 Bruxelles to the address of the new President Kati Schmidt.

Tina Stehr proposed this motion which was seconded by Pilar Garratt. The Assembly unanimously approved the change.

Article 7. Membership fee

The Board recommended that no membership fee should be charged for the year 2010. (As has been agreed for each previous year since 2005).

Linda Skou proposed this motion which was seconded by Fatma Demir. The Assembly unanimously approved the proposal.

Internal regulations.

Article 1 – Change of bank account

The Board had been looking into the possibility of moving the association's accounts (currently held with ING) to the Bank of Monte Paschi di Siena.

The aim being to reduce administrative costs, particularly with regards to operations/transactions and general costs.

After a discussion the Members unanimously agreed that the Organization should be able to hold its accounts at the "Bank" which offers the most beneficial conditions (best rates and lowest running cost) to the Organization.

It was agreed that the Board would give a presentation, to the Assembly at the next General Meeting on the advantages and disadvantages of both relevant banks (if the necessary information had been received) so that the members could decide whether or not to move the accounts.

Article 9.

The Board recommended the following:

The date by which proposals must reach the Association, June 1st shall be changed to and remain May 1st each year.

Suzie Sinnett proposed the motion, Pattie Brower seconded it and the General Assembly unanimously approved it.

9. Charities - Maryse Van Bussel, Charity Co-Coordinator

Maryse Van Bussel highlighted some of the points in the new Application Form and told the members that in 2010 the Board would like to implement a new procedure for Belgian charity visits. The following improvements were suggested.

Belgian Charity Visits

A representative from each Nation would now visit at least one Belgian charity.

The Assignment of charities would be by lottery (a draw).

The lottery would take place at the 22 April meeting.

Visits could be scheduled for May – June period.

The vote on the preselected charities could be moved from June to September.

10. Membership - Hilary Thorn

Hilary Thorn reminded the Assembly that it was important to receive copies (electronic version or hard copy) of the Board Members Identity Cards as soon as possible, and advance warning of departures and new arrivals amongst the nations' representatives was essential in order to be able to have an up to date Membership list and to ensure the efficient distribution of information concerning the Association.

11. Closing - Kati Schmidt

2010 General Meeting Dates: 22 April, 18 May, 22 June, 14 September, 28 September, 12 October, 26 October, 9 November (if needed).

The 2010 Bazaar would take place on 21 November 2010 (the traditional third Sunday in November). The formal authorisation letter will be sent out by the President to the office of the Assistant Secretary General.

Any other business

The Annual Brocante was discussed and overall was voted on favorably.

The point was made that the event was useful because it took very little organization (providing the Staff Centre were still happy to host the event) and involved no costs to ourselves.

It was agreed that the Board would check to see if there was a suitable event at the Staff Centre, that the Brocante could be held alongside.

The members were asked to come forward with new fundraising ideas.

Next General Assembly would be held on 22 April 2010 in the Big Chalet, the exact time was to be confirmed.

The General Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 hrs.

This document is the original and authentic text.

In the event of litigation, the English version of these minutes shall prevail.

Brussels, 21 April 2010.

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Full Members

Annex: 2009 Financial Summary/Report & Proposed Budget 2010

1 Turkey recognises the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name.