

# Minutes of the second annual General Assembly of the association „The Business Machine Europe“

## Persons present

- Stephan Brun (active member)
- Diana Gigova (active member)
- Nadine Koch (active member)
- Monica Marti (new member)
- Stefanie Derungs (new member)
- Franziska Kjellström Medici (new member)
- Awraris Girma (new member)
- Stefan Koring (guest)
- Regula Stünzi (guest)

At the beginning of the meeting, the association has 16 members. As less than one third is present, the assembly does not reach the quorum stated in the articles of association. Therefore, all decisions will be of tentative nature in the 30 days following the distribution of these minutes. Within this periode, 20% of the members will have the possibility to request the organisation of an extraordinary general assembly, which will take the final decision about all issues. If this request is not made, all decisions will become binding.

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## 1. Admission of new members

The following persons have applied for membership and are admitted unanimously:

- Fabian Jeker (passive, not personally present)
- Stephan Meier (active, not personally present)
- Monica Marti (active, personally present)
- Stefanie Derungs (passive, personally present)
- Franziska Kjellström (active, personally present)
- Awraris Girma (passive, personally present)

After their admission, all new members have the right to vote on the following issues.

## 2. Approval of the board's annual report

The members have received the report before the meeting. Stephan Brun summarizes the most important points. The annual report is approved unanimously.

## 3. Report on the balance and statement of profit and losses and report of the auditors

Replacing cashier André Hodel who can unfortunately not attend the meeting, Stephan Brun explains the financial reports, which foresee a gain of 1'162.83 Francs. He is reading out the auditor's report, which confirms that the accounting has been carried out in a true and correct way. It also recommends carrying forward the profit to the association's assets. The association approves the reports and accepts the suggestion to increase the association's assets by unanimous vote.

## 4. Grant of discharge to the board

The assembly unanimously grants discharge to the board for its activities during the last year.

## 5. Modification of the articles of association

The board suggests to slightly modifying the articles of association. Instead of a permanently defined address, the association will be seated at one of the board member's address. This will give more flexibility, for example when a board member changes his/her place of

residence. As the association is a recognized body of public utility, the seat shall anyhow remain in the canton of Bern.

The members accept the modification of the articles of association unanimously.

#### **6. Budget 2013**

Representing André Hodel, Stephan Brun explains the budget, which is mainly a continuation of experiences gained during the last year. Its main items are incomes of membership fees and donations made in Ethiopia. If in 2013 new projects that are not yet in the budget will be added, the board has the responsibility to assure the corresponding funding. The budget is approved unanimously.

#### **7. Membership fee**

The board suggests to leave the membership fee unchanged at 50CHF/ 40€ for active and 25CHF/ 20€ for passive members. This suggestion is accepted unanimously.

#### **8. Elections**

All members of the association's bodies are ready to be candidate for an additional periode. The board (Stephan Brun, Diana Gigova, André Hodel, Nabila Vollmeier, Reto Meili, Nadine Koch) is elected as a group unanimously by the assembly.

Stephan Brun is confirmed as a president unanimously. .

Stefan Kappeler and Elisabeth Beck are re-elected unanimously as the association's auditors. A great thank you for their work!

#### **9. Information: Clarifications concerning the establishment of a cooperative**

Stephan Brun informs that the board has started investigations concerning the creation of a additional legal body. The intention behind it is to clearly separate the caritable activities from the future investments in the projects. The most appropriate form of structure seems to be the one of a cooperative, as this would guarantee that not only the amount of capital invested gives the power of decision.

In a short discussion, different questions are treated like for example, why there would be a need for two different structures. Stephan Brun explains the board's conclusions about this point. The board will inform its members, if concrete steps are taken.

#### **10. Various points**

The question is asked, how it is possible to get involved in the association's activities. A document is available, which summarizes some tasks where there currently is a need for help.

The General Assembly is officially declared as closed at 14:50h. In the following informal part of the meeting, Diana Gigova informs about the February trip of the social tourism group. Afterwards, Monica Marti presents her findings concerning the first trip in 2011 on which she has written her bachelor's thesis.

Liebefeld, 9 of April 2013

The minute taker:



Diana Gigova

The president:



Stephan Brun