



CERN Women's Club Newsletter

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Minutes of the AGM, May 17 2011

1. OPENING

The General Assembly was convened at least fifteen days in advance and the quorum of a minimum of 20 members was reached. Fifty seven members were present and 53 proxies were received. The meeting was therefore validated and Maria Dewin opened the meeting at 9:40.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 11 MAY 2010

The meeting was asked to approve the minutes of the General Assembly on May 11, 2010, published in the newsletter edition of June-July 2010, by a show of hands.

The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. REPORTS

a) President's Report

The club currently has 393 members. Many nationalities are represented. Registration payment controls are effective and delinquency is minimal.

I can say that, within the Club, all is functioning well: the courses are popular in spite of the cramped quarters, but have patience, in two or three years perhaps we will have

more spacious surroundings, at least we can hope for that.

We have had four very interesting Coffee Mornings: two members from the English Speaking Cancer Association (ESCA), gave us advice on to behave and speak with a person suffering from cancer. Also a representative from *Solidarité Femmes* spoke to us on the distressing problems which some women living in Geneva are suffering. In addition, at our two other Tuesday Coffee Mornings, in February we had a Francophone theme and in March an Irish theme, both of which were well-attended.

Solidarité Femmes was the beneficiary of our charitable endeavors – the Christmas Sale and the Spring Jumble Sale.

Anna Childers (the coordinator of the Toddler Group) with the help of some mothers from the group, organized a bake sale to benefit the victims of the Japanese tsunami disaster. Ivana Rosinska will give the results of the three sales.

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In conclusion I thank everyone for their effective collaboration, namely: those responsible for the classes; the co-opted members; and especially the Steering Committee; and Ursula Freudenreich who, in addition to her duties as secretary, has also served as translator for the Committee. Not to forget Deirdre Moore and Emily Fellmann who will soon return to their home country; Nicole Earl who for many years took care of registrations of new entrants and Donatella Bona who is responsible, as always, for our Coffee Mornings.

b) Vice-President's Report

Lori Hakulinen thanked everyone who participated in the Christmas Sale. She particularly regrets the departure of Michele Alexander. At the same time she appealed to the younger members present and encouraged them to actively participate in the Club.

c) Treasurer's Report

Ivana Rosinska presented the financial report. She explained each item on the financial spreadsheet. The Christmas Sale and Spring Jumble Sale raised a total of CHF 6250.00. The Toddler Club Bake Sale raised CHF 1000.00.

d) Auditors' Report

Ute Kälberer and Fred Bona have audited the accounts by Ivana Rosinska. They proposed the approval of the accounts and her honourable discharge.

4. APPROVAL OF THE 2009/2010 ACCOUNTS AND DISSOLUTION OF THE 2010/2011 COMMITTEE

The accounts for 2010/2011 were approved unanimously and the Committee dissolved.

5. ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

a) Election of Executive Committee 2011/2012

Two people presented as candidates for the post of President, Maria Kienzle and Lori Hakulinen. Maria Dewin asked they briefly introduce themselves.

Maria Kienzle, an Italian-born physicist, arrived in Geneva in 1964. She first worked at CERN, before being

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appointed professor in charge of PhD students at the University of Geneva. Five years ago she retired and joined the CWC. She participates in several of the Club activities.

Lori Hakulinen is of American origin and is the wife a CERN employee. She was Vice-President for the year 2010/2011. She has organized the Christmas Sale and has many new ideas for the CWC. She is responsible for the website which she has partly rebuilt. In addition, she has hosted the "Welcome Center for Newcomers".

The ballots were distributed, taking into account the number of proxies. Thea Vermeulen, Lynne Lauckner and Judith Richards conducted the count. Maria Kienzle was elected with 81 votes.

Lori Hakulinen does not wish to continue her term as Vice-President.

Helen Incandela, Secretary

Lynda Evans, Membership Secretary

Ivana Rosinska, Treasurer

Brittany Johnson, Activities Coordinator

The Steering Committee was approved

unanimously.

b) Election of co-opted members for the 2010/2011 Full Committee

Coffee Mornings - Donatella Bona with Gisela Luscher

Newcomers - Avril Quarrie with Lynne Lauckner

Newsletter Editor - Vacant

Newsletter Team - Beryl Chesi, Danielle Haenni-Kubischta, Françoise Gaudin and Victoria Tranquille.

Computer Support and Website - Lori Hakulinen

The Full Committee was elected unanimously.

c) Election of the Auditors

Ute Kälberer, Frederick Bona and Thea Vermeulen were proposed as auditors.

The auditors were elected unanimously.

7. PRESENTATION OF THE 2011/2012 BUDGET

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Ivana Rosinska presented the Budget for 2011/2012.

The budget was approved unanimously.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

While the ballots were being counted, Maria Dewin read out a request put forward by Lilian Jung concerning the admission of men to the CWC. It was clear from the discussion that this would require a change to the Club statutes. As the quorum for a change of statute could not be achieved that day (50% of members must be present or must have elected a proxy) the proposal could not be voted upon. Maria Dewin suggested putting Lilian Jung's proposal on the agenda for the General Assembly of 2012.

Lori Hakulinen will take reservations for the year-end lunch to be held June 7, 2011.

A beautiful flower arrangement was delivered to Maria Dewin in appreciation of her three years as President.

Special thanks to Emily Fellmann and Debbie Groby who served as interpreters throughout the General

Assembly.

9. CLOSING

The meeting closed at 11:10, followed by a celebratory drink.

May 23, 2011 Ursula Freudenreich

Coffee Morning Recap

February



March

The Ladies in Green



Coffee Mornings...

are held in the club rooms, Building 504, 1st floor
from 09:00 to 11:00 (Restaurant No. 2)



Tuesday 7th June at 12:30 we will have our annual club luncheon at *Maison Blanche* in Echenevex.

In July and August the Club is on holiday. However the walking groups are very active during the summer and all are welcome to join in. See page 11 for more details.

September - Our new club year begins, and classes restart. Come and renew your membership at the Registration Coffee Morning.



In Memoriam

Jean-Paul BALMER

We have learned with sadness of the death of one of our longtime instructors, **Jean-Paul Balmer** who died in Geneva on May 18th. A former professional dancer with such notable companies as *Ballet Béyard* and *Ballet du Grand Théâtre de Genève*, Mr. Balmer taught the Stretching/Dance class until recently, when he retired due to his illness. The CERN Womens' Club extends our deepest sympathy to his partner, family and friends.



Spring Jumble Sale - April 5, 2011

We are delighted to report that the CWC's Christmas Sale raised **5,350CHF** for the association **Solidarité Femmes** to aid them in the work they do to help families affected by domestic violence.



For the benefit of
Solidarité Femmes
Tuesday, April 5th, 2011, 9h – 14h

Spring Jumble Sale

A bric-à-brac and second-hand book sale will take place in **Building 504, Ground floor** (entrance to Restaurant No. 2 - DSR)
Books in many languages • Bric-à-brac • Baby & children's clothes • Toys & games • Linen • Jewellery • Artwork • Coffee and cakes

Come for some bargains and to support this worthy cause!



Terre des Hommes France

Each year, the Committee alternates between a French-based aid organization and a Swiss-based aid organization when choosing a group to be the beneficiary of our charitable work.

This coming club year, it is the turn of the French, and the charity chosen by the Committee to receive the proceeds of the Christmas Sale in 2011 and the Spring Jumble Sale in 2012 is **Terre des Hommes France** (TDHF). *Terre des Hommes France* is a children's charity which works to protect and defend the economic, social and cultural rights of children around the world.



Wanted - Accessories and...an Alpine Chalet

Our next outreach endeavor is the Christmas Sale which will be held on November 24 2011, and we are looking for your help to raise as much money as possible for our chosen charity *Terre des Homme France*.

Handbags, Scarves and Belts

Christine-Marie Quesnel collects handbags, scarves and belts throughout the year to raise money for our charity at the annual Christmas sale.

If you have items to donate please bring your items to a Coffee Morning, or contact Christine-Marie directly at **022 774 1643**.



We also want to find some luxury items to offer in a raffle or an auction. Is there a member (or friend of member) who has a chalet they can offer for a week or long weekend? If so, please contact any member of the Committee for more details.

Toddler Group Bake Sale

Like so many of us, the members of the Toddler Group were horrified by the suffering and damage caused by the earthquake and tsunami which struck Japan in March. Talking amongst themselves one morning at a meeting of the Toddler Group, they decided to do something to help - to hold a bake sale and donate the proceeds to the disaster relief.

Over 20 club members donated their confections, with many of the Japanese members of the club contributing traditional treats such as rice balls, daifuku and macha cake. One member even created a blend of East and West by making some delicious green tea muffins.

The Toddler Group was delighted with the response and generosity of CERN personnel, many of whom paid in excess of the 2CHF which was being charged per item.

Explains Anna Childers, coordinator of the Group:

“Many, many times a staff member would come and choose a couple of cakes and then give us a 20CHF note or a 50CHF note and tell us to keep the change. I think we had a unique situation here - lots of people have seen images of the devastation suffered by the Japanese people and are really wanting to help. This was a convenient way to

show support and also to know that their total contribution went directly to disaster relief.”

Even though the sale was advertised to end at 13h, several members stayed to man the table during the lunchtime rush until the demands of their children needing their afternoon naps forced them to leave the table unattended.

When they came back to tidy up, they found CERN workers had still continued to purchase and donate and had raised a further 150CHF. In total the sale raised over 1,000CHF to benefit the victims of the Japanese disaster.



Walking Groups



The benefits of regular exercise are myriad, and is walking grouiving here in such a beautiful part of the world

Iving in such beautiful surroundings as we do here, and an additional

Selection of photographs submitted by members of our various

As evidenced by the scenic phtos submitted by members of the various CWC walking Groups



Group Description	When	Contact	Details
Gentle walking in the Geneva Countryside	Thursdays 10:00 to 12:00	Théa Vermeulen - 022 798 11 48	Call on Wednesday after 19:00 or Thursday morning before 9:00.
3—5 Hours hiking or cross-country skiing in the Jura	Thursdays	Maria Dewin - 022 757 14 60 Anna-Maria Kracht - 022 788 13 91	Call on Wednesday between 18:00 and 19:00
5 to 6 hour walk with altitude gain of 800 metres	Thursdays	Paivi Nordberg - 04 50 20 80 12 Sendy Duplay - 022 753 8016	Call on Wednesday between 18:30 and 19:30.
Nordic Walking	Tuesdays	Mara Ceccucci - 04 50 43 39 93 Márta Erőne Végh - 04 50 41 43 15	The group meets in the parking lot of the school "François Dolto" in Chevry and walks for 1 or 2 hours.

The Library in English

3 rue de Monthoux, 1201 Geneva

(Opposite the Grand Hotel Kempinski, the former Hilton Hotel)



Children's Story Hour

Wednesdays 15:00 to 16:00. For children aged 3 to 7 years

Every week during the school calendar year the Library in English holds a story hour on Wednesdays. You don't need to be a member of the library to bring your children along.

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