

**OF THE 56th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY 19th June 2021
AT 14:00PM
VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

PRESENT

FOSSUK COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND DELEGATES

Loredana Guetg-Wyatt (LG)
Franz Mülheim (FM)
Nathalie Chuard (NC)
Ane-Mari Peter (AP)
Gioia Palmieri (GP)
Joelle Nebbe-Mornod (JN)

GUESTS from the UK and Switzerland

Chargé d'affaires, London Embassy: Chantal Moser
President OSA: Remo Gysin
Deputy Director General, Consular Affairs (FDFA): Laurent Perriard

Club reps and other attendees:

Andrew Allaz - New Helvetic Society
Camilla Ghislanzoni - New Helvetic Society (CG/NH)
Emilie Martinoni Hoogenboom - Unione Ticinese (EM/UT)
Ruth Muheim – Edinburgh (RM/EH)
Erna Kaufmann (EK)
Elsbeth Baldeo
Andreas Feller-Ryf
Anna de Wit, Brighton
Bernadette Curtress
Cecile Mistry
Chantal Moser
Colin Stuart McIntyre from Swiss Church London- trustee Consistoire
Jonathan Ming
Lakshmi Sundaram
Laurent Perriard
Manuela Ferrari
Marlies Hoecherl
Michael Hewitt
Omer Kokou-Tchri Faser
Oriana Ktfasser
Peter Müller
Remo Gysin
Rosemarie Breitenstein

Sarah Grand Clement
Simona Regazzoni Kwenda
Suzanne Egloff
Margrit Lyster
Michelle Hufschmid

MINUTES

Joelle Nebbe-Mornod (JN)

AGM started at 14:04

1. WELCOME

Welcome and introductions of guests.
Camilla as Chair
Chantal Emilie approved

Embassy message:

New ambassador arriving in August
Tough year for the embassy: Brexit bilateral agreements, next step finance and trade
Settlement scheme: please help get the message out for the last 2 weeks

President's introduction

From Zurich, ski, Swiss food, culture, works in consumer goods industry (chocolate)

Fossuk: young citizen events and saving Swiss national day

Want to increase engagement with the Swiss community

2. APOLOGIES

Vincent Croset
Manchester Swiss Club

3. Minutes of AGM 2020

2020
Approved EM/UT and EK

2019
CG/NH and EK

4. Presidents Annual Report

Approved RM/EH and EK

5. DELEGATES REPORT

Approved CG/NH, EK, EM/UT

6. FINANCE

Adopt accounts 2020

No questions
Approved EK and RM/EH

Auditors report 2020

No questions
Approved CG/NH, EM/UT and EK

Budget 2021

No questions
Approved RM/EH and EM/UT

Membership 2021

No questions
Approved EK and CG/NH

7. AGM 2022

Not announced yet, we will wait until we can arrange it with the new ambassador

8. FOSSUK COMMITTEE

Who are the committee (photos)
Who are the delegates (photos)
Covid

Farewell to Sarah and Vincent
Vincent is too active, work promotion
Sarah is returning to Geneva UN, will present the survey
Treasurer Loredana stepping down

9. MEDIA UPDATE

Slide explained

Twitter / facebook / site / swiss reviews / osa website

10. SURVEY

A tiny fraction and not representative but interesting insights
Heavily skewed working age. Covers all time periods.

Important issues: Brexit, family life, retirement, study/work, bank account
Other issues: administration, pension, health, inheritance and wills, next generation, contact with other swiss, languages

High membership of facebook groups
Number of clubs mentioned
No group or club local, or club disappeared

How to use? Reach out to groups and platforms, events and

11. Update by Deputy Director General, Consular Affairs, Laurent Perriard

Please refer to the shared slides and recording, but summary:
International Relations.
From June 2020, taken over connection to the Swiss abroad

Service overview slide – special mention to helpline +41 58 465 33 33

UK swiss abroad are younger
Overview of network
Mind the gap
Voting – important to democracy but votation papers too slow
Advocates in parliament
Evoting, OSA is lobbying, 2022 things start to move, new test period.

Future plans:
Reopening of Schengen borders, vaccine list, deadline Wed 22
Ageing abroad, need to support more
Travel Admin app, extend to develop an app covering everything
Civil status modernisation, digital processes
Osa contract 2022

Comment by Franz on civil status and difficulty registering a marriage with the embassy – agreement by Laurent Perriard.
Passport renewal issues by Michelle, discussion by Simona, Chantal, Laurent
AHV contributions discussion, Andreas – Chantal: discussions are intense and conclusion is coming
Settled status proof, by Anna de Wit

Agreement on citizens' rights and free circulation, Andrew Allaz – Chantal: it secures the right of people already here, mostly, but for new people there is no free movement anymore

12. ELECTION OF UK DELEGATES TO THE COUNCIL OF THE SWISS ABROAD

Candidates: Alexandre Luca Abbuehl, Andreas Feller, Loredana Guetg-Wyatt, Michelle Hufschmid, Kouassi Omer Kokou-Tchri, Jonathan Ming, Franz Muheim, Lakshmi Sundaram

Camilla introduction – huge effort, thanking the embassy, Ane

Vote numbers and validation (see slide)

elected: Andreas Feller, Loredana Guetg-Wyatt, Michelle Hufschmid, Franz Muheim, Lakshmi Sundaram

Ratification – RM/EH EK EM/UT

COMMITTEE REAPPOINTED

Unanimous All 4 clubs

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Franz: need to put the social members on the site and a simple process. Reminded by Ruth.

Closing thanks by Nathalie

AGM closed at 16:10