

MIWC Annual General Meeting 14 March 2018

1. The AGM was called to order by the MIWC Chair, Anitra Kitts, at 11:05. 40 Club members were in attendance, including one proxy.
2. Anitra Kitts proposed Jane Schulz-Hood as Chair of the AGM this was seconded by Susie Lenz and accepted unanimously.
3. Jane Schulz-Hood proposed and Margareta Gheysen seconded, Roberta Zöllner as Secretary of the AGM. The proposal was accepted unanimously.
4. The AGM Chair stated that the agenda for the AGM together with the minutes for the previous AGM were sent to all Club members, in due time, on 28 February 2018, and there were no proposed changes. Therefore the agenda as sent was accepted and the minutes of the previous AGM formally adopted.

5a. Chairwoman's Report Anitra Kitts

The Club is in healthy condition with 242 members and €36000 in the bank as of last month. Of the past 365 days, there were 222 "active" days with typically 2 events per day, totalling 565 events. The 38 activity coordinators make up 16% of the membership.

Anitra explained the Club's team concept and introduced the Club Committee teams, about 27 members in total, and thanked them for their service. She then presented two pie charts showing the membership groups (32% German, 20% USA, 14% UK and 28% rest of the world) and the groups involved on Committee teams (47% USA, 26% UK, 5% German and 21% rest of the world).

5b. Treasurer's Report Susan Baumer

Thanks were given to the Finance team: Roxey Lau, who handles cash payments and tracks online registrations; Seema Behl, who manages the dues paid list; Andrea Coss, Maria McGuire and Charly McRoberts, who serve as bookkeepers; and Cecily Garver, who drafted the budget.

The treasurer presented the 2018 proposed budget (attached).

A question was taken from the floor: Vivien Robinson asked whether, in the 2018 budget presented, the figure for charity shouldn't be greater, considering the amount of money raised at the auction of talents event held by the Club on 10 February 2018 to raise money for charity. It was explained that the income from the said auction of talents, the Club's main fundraiser, is budgeted to cover two years of the Club's charity commitments, and further that the proposed budget was prepared before the said auction. Vivien Robinson further noted that it should be ensured that all monies raised for charity by the Club would be used for charitable donations. It was confirmed that all charitable donations received, be it from the said auction or any other fundraising events held by the Club (including for example, but not limited to, the sale of art cards and the Munich Walks book produced by Club members last year for the purpose of raising monies for charity) are given to charities. The year end numbers for 2017 show that in the last financial year, approximately two-thirds of the Club's total income was donated to charity, including (in addition to the amount of money raised by the Club for charity) more than half of the income generated from member's dues.

5c. Charity Report Jane Romain

The Club budgeted €8500 for charity in the financial year 2017 and spent over €12000. Frauenhaus received €5764 and the Club's NEEDED student €957. Club members voted to select an additional 5 projects for donations: the FAWCO Target Project "Hope Beyond Displacement" in Jordan, Safe

House in Tanzania, United for Hope in India, Lesefüchsen in Munich, and Barnens Hoop in Ukraine which accounted for the remaining €6000.

Thanks were given to Susi Cullison and Fiona Fearnly for their work on the very successful Munich Walks book, to the auction of talents team under Hope Moore, to the German team under Dörte Buss for the Christmas lunch collection, to the Frauenhaus drivers, to Ute Becker for the book table, to Roberta Zöllner for the teddy bears and to Susie Lentz for the gingerbread houses. Finally all Club members were thanked for their generous donations.

The Chair called for a vote on the proposed budget for 2018. Members voted: 35 in favor, 1 opposed and 4 abstained. The 2018 budget was therefore approved and accepted.

The Chair reported that the internal audit had taken place, and the auditors' letter received on 16 February 2018 reported no discrepancies.

The Chair proposed that the Executive Board may give the Treasurer and Finance team the authority to receive and disburse money on the Club's behalf and deal with the banks in the Club's name. The Chair called for a vote on the proposal. Members Voted: the proposal was unanimously approved.

6. The Chair thanked all the Club's committee teams and other club volunteers for their service and hard work during 2017. The floor applauded their work.

7. Anitra Kitts has appointed a nominating team to put forward candidates for the Executive Committee, namely the Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer, for the Club members to vote on at the 2019 AGM in accordance with the Club's Administrative Guidelines. The Chair noted the nominating team members and noted that it had been requested that the Club members be consulted as to these members. The Chair asked if any member was opposed to any of the nominating team serving in their role and whether any member would like to be considered in addition to serve. No members opposed the team and there were no additional volunteers from the floor.

8. The Chair noted that the next AGM will be held in the first quarter of 2019 in accordance with the Club's Constitution.

9. There was no other business. The AGM was adjourned at 12:09.

Jane Schulz-Hood (Chair)

Roberta Zöllner (Secretary)