Annual General Meeting of the
Swiss Society Bangkok

March 26, 2022

at Montien Hotel Surawong Bangkok

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Membership count and certification of quorum
3. Appointment of vote counters
4. Approval of the minutes of AGM 2021
5. Report of the President
6. Presentation of Financial Details 2021 and Budget 2022
7. Approval of annual Financial Statements 2021 and Budget 2022
8. Confirmation/election of auditor
9. ASO: update by the ASO delegate
10. Swiss Support Swiss: update
11. Objectives for 2022
12. Motions from members
13. Miscellaneous
14. Dinner

2. Membership Count

- 209 ordinary members and 7 honorary members Total: 216 members with voting right.
- Quorum (1/5 of 216) : **44** (43.2)

3. Appointment of vote counters

4. Approval of the minutes of the AGM 2021

5. Report of the President - board

Committee and it's meetings btw AGM 2021 to AGM 2022:

Members of the Board (alphabetical order):

- **Christian Brunner** president
- **Sacha Bürgi** event manager
- **Pierre Chabloz** del. of the embassy
- **Thomas Gerber** treasurer
- **Andreas Mikes** secretary, incl. website + FB
- **Werner Schäppi** registration, cultural events
- **Josef Schnyder** vice-president, events
- **Christian Vogel** link with RIS Swiss section
- **Mike Wyler** membership administration

- Guido Riva left in April and Hop Phan Stierli in June 2021

Committee members: at least 6, not more than 15

AGM 2023 election of new board

5. Report of the President - board meetings

Committee meetings btw AGM 2021 and AGM 2022:

- 02 April 2021 physical
- 06 May 2021 online
- 24 June 2021 physical (4) / online (5)
- 18 Aug 2021 online
- 22 Sept 2021 online
- 03 Nov 2021 physical
- 10 Jan 2022 online
- 15 Feb 2022 physical
- 15 March 22 physical

Four Newsletters in 2021 to maintain contact and inform:

- first early March 21 (before AGM 21),
- 2nd on 30 June 2021,
- 3rd on 27th September 2021,
- 4th on 1st December 2021.

5 Report of the President - Membership

Membership of SSB:

The Swiss Society Bangkok counts now 227 members

- **209 ordinary members**, some 40 children
- **7 honorary members**
- **11 associate members**

97 family members 130 single members, therefore:

324 adults and approximatively 40 children

We sincerely miss:

Paul Josef Somm (30.7.2021)

Ruedi Böhler (15.8.2021)

Harald Witgrefe (in 2021)

and Hans-Peter Tillmann (beginning of March 2022)

5 Report of the President - Activities 1

Monthly Get-together meetings (Gtg)

Meetings announced and published on the SSB website
Normally at the Swiss Restaurant Chesa, Sukhumvit Soi 20
With dinner and short (about 30 min.) presentations.

Gtg in April, September and October 2021: no presentations (3)

Gtg in May, June, July, August 2021, Jan and Feb 2022: canceled (6)

Gtg Nov 21: Conradin Rasi, Matteo Fetz, dipl. and hum. Activities of the Swiss embassy in Thailand and the region

Gtg Dec 21: Christmas dinner, David Stauffacher, Exec. Dir. STCC

Gtg March 22: Presentation of Michel Baumgartner

we are always looking for speakers and subjects to present

5 Report of the President - Activities 2

03 April 2021	**Jass tournament 1 ,** 16 players, Linus Knobel
27 Nov. 2021	Visit to **Samsen-Philatelic Museum** commemorative stamps issued by Thailand and Swiss post.
27 Nov. 2021	**Raclette evening** 120 participants, Catering by Gourmet Primo
12 Dec. 2021	**Christmas Brunch at Brasserie 9** 51 adults + 24 children, Samichlaus, Gourmet Primo
15-17 Dec. 2021	**Excursion to Khao Yai** Granmonte winery – Swiss-Thai friendship trail
22 Jan. 2022	**Jass tournament 2**, 16 players , E. Darbellay

Samsen-Philatelic Museum







Raclette Evening









Christmas Brunch







Excursion to Khao Yai













Weinspezialisten an der kritischen Beurteilung des Weins

Excursion to Khao Yai







Jass Tournaments







5 Report of the President – Archive - Book

Over **7'000 documents** from 1931 scanned and stored by now in the SSB Dropbox archive

Documents online:

Minutes of Annual General Meetings (partly including financial reports) from 1931 to 1952, **Pres. Reports** 1931-1952

Photos are in the archive gallery

For access to the archive gallery, **member login** is required

If problems: **admin@ssb.or.th** **(Andreas Mikes)**

The Book:

90 Jahre Swiss Society Bangkok

90 Years Swiss Society Bangkok

Josef Schnyder, Werner Schäppi,
Hop Phan Stierli, Chr. Brunner
Roger Washington (English)



5 Report of the President – Clubdesk , website , facebook

SSB is using **Clubdesk software** for everything except accounting

Facebook is mostly visited : currently more than **1300 clicks**

SSB website: **www.ssb.or.th**

you can find information and reports about events

1. **Public area** to present the club to the outside
2. **Internal area**, for members only : members can register and create password (so far, **only about 20%** of all members have created an account

If problems: **admin@ssb.or.th or secretary@ssb.or.th**

5 Report of the President – Conference of SS presidents

Organized by **SLS in Chiang** Mai on the 13th of November 2021

Useful meeting between the Swiss groupings in Thailand

- **exchange of views** on particular issues and common problems;
- **share experiences** about activities, opportunities and challenges.

Swiss embassy: Ambassador and Consul general present

ASO delelgates : Mr. Josef Schnyder and Mr. Adrian Meister

(JS will inform us about ASO later : AGM Agenda item nr. 9)

Next presidents conference in **Phuket on 19th November 2022**

5 Report of the President - Special Thanks to:

- **HE Helene Budliger Artieda** for her continuous support and sponsorship and her Staff, in particular **Consul Pierre Chabloz**
- **Linus Knobel** who developed to become the most important sponsor of the SSB (Tombola, jass events, monthly meetings etc.)
- **Thomas Nowak + René Kuhn** from the Swiss Restaurant Chesa for hosting and sponsoring Get-together meetings
- **Stefan Kuhn**, who officiates as internal auditor, and is the technical organizer of the Jass competitions and the pub tour
- **Khun Dhira** for doing all the legal work
- **Khun Ploenta**, for supporting the treasurer
- **Speakers** of our Get-together meetings
- **Committee members**, **all SSB members and friends**, who helped during the reporting period with organizing and participating in events

6.a. Financial Report and BUDGET

	Actual 2019	Actual 2020	Budget 2021	Actual 2021	Budget 2022
INCOME					
Membership Fee	304'076	284'111	285'000	295'251.02	300'000.00
Event Income	0	40	0	0	0.00
Interest Income	18'563	16'514	15'000	8'893.56	6'000.00
Other Income				1'655.00	0.00
Donation	19'000	5'880	0	48'700.00	0.00
	341'639	306'545	300'000	354'499.58	306'000.00
EXPENSES					
Event Expenses including AGM	117'672	86'000	89'000	127'100.00	80'000.00
Stationeries	0	1'883	2'000	1'360.00	1'500.00
Entertainment	29'094	37'357	35'000	38'309.91	35'000.00
Travel – Local	0	0	0	0	0
Postage	291	669	500	282.00	500.00
IT Expenses	21'013	16'422	18'000	25'169.85	25'000.00
Audit Fee	10'000	10'000	10'000	10'000.00	10'000.00
Bank charges	1'220	60	0	120.00	0
Depreciation – Office Equipment	0	0	0	11'468.24	12'000.00
general adminexpenses, legal fees	305	0	0	2'000.00	2'000.00
Accounting Fee	53'500	53'500	53'500	53'500.00	53'500.00
Donation out	0	0	20'000	0	0
SSS expenses	0	0	0	0	15'000.00
90 Years Celebrations	0	0	90'000	0	140'000.00
Tax	1'856	1'651	2'000	889.36	1'000.00
	234'951	227'542	300'000	270'199.00	375'500.00
Profit (Loss)	106'688	79'003	0	84'300.00	- 69'500.00

6.b. Balance Sheet

Swiss Society Bangkok, Balance Sheet
For the Period End of December 2021 (audited)

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash on Hand	16’160.22
Cash in SCB : Saving a/c	880’986.31
Cash in SCB : Current a/c	2'600.00
Cash in SCB : Fixed a/c	1’347’640.87
	2’247’387.40

Fixed Assets

Furniture & Fixtures	76’340.00
Less Accum. Depreciation	(47’806.24)
Net Fixed Assets	28’533.76

TOTAL ASSETS	2’275’921.16

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Accrued Expenses	75’600.00
Prepaid - Membership Fee	13’200.00
accrued corporate tax	889.36
withholding taxes	120.00
	89’809.36

Equity

Capital	2’101’811.58
Retained Earnings	84’300.22
	2’186’111.80

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	2’275’921.16

7. Approval of Annual Report 2021 and Budget 2022

Dear members,

I have audited the balance sheet for the Swiss Society Bangkok as of December 31, 2021.

The accounting and statements are conducted in accordance with generally accepted standards.
The figures reflect the society's financial situation very well.

I recommend you to approve the balance sheet as it was also recommended by the external auditor.

Stefan Kuhn, internal Auditor of SSB (msg from 18.3.2022)

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8.a. Election of an Internal Auditor.

Stefan Khun is again available and ready to continue with this service.

8.b. Election of an External Auditor

Khun Thanakorn Saengboon, certified public accountant Nr 4659, is available to continue as SSB's External Auditor.

ASO

Auslandschweizer Organisation

Organisation of the Swiss Abroad

Organisation des Suisses à l'étranger

Josef Schnyder
ASO Delegate Bangkok Thailand

Swiss Community

Organisation of the Swiss Abroad (OSA)

Covid-19

- Swiss citizens from abroad and their family members to have the right to receive Covid-19 **vaccination in Switzerland**
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Swiss Bank Account

List of Banks for the Swiss Abroad

- **BCGE Banque Cantonale de Genève**
- BCV Banque Cantonale Vaudoise
- CS Credit Suisse
- Post Finance
- Raiffeisen
- TKB Thurgauer Kantonalbank
- UBS
- Valiant
- ZKB Zürcher Kantonalbank

Website

https://www.swisscommunity.org/en/living-abroad/finances-provisions/swiss-banks

E-Voting

- **E-voting was stopped** by the authorities in March 2019 after serious security vulnerabilities were found in the system

- Swiss Public Authorities work on a **new concept**; trial phase earliest 2023

- **Motion NC Laurant Wehrli**: Send voting documents by email, but vote by regular mail

ASO Congress

98th Congress of the Swiss Abroad
Lugano

19 – 21 August 2022



Thank You

Questions

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https://www.swisscommunity.org

Or email me

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Swiss Community

Organisation of the Swiss Abroad (OSA)

SWISS SUPPORT SWISS

New Orientation

Objective

- The purpose of the association is to help, protect and support Swiss citizens who are in destress due to circumstances beyond their control

Activities

- Assistance with hospital admissions (against financial coverage from family)
- Information on qeneral question – referral to qualified agents
- Repatriation – in cooperation with the embassy
- Pension bridging – if the person concerned is entitled to a pension
- In principle, no financial assistance is given. If necessary, the person concerned is referred to the embassy for social assistance or to the Solidarity Fund for Swiss Abroad

SWISS SUPPORT SWISS

Marketing / Promotion

- First talks during presidential conference in Chiang Mai, Nov 2021
- Involvment of every Swiss Society in Thailand
- Talks with the Embassy to find synergies
- Presentations to the Swiss communities – needs to be further clarified
- Sacha Bürgi presently in Switzerland talking with potential sponsors



11. Objectives for 2022

- **Grow** – gain more members: be attractive for new members
- Main events: **National day, Raclette, Christmas brunch**
- Monthly **Get-together** with 20-minutes presentations: continue with the formula and find interesting subjects and speakers
- **Jass Tournaments** (target is 4 per year – every 3 months)
- **Company Visits** (brewery, car factory, cutting of stones, etc.)
- **Fun events :** excursions, pub tour, bicycle tour, bowling, shooting range, cultural events, work shops (cooking, baking, etc,)
- **Deepen cooperation with STCC**
- **Intensify search for new board members** (female and Suisse Romand)

12. Motions by members

- No motions have been announced.

13. Miscellaneous

- Are there any additional items to be discussed?

14. Closing - . Dinner

Thank you all for joining this AGM

We particularly thank:

- **Pierre-André Pelletier** and his team of the Montien Hotel Surawong for hosting the AGM
- Support from **Chef Alessandro Haab,** creator of the menu

A delicious buffet is waiting for us !

en Guätä **bon appétit**

buon appetito

go and enjoy the Swiss delicacies!