

# **Annual General Meeting 2010**

**29th April**

**Grand Hotel Excelsior**

**Start time: 1845**

President Sarah Suda gave an introduction to the AGM.

Anson Aquilina was elected as chair for the meeting. Mr. Aquilina read the agenda of the meeting and introduced Christianne Caruana as Secretary General.

Christianne Caruana read the minutes of last AGM. When the finances of last AgM meeting were mentioned, Philip Caruana, treasurer said, that he will be representing the finances of last year together with this year's. Audrey Spiteri and CJ Saliba seconded the minutes.

Christianne Caruana went through an outline of the projects done throughout the last year and upcoming events and projects. Anson Aquilina asked if there were any objections to the report. The report was approved unanimously.

Anson Aquilina, introduced Philip Caruana as treasurer and Philip Caruana presented the financial highlights of the previous year due to inconsistencies in the previous AGM's financial presentation. Then Philip moved on the the last year's financial report, and he said that he expects the finances to remain healthy however he insisted that additional funds must be sought. The financial report was unanimously approved.

Anson Aquilina then gave the floor to Sarah Suda who presented the committee vision and goals for the coming year. Anson Aquilina said that we should take the opportunity to make this happen. Anson Aquilina then moved on to present Edward Said, president of KNZ (Kunsill Nazzjonali taz-Zghazagh/ National Youth Council). Edward Said presented to the meeting the concept of KNZ.

The meeting was then stopped for a coffee break. The coffee break took around 20mins.

When the meeting started again, Anson Aquilina read the letter that was sent by Secretary General Christianne Caruana on behalf of the committee to ex-committee member Sergio Mallia on his failure to turning up for committee meetings during the last year since he was elected. Anson Aquilina then moved on to readd his resignation letter which was written in reply to the letter sent to him by Ms. Christianne Caruana.

Anson Aquilina then moved on to ask if there were any motions. Christiane Caruana presented the motions that were sent to her prior to the AGM.

The first motion was presented on behalf of Anson Aquilina which read;

Article 5.19.2 (Junior Members) that currently reads: "Upon becoming a member, an individual is a Junior Member for the first six (6) calendar months of membership. During this year the member has no voting rights."

to read "Upon becoming a member, an individual is a Junior Member for the first two (2) calendar months of membership. During this year the member has no voting rights."

Most members present agreed that this the months of membership for junior member , 6 months, is long however, 2 might be too little. Sarah suggested that instead of 2, this is increased to 3 and the motion was revised as follows.

"Upon becoming a member, an individual is a Junior Member for the first three (3) calendar months of membership. During this year the member has no voting rights."

The above revised motion was put to vote and it was unanimously approved.

The second motion was presented on behalf of Sarah Suda which read;

To add to section 6.7 that members can decide to vote by proxy if not able to attend an annual or extraordinary general meeting by giving a signed letter to a voting member whom they trust that they allow them to vote in their name. The member presenting the proxy will be given extra votes to represent the absent members.

Most members present agreed with it however, Audrey Spiteri suggested that only up to 2 absent members can vote in this way. A revision of the motion was put forward for votation.

Up to a maximum of 2 absent members can vote by proxy if not able to attend an annual or extraordinary general meeting by giving a signed letter to a voting member whom they trust that they allow them to vote in their name. The member presenting the proxy will be given extra votes to represent the absent members. 19 votes in favour, one abstained. The motion passed.

The third motion was presented on behalf of Sarah Suda which read as follows;

To change 4.22 from;

4.2.2 The Committee will have a minimum of three (3) members and a maximum of five (5); these will be the President, the Secretary General, the Treasurer and up to two (2) other members.

to reads as follows:

4.2.2 The Committee will have a minimum of three (3) members and a maximum of seven

(7); these will be the President, the Secretary General, the Treasurer and up to two (2) other members.

This suggesting that the committee increases to 7 from 5. Sarah Suda said that this is being presented to ensure that there is more people involved in the committee and work is distributed better.

19. votes in favour, one abstained. The motion passed.

The fourth motion was presented on behalf of Joanna Bonnici, which suggest that in section 5.0 Management and Administration of the Association, an additional clause is added that states that considering the responsibility that a position in the committee entails, committee members that have not attended four meetings in a row or fail to contribute for six continuous months of his/her term, will be asked to resign. On failure of doing this, the committee may decide to expel the committee member from the committee and if needed from the organisation. The member may offer justification to the committee and the board of vigilance, whereby the latter together can decide on the best action.

Daniel Mifsud commented that the motion is a bit too complex. Christianne Caruana suggested the below revised motion.

A member of the committee who fails to attend 4 consecutive committee meetings without a valid reason may be expelled from the committee by a simple majority vote in the same committee after consulting with the board of vigilance.

A vote was taken, the motion was approved unanimously.

Christianne Caruana, informed Anson Aquilina that there were no more motions. Anson Aquilina moved on to committee nominations for the post left vacant by Sergio Mallia. The nominations were as follows;

Daniel Mifsud

CJ Saliba

Ryan Bonnici

Sarah explained that since the third motion has gone through, all three candidates would be able to form part of the committee as follows;

Sarah Suda – President

Christianne Caruana – Secretary General

Philip Caruana – Treasurer

Joanna Bonnici

Daniel Mifsud

CJ Saliba

Ryan Bonnici

Anson Aquilina put this forward for votation. And the new committee was approved unanimously.

Mr. Anson Aquilina then asked if anyone wanted to run for board of vigilance, which is made up of two people.

Ms. Sarah Suda explained what the board of vigilance is and what the duties are. Mr. Anson Aquilina also gave some more points about the board of vigilance and its duties.

Mr. Jeffrey Saliba was nominated by CJ Saliba, and Ms. Audrey Spiteri, nominated by Ms. Sarah Suda were unanimously elected as the board of vigilance.

The meeting was adjourned.