

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2020**  
**Held on June 11, 2020**  
**By Electronic**

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Due to COVID-19, the Chamber organized the annual general meeting in electronic format. Agenda and information were distributed to all members with voting online between June 8, 08.00 hrs. and June 11, 17.00 hrs.

The following agenda were proceeded:

**1. Establish Quorum**

STCC has 117 corporate and 21 individual members resulting in 138 members with 50 voting members participated representing 36% participation rate. The quorum of 20% (27 voting members) was therefore fulfilled.

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of March 28, 2019**

*The members approved the minutes of 2019 AGM with **50** votes.*

**3. Approval of the President's Report on Activities in 2019**

"Dear Members:

2019 was another eventful years in the history of the STCC. After we celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018, we returned back to business as usual and held a number of high-quality events.

Our Stammvater Daniel Reinle organized 12 monthly dinner events for our members at the Arnoma Hotel and Mövenpick Wellness Resort. We extend our appreciation to Daniel for organizing the STAMM and our thanks goes to Eric Brand and Bruno Huber for hosting us at their premises. After 15 years of dedicated service as STAMM Vater Daniel decided to take his well-deserved retirement, his last STAMM appearance was at the spectacular Fondue event at the Mövenpick Resort. Daniel has transformed the STAMM in a stellar Swiss community gathering which we have so much missed during the Covid lockdown. We are happy to report that Daniel will continue to serve us as a board member.

On February 4<sup>th</sup> the STCC took part as active member of the Joint Foreign Chamber of Commerce (JFCCT) at a joint courtesy call to Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha at the government office. It was a unique opportunity to present the issues concerning foreign investors directly to the Prime Minister and some cabinet members.

On February 7<sup>th</sup> the STCC took part at the yearly consultative meeting between the Board of Investment (BoI) and the foreign business community. It is a yearly meeting where the BoI updates foreign chambers on new investment schemes.

On February 20<sup>th</sup> the STCC hosted the Presidents' luncheon of the Joint Foreign Chamber of Commerce whereby the Ambassador H.E. Ivo Sieber provided all foreign chambers on the long-lasting bilateral diplomatic and business relationship between Thailand and Switzerland.

On February 21<sup>st</sup> the STCC co-hosted with Swiss Society Bangkok a luncheon talk with the re-owned Swiss investment expert Dr. Marc Faber. It was an enlightening presentation.

On March 28<sup>th</sup> we had the annual general meeting at the Arnoma Hotel and our guest speaker Dr. Henning Glaser chose the subject "China's rise to power and what it means for Asia". It was a fascinating geopolitical lecture from a true expert on Asian studies.

On April 25<sup>th</sup> the STCC hosted a luncheon talk with H.E. Ambassador Ivo Sieber. H.E. walked us through the long-lasting diplomatic and business ties Switzerland has enjoyed with Thailand and the royal family over many decades.

On May 30<sup>th</sup> the Board of Directors hosted a farewell dinner for the Ambassador and Honorary President H.E. Ivo Sieber at the Brasserie 9 Restaurant. It was an evening amongst friends and a show of gratitude towards the excellent support we were given by H.E. and the Swiss embassy staff.

On June 5<sup>th</sup> our young member Raphaelle Nicolet and her colleagues from the original Solar Impulse support team walked us through the amazing story of the solar impulse project, the First-Round-The-World Solar Flight by two innovative Swiss businessmen and engineers.

On August 2<sup>nd</sup> we celebrated the Swiss National Day at the embassy, organized by the Swiss Society Bangkok, with great support from the embassy. This is always a delightful event where we can experience the "One Switzerland" theme with our other Swiss partner organizations in Thailand.

On September 20<sup>th</sup> we were invited to a factory visit at Häfele Thailand where we were shown the impressive warehouse and distribution facilities of the leading German hardware and fitting systems manufacturer in Thailand.

On October 26<sup>th</sup> the STCC supported our German colleagues from the German-Thai Chamber of Commerce and took part in Oktoberfest celebration at the Marriot Marquis Hotel. It was an evening seconded to none and many members showed up in original Oktoberfest costumes.

On October 31<sup>st</sup> Pierre Hagmann, Deputy Head of Mission and Advisor to the Board, invited the board members to an evening dinner get-together at his residence. We extend to Pierre and his wife Khun Namon our appreciation for their great support and warm hospitality.

On November 9<sup>th</sup> the STCC joined the Norwegian Chamber of Commerce in a reception hosted by the Norwegian Ambassador where we were updated on the progress of ongoing EFTA (European Free Trade Association) negotiations.

On November 19<sup>th</sup> the STCC participated in the yearly Tri-Nation Stamm at the Sukhothai Hotel with our colleagues from the German and Austrian Chambers. It is another event which is always extremely well attended.

On December 3<sup>rd</sup> we co-hosted with the Swiss Embassy the annual Swiss Business Network evening held at the residence of the Swiss Ambassador. It is every year the highlight in our calendar of events and attended by a large number of members, friends and guests of the STCC.

On February 13<sup>th</sup> our Stammvater Daniel Reinle invited us to an exceptional Fondue Stamm at the wonderful garden of the Mövenpick Wellness Resort. It was a splendid evening to remember and one of the best Stamm events in recent history.

The STCC also remains an engaged member in the Joint Foreign Chambers of Commerce in Thailand (JFCCT) as well as an associate member in the European

Association for Business and Commerce (EABC). We participated in many meetings and some of our board members were engaged in working committees of the JFCCT, such as the Tourism Committee which is headed by our own Eric Brand.

The STCC Newsletter is an important way of communication with our members. It is a high-quality publication and I encourage you to share it with all of your business partners and colleagues. A special "Thank You" is due to our editor in chief Thomas von Aesch for his great work. It takes up lots of his precious time and we appreciate his commitment and passion to keep up the standard of the newsletter.

Our long-time board member Stefan Kuhn, who has been acting as IT responsible and Membership Director, asked for a time-out and decided to not stand for re-election. We thank Stefan for his many years of contributions to the Chamber including several memorable STCC golf tournaments. We hope that we can retain Stefan for further support in the future and we will delegate the membership duties to other board members until the new Chamber office structure is in place.

I also would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our members, for supporting the Swiss-Thai Chamber of Commerce, to Khun Ploenta, our secretary, to Thomas Gerber, our Executive Director, to Roland Wider for the accounting services and last but not least to H.E. Helene Budliger Artieda and her team at the Embassy for their help and continued support of the STCC.

Thank you all very much!"

*The members approved the President's report for 2019 with **50** votes.*

#### **4. Treasurer's Report for the year 2019 and Approval of the Audited Financial Statement 2019**

Income from membership fees and sponsorship fees was Baht 1,002,415, 15% higher than budgeted.

Total expenses were Baht 1,081,107 or 28% over budgeted, mainly due to higher cost or the renovation of the stone fountain at Lumpini Park on the occasion of 20 years anniversary.

The net result for the year amounted to a loss of Baht 111,609 as compared to a budgeted profit of Baht 2,910.

Audited financial statements for 2019 were distributed to all members by e-mail.

*The members approved the treasurer's report for the year 2019 and approved audited statements for 2019 with **49** votes.*

#### **5. Discharge of the Board of Directors**

*The members approved to discharge the board of directors with **49** votes.*

#### **6. Election of the New Board of Directors**

Election results are as follows:

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| Mr. Robert Alther  | 27 | votes |
| Mr. Michael Arnold | 36 | votes |
| Mr. Eric Brand     | 33 | votes |

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| Mr. Dhira Yoonaidharma        | 34 | votes |
| Mr. Thomas Gerber             | 41 | votes |
| Mr. Thomas Luescher           | 33 | votes |
| Mr. Luzi Matzig               | 29 | votes |
| Dr. Niti Meyer                | 36 | votes |
| Ms. Napaporn Pinkaew          | 37 | votes |
| Mr. Naruephon Techawatanawana | 34 | votes |
| Mr. Bruno Odermatt            | 37 | votes |
| Mr. Daniel Reinle             | 33 | votes |
| Mr. Thomas von Aesch          | 40 | votes |
| Mr. Roland Wider              | 32 | votes |

*The members approved the elected board of directors.*

## **7. Election of President and Vice President**

### Election of President

*The members elected Bruno Odermatt to be the President with **30** votes.*

### Election of Vice President

*The members elected Michael Arnold to be the Vice President with **14** votes.*

## **8. Chamber's Project Office**

Plan to employ a full-time manager in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2020 and complete the new office set-up structure by June 2021 was approved as proposed with **43** votes.

## **9. Approval of the Budget of the Year 2020**

Budget for 2020 was presented with the same income as 2019 of Baht 1 mio. and higher expenses of Baht 1.65 mio., resulting in the loss of Baht 684,550.

*The members approved the budget for 2020 as proposed with **43** votes.*

## **10. Confirmation of Auditor for Year 2020**

The members approved to continue auditing service of The Leopard Co., Ltd. at the same rate of Baht 30,000 with **49** votes.

## **11. Objectives for the year 2020**

Objectives for 2020 were as follows:

- 12 Stamm networking events hosted by STCC at Arnoma Hotel and other selected locations
- 2-4 Business network luncheons hosted by the STCC once government COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.
- Hire full-time office manager
- Support requests from Swiss Global Enterprise Switzerland (SGE)
- 1 Factory tour outside of Bangkok
- Support all events of the Joint Foreign Chamber of Commerce Thailand (JFCCT)
- Continue engagement of Board of Trade of Thailand (BoT)
- Enhance professional quality of STCC Newsletter
- Increase membership base to 160

*The members approved the objectives for the year 2020 with **44** votes.*

**12. Various**

There were no other subjects to discuss.