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## BLAS – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Friday 29th of May 2020

**Present: 26 members** (appendix A)

**Proxies:0**

**The AGM started at 8 pm Virtual Meeting**

- **Introduction by secretary**

The secretary welcomes the audience and walks through the agenda.

- **Approval of Minutes AGM 2020 (secretary)**

The minutes of the 35th Annual General Meeting held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2020 were approved.

- **Secretary's Report by Charlotte**

### **Membership status**

- +5% Members => 146 (139 last year) excl. children  
Representing 82 memberships:
- +32% family-memberships => 41 (31 last year)
- -23% couples-memberships => 23 (30 last year)
- +6% singles-memberships => 18 (17 last year)
- 220 Members incl. children (74 est.)

In 2019-2020 The Association held the following activities:

### **Yearly activities:**

#### *FUN TEAM & OTHERS*

- **Blas Opening Dinner BBQ@Kult Cafe 14 September 2019**
- **Welcome Drink for newcomers 27 September 2019**
- **Shiok-Lah Ladies Night @Aria Roof Bar 4 December 2019**
- **Time to Spa- Batam 8 November 2019**
- **Steak Frites Night @Braseiro 23 November 2019**
- **2020 Australian Open – Melbourne Trip Januari 2020**
- **New Year's Tapas & Wine dinner @Wine Connection 18 January 2020**

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- **Saturday Fun and Games: cancelled due to coronavirus**
- **Dinner Tournant: cancelled due to coronavirus**
- **Blas Quiz, March 7: cancelled due to coronavirus**
- **End of year party: cancelled due to coronavirus**

#### CULTURE

- **Travel Talk Australia and New Zealand 11 September**
- **Screening of Belgian movie "Coureur" at Cinemaworld Festival 26 September**
- **Hilde's first Singapore Expo 13 October**
- **Singapore History Gallery and lunch at Food for Thought 4 November**
- **Guided tour @ The Malay Heritage Centre and lunch at Symmetry 7 February**
- **Workshop Clay sculpting and pottery @Joy Clay Studio & Gallery 2nd of March**
- **Mahjong Introduction**

#### KIDS CLUB

- **Saint Nicholas Party@Singapore Yacht Club, 1 December 2019**
- **Easter Egg Hunt @ Ambassador's res. March 29: cancelled due to Covid19**

#### Monthly activities:

- BLAS Shioh-Lah (5x)
- Café Belge (4x)
- Cooking club (6x)
- Book club Dutch (6x)
- Book club French (6x)
- Walking Club (4x)

#### Ongoing activities:

- BLAS website
- BLAS facebook page and BLAS Instagram
- 9 committee meetings, with 8 people attending on average

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- **Financial Report of the Treasurer**
- FISCAL YEAR (calendar year) versus ACTIVITY year (1 may 2019 – 30 April 2020)
- Yearly internal audit before AGM (auditors Wim Goris & Joris Silon)

Financial strategy and objectives of BLAS

- The income from membership fees & events should cover the cost of running the BLAS. We aim to break-even for the activity year.
- We keep a cushion to finance upfront bigger activities and to cope with unexpected ones.
- We give back to our members via:
  - democratic pricing of our activities
  - discounts for our members
  - Free member-only activities

SGD 47.667				
	SGD 38.392			
		SGD 34.901		
			SGD 34.008	
				SGD 37.091
2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
		SGD		





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Account overview – Activity year

<b>BLAS CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS</b>	
<b>Opening balance @ 01.05.2019</b>	<b>\$35.095,26</b>
Income and Expenses activity year 2019-2020	
Income	\$33.860,80
Expenses	\$35.780,70
Receivables	\$460,04
Payables	\$1.616,97
<b>Closing Balances @ 30.04.2020</b>	<b>\$32.813,75</b>

**Money flow activity year 2019-2020**

<b>01/05/19 to 30/04/20</b>			
	<b>IN</b>	<b>OUT</b>	<b>NETT</b>
Membership	13.871,16	0,00	13.871,16
Admin	0,00	474,70	-474,70
Website	70,00	5.974,02	-5.904,02
Funteam	14.637,71	18.303,74	-3.666,03
Charity	0,00	0,00	0,00
Gazette	0,00	0,00	0,00
G2G	3.891,55	5.851,61	-1.960,06
Quiz	0,00	0,00	0,00
Culture	460,04	522,96	-62,92
Sports	0,00	0,00	0,00
Kids Club	508,34	4.232,32	-3.723,98
Cooking	422,00	421,35	0,65
Welcome	0,00	0,00	0,00
Petty cash	0,00	1.223,30	-1.223,30
<b>BLAS</b>	<b>33.860,80</b>	<b>37.004,00</b>	<b>-3.143,20</b>

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## Election Night and Appointment of the Auditors

The following members have been proposed and seconded and have indicated their willingness to stand for election of the Committee and were elected:

- **President:** Michael Verlinden  
Proposer: Laure-Anne Krug  
Secunder: Els Wille
- **Vice-President:** Patricia Vermast  
Proposer: Joris Demeulenaere  
Secunder: Claudia Ghelen
- **Treasurer:** Laure-Anne Krug  
Proposer: Patrick Braet  
Secunder: Katleen Missiaen
- **Secretary:** Els Wille  
Proposer: Ingeborg Neels  
Secunder: Charlotte Mulleman

Speech of the outgoing president

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- **Closing**

The meeting closed at 9:30 pm

For Approval,

**Michael Verlinden**  
President

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