

BLAS – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FRIDAY, 26 MAY 2023

Present: 18 members (appendix A)

Proxies: 6 members (appendix A)

• Introduction (Wesley Boers)

Welcome and Agenda.

• Minutes AGM 2022 (Liesbet Van Baelen)

The minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting held on Friday, 27 May 2022 were approved by all present members.

• <u>Secretary's Report</u> (Liesbet Van Baelen)

o <u>Membership Status</u>

The total number of memberships at the end of this activity year amounts to 65 (70 last year): 24 families, 25 couples, 16 singles.

This adds up to an aggregate of 164 members (*compared to 171 last year*): 115 adults and 49 children.

During the 2022-2023 activity year, the Association organised the following activities:

• <u>Yearly Activities</u>:

FUN

- BLAS year opening cocktail
- FIFA World Cup 2022 Live! (#2)
- Mystery dinner Guess who is coming to dinner
- Time to spa!
- BLAS Quiz
- End of year party (planned)



KIDS

- BLAS Trick or Treat Halloween Night
- Saint Nicholas Party
- Easter Egg Hunt @ Ambassador's Residence

o <u>Recurring Activities</u>

FUN

- Café Belge (monthly get together)
- Lunch Bunches (every 6 week)

SPORT

- Tuesday Walking Group (weekly)
- Weekend Walking Group (monthly)

KIDS

• Playdate group (monthly)

CULTURE

- French Book Group (every 6-8 week)
- Dutch Book Group (every 6-8 week)
- Mahjong Group (ad hoc)
- Discover Singapore Tours (monthly):
 - Emerald Hill Tour
 - Singapore River Arts & Architecture
 - Singapore Biennale Art Tour
 - Sungei Buloh Wetlands (#2)
 - Architecture of the National Gallery
 - Green Architecture in the CBD (planned)

o BLAS Committee Achievements

- Organisation of Events back to "in person!"
- Communication:
 - BLAS WhatsApp chat (various subgroups)
 - BLAS Newsletter
 - BLAS Promotion on Facebook, Instagram & Website
- Organisation of AGM
- Monthly committee meetings



• <u>Treasurer's Financial Report (Wesley Boers)</u>

Fiscal year 2022 (calendar year) vs. Activity year (1 May 2022 – 30 April 2023). Annual internal audit was conducted by Olivier Vijverman and Andrew Lim.

- Financial strategy and objectives
 - 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 larger costs and bigger activities and to cope with unexpected circumstances.
 - We give back to our members.

• Net worth over last four years





o <u>Accounts overview</u>

- Balances: 1 May 2022 30 April 2023 (activity year)
 BLAS Total SGD 22,138.78

Opening bala		SGD	32,280.99			
Income and Expenses BLAS Year 2022-2023						
Income					SGD	15,700.82
Expenses					SGD	-25,834.03
Receivables					SGD	0.00
Payables					SGD	0.00
Closing balance @ 30.04.2023					SGD	22,138.78

o Income & Expenses

01/05/2022 to 30/04/2023 (SGD)							
	IN	OUT	NETT				
Membership (event & membership fees) *	12,728.56	800.00	11,928.56				
Admin	59.26	2,576.76	-2,517.50				
Website	0.00	754.00	-754.00				
Funteam *	0.00	13,642.49	-13,642.49				
Advertising & Communication	0.00	572.52	-572.52				
G2G	2,878.00	4,217.26	-1,339.26				
Culture *	35.00	1,520.00	-1,485.00				
Sports	0.00	1,760.00	-1,760.00				
BLAS	15,700.82	25,843.03	-10,142.21				

* Income generated through events are consolidated under "membership"



• <u>Election Night</u> (Wesley Boers)

The following members have been proposed and seconded. They have indicated their willingness to stand for election and were elected:

o Office Bearers

• President: Jan Sysmans

- Proposer: Wesley Boers
- Seconder: Claudia Gehlen

• Vice-President: Liesbet Van Baelen

- Proposer: Gilberte Dezutter
- Seconder: Heidi d'Hollander

• Secretary: Anne Marroyen

- Proposer: Liesbet Van Baelen
- Seconder: Jan Sysmans

• Treasurer: Ingeborg Neels

- Proposer: Karl Reynders
- Seconder: Olivier Vijverman

o Other Committee Members

• Viola Lampi

- Proposer: Tomi Fujimura
- Seconder: Heidi d'Hollander

• Caroline Maes

- Proposer: Luc Van Laere
- Seconder: Auberie Hermans

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- <u>Few words by Outgoing President</u> (Wesley Boers)
- <u>Few words by Incoming President</u> (Jan Sysmans)
- <u>Closing</u> (Jan Sysmans)

The meeting closed at 20.40.

For Approval,

Jan Sysmans President **Liesbet Van Baelen** Vice-President

Anne Marroyen Secretary **Ingeborg Neels** Treasurer



APPENDIX A – PARTICIPATING MEMBERS

#	Last Name	First Name	Attendance
1	Bertrand	Jacques	proxy to Gilberte De Zutter
2	Boers	Wesley	present
3	Caris	Charlotte	present
4	D'Hollander	Heidi	present
5	De Mol	Marleen	proxy to Liesbet Van Baelen
6	Dezutter	Gilberte	present
7	Diels	Johan	present
8	Fujimura	Tomi	present
9	Gehlen	Claudia	present
10	Hermans	Auberie	present
11	Lampi	Viola	proxy to Karl Reynders
12	Maes	Caroline	present
13	Marroyen	Anne	proxy to Luc Van Laere
14	Mieke	Hautekeete	present
15	Neels	Ingeborg	proxy to Caroline Maes
16	Reynders	Karl	present
17	Sysmans	Jan	present
18	Van baelen	Liesbeth	present
19	van leynseele	Jacques	proxy to Olivier Vijverman
20	Vande Kerckhove	Peter	present
21	Vandevoorde	Jorim	present
22	VanLaere	Luc	present
23	Vijverman	Olivier	present
24	Vreys	Erica	present