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Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting

Friday 3rd November 2017

From 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Grätzelzentrum Stuwerviertel, Max Winterplatz 23, 1020 Wien

Proceeding:

1. Welcome Address by the President
2. Purpose of the Extraordinary Meeting
3. Discharge of the Secretary General – Maria Hirsch
4. Nomination of the new Secretary General – Andreas Lampl
5. Announcements

1. Welcome Address:

The President of the association Karl Semlitsch welcomed the members present and opened up the meeting. There were enough members to make a quorum and the President continued to explain the purpose of the Extraordinary General Meeting.

2. Purpose of the Extraordinary General Meeting 2017

It was necessary to hold an extraordinary General Meeting so as to appoint a new **Secretary General** of the Association. After more than 30 years in power, the Secretary General – Maria Hirsch, the Executive Officer and last but not least the „heart and soul” of the Association resigned from this central function.

In the General Meeting according to the constitution the General Assembly had to give consent of discharge of the outgoing Secretary General and with a small symbolic gift an extraordinary thank for the work she has done. After discharging the outgoing Secretary General, a new Secretary General had to be nominated in the General Meeting and to be given a big welcome.

After the official part there was fare well party for the outgoing Secretary General, including personal wishes, joy music and dance.

3. Discharge of the Secretary General – Maria Hirsch

The General Assembly made consent of discharge of our current Secretary General.

- Maria Hirsch has headed the Austrian Ugandan Friendship Association from June 1986 to November 2017, a period of more than 30 years
- It was her own decision to resign from this function and her decision has to be respected
- There is no need to explain what Maria has done for the association because, all members know it. The President of the association had been requested by the Board Members to make the following proposal to the General Assembly:
 - The proposal was to appoint Maria Hirsch as a Honourary Member of the Austrian Ugandan Association for lifetime and this includes the consent of discharge.

The President asked for: “Who was in favour of it and who was against the proposal?”. There was an unanimously decision and the President thanked the members present.

The President handed over to Maria a Certificate of Honour and he invited her to address something.

Maria thanked all the people she worked with. She was happy to have met so many good people in Uganda and in Austria. She told the public, that she has learned a lot through her activities for the Austrian-Ugandan Friendship Association. She came to understand politics and through Ugandan Politics she came to understand better also the Austrian politics. She promised to keep in touch and maybe we may meet by some occasions.

After former minister Erwin Lanc, the late Father Albert, the late Dr. Abel Rwendeire Maria is our 4th Member of Honour.

4 Nomination of the new Secretary General – Andreas Lampl

The President thanked the current Deputy Secretary General, Joseph Kitayimbwa for being ready to continue working as Deputy and in this case there was no necessity to make any decision. The President on behalf of the Board proposed **Mr. Andreas Lampl** as the new Secretary General.

- Mr. Andreas Lampl was born on 7th of July 1981 in Linz
 - He has a Master`s Degree from the University of Vienna
 - Engaged in the association since more than 2 years
 - Key person in preparing our book „Partner Uganda“
 - Partner of Maria`s journey to Uganda in August 2016
 - And he is ready to take over the responsibilities of a Secretary General
- The appointment of a Secretary General is the task of the Board Members but the Board asks also the members during a General Meeting to give the nomination more weight. This is important, so that the members can give more support to the nominated person.
- The President asked the members: “Who was for Mr. Andreas Lampl and who was against his nomination?”
- There was an unanimously decision and the President thanked the members present
- The President asked Andreas, whether he accepts the nomination. Andreas accepted the nomination.

Andreas thanked for the confidence put in him. He said, he takes on this responsibility at the time when, there are political changes in Austria and difficult political discussions in Uganda. It will be necessary to hold meetings to discuss how we should react to the new situation in Uganda. Another project that he would like realise is the use of social media and improvement of our home page.

5 Announcements

- Change of post address from A-1200 Wien Klosterneuburgerstr. 60/33 to A-1160 Wien; Wichtelgasse 39a/3/8.
- The authorities governing the associations (Police Vienna) will be informed of the new General Secretary and changes of the post address.
- Renewal of contract of our meeting premises (Grätzlzentrum) January – July 2018.
- Next social meeting is on 15th of December 2017
- Next board meeting will be in January/ February 2018

The President closed the General Meeting at 7:00 pm with a lot of thanks to all participating members for their high level of engagement. He invited all to take part in the following Fare Well Party for Maria. **The next General Meeting will take place in 2020!**