

The General Meeting started at 10h08

In Attendance: 33 Full Members were present or represented

Absent: Albania, Artist's Corner, Bulgaria, Georgia, Iceland, Luxembourg, Sweden, Tajikistan

**1. Welcome – Jimmie Bradshaw (President) / [president@natocharitybazaar.org](mailto:president@natocharitybazaar.org)**

Jimmie called the meeting to order and welcomed the members.

She explained that there would be a guest speaker: **Major General Mojsilovic, Serbia Military Representative**, accompanied by **Irfana Kozljak, NR** and **Biljana Miralovic, ANR of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Mission to NATO**. Major General Mojsilovic made an emergency request on behalf of Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. He explained that these countries are facing a crisis due to unprecedented, catastrophic floods in the region. Over 30.000 people have been made homeless and 150.000 are without electricity and drinking water. Tragically 20 people have lost their lives. An emergency request has been submitted to NATO Charity Bazaar (NCB). Irfana Kozljak added that in Bosnia and Herzegovina, entire cities have been flooded and the situation is critical. Biljana explained that the water levels are still rising and people are without the basic necessities, so any help would be greatly appreciated.

Jimmie thanked Major General Mojsilovic for coming to address the members and said that NCB will immediately examine this request for emergency funding.

**1.1 Approval of the Minutes – 08 April 2014**

Approval of the minutes of the last General Meeting on 08 April 2014 was proposed and the resulting vote was unanimous.

**1.2 Welcome to new members**

Jimmie welcomed the following new members, Alice Luukas (NR Estonia), Eva Haga Rogneflaten (ANR Norway). The following are also new members but they were not present Kamila Kocianova (NR Slovakia), Silvia Klestincova (3<sup>rd</sup> ANR Slovakia), Mia Werin (NR Sweden), Tiffany Boatwright (ANR United Kingdom) and Cristina Vinunius (NR Romania). A motion was made and seconded to approve these new members. The resulting vote was unanimous.

**1.3 Farewell to members**

Jimmie called the following members up, to wish them farewell: Annemarie Kunzer (ANR Austria), Blanka Oujezdska (2<sup>nd</sup> ANR Czech Republic), Elis Korvek (NR Estonia) Anniken Lunder (2<sup>nd</sup> ANR Norway- not present), Nathalie Wohlhauseer (NR Switzerland), Emine Ozgur (ANR Turkey - not present), Emma Notman (ANR United Kingdom – not present). Jimmie thanked all of these ladies for their support and hard work, and wished all of them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

**2. Vice-President/Guest Access Beckie Metelko [vice-president@natocharitybazaar.org](mailto:vice-president@natocharitybazaar.org)**

Beckie informed the members that from now until mid august she would like to meet countries individually to discuss access and security at the bazaar 2014. She asked members to sign up for a meeting date or to contact her by email.

**3. Treasurer Update Alessandra Foresti Bertozzi [treasurer@natocharitybazaar.org](mailto:treasurer@natocharitybazaar.org)**

Alessandra introduced herself to the members and explained that at present there is 2.373 € in the NCB account. She announced the results of the Shen Yun tickets sale as 436 € and explained that she was waiting for the money raised by the Hulencourt Art Project Event.

**4. Membership Update Trine Lauvsnes [membership@natocharitybazaar.org](mailto:membership@natocharitybazaar.org)**

Trine explained that there are a lot of new members arriving and a lot of members leaving. She reminded members to complete membership forms as soon as they know of any changes.

**5. Sponsorship & Events, Bake Sales [sponsor@natocharitybazaar.org](mailto:sponsor@natocharitybazaar.org)**

**5.1 Sponsors**

Dionysia explained that she is meeting sponsors with the new sponsorship levels. She is also looking for new sponsors from businesses with values similar to NATO.

**5.2 Events**

The Hulencourt Art Project Event was very successful and enjoyed by all who attended. About 900 € was raised.

The next event will be the presentation of the book "*Behind the Silk Curtain*" by Gulistan Khamzayeva, wife to the Ambassador of Kazakhstan. She will give a reading from the book and will sign books. There will be a buffet of traditional food from Kazakhstan. This event will be on 05 June at 10.30 in the NATO chalet. All proceeds from book sales will go to NCB.

There will also be a Photo Exhibition by Mrs. Aksit, the date for this event is still to be confirmed.

**5.3 Bake Sales**

Dionysia reminded members that the next bake sale will be on 12 June. She then asked the members to remember to deliver their baked goods no later than 08hrs30; to provide a short description which includes the name of the item and any ingredients that are commonly considered to be allergenic, such as nuts, and to place small country flags on their baked goods. She also asked people to please bring some sturdy paper or plastic plates (large and/or small), as well as plastic forks or spoons and serving/cutting utensils. She reminded everyone to label all serving

utensils and plates or dishes with name, country and telephone number so that any plates/dishes/pans/serving and cutting utensils which are not picked up by 13hrs30 will be brought to the next GA or taken to the appropriate military delegation.

She requested members to send their recipes to her email address so that she can produce a recipe book which could be sold at the bazaar.

## **6. Bazaar Coordinator Emily Michnay [coordinator@natocharitybazaar.org](mailto:coordinator@natocharitybazaar.org)**

### **6.1 Preliminary Instructions**

Emily went through the Preliminary Instructions for preparing for the Bazaar. She encouraged all of the members to read these instructions carefully. They can be found in the "Members Only" section of our web-site and contain suggestions for organizing the national teams, for getting Sponsors and more. In the same area the members can find help in composing letters to potential sponsors as well as our 2013 Tri-fold, which can be included in a letter requesting sponsorship. The 2014 Tri-fold will be ready in September, after the members have voted upon the eligible charities to support.

### **6.2 Participation Questionnaire**

She has received completed Participation Questionnaires from 17 nations. The list of the nations who have not turned in their Participation Questionnaires was shown at the meeting. She urged the remaining nations to please go to the "Members Only" section of our web-site to download the questionnaire, which can then be filled out electronically, saved and attached to an e-mail to her – or can be printed and delivered to her by June 17<sup>th</sup> – which is the deadline for turning in the completed form. The slides containing instructions as to how to fill out the form are in the "Members Only" part of our web-site.

She explained that there are various possibilities for participation. The donation of a tombola prize is compulsory, but nations can choose between a National Stand or a Restaurant Stand. It is not necessary to have both. Meetings with individual nations will be organized to discuss kitchen space.

### **6.3 Stage Manager/ Entertainment 2014**

Emily reminded the members that we need a new Stage Manager for the Bazaar 2014. Anyone interested will have a meeting with Peder Holm, who was the Stage Manager at the 2012 and 2013 bazaars. She also asked all of the members to begin thinking about music or dance groups from their country who might be interested in performing at the bazaar.

## **7. Charity Update – Sabrina Janssens & Julija Vejic (Charity Coordinators) / [charity@natocharitybazaar.org](mailto:charity@natocharitybazaar.org)**

### **7.1 International Charity Applications**

Julija explained that we have received 68 International charity applications, out of which 31 projects will have to be rejected due to the "three applications per country" rule. This leaves a total of 37 possible projects for voting upon, provided they are deemed eligible. Julija explained that the criteria agreed upon by the members necessary for a charity applicant to be considered eligible, and the check list which is attached to every single application will be used when going through each and every application. She will have more information at the June 17<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, at which time she and her team expect to have a clear picture as to the number of eligible projects.

### **7.2 Belgian Charity Applications**

Sabrina explained that she has received a total of 17 Belgian charity applications, out of which 10 are eligible. During the meeting the Charity Visit Lottery took place. Sabrina will make an appointment with each charity organization and then contact the participating nation. She will accompany all of the nations on their visits. The final result of the lottery for visits to charity projects in Belgium is as follows:

**Project 1:** Austria, Montenegro, Poland, Ukraine, Sweden

**Project 2:** Hungary, Slovenia, Czech Republic, United Kingdom

**Project 3:** Norway, Turkey, Latvia, Albania

**Project 4:** Belgium, Greece, Spain, Iceland

**Project 5:** Finland, Switzerland, Slovakia, Georgia

**Project 6:** Bosnia Herzegovina, Denmark, FYROM, Luxembourg

**Project 7:** Azerbaijan, Estonia, Canada, Bulgaria

**Project 8:** NIC, Italy, Croatia, Serbia

**Project 9:** Germany, Portugal, Lithuania, Tajikistan

**Project 10:** USA, Netherlands, Kazakhstan, Romania

Sabrina explained that during the visits, the members are to fill out the "2014 Belgian Charity Visit Form". After the visit, scan the form in and e-mail it to [charity@natocharitybazaar.org](mailto:charity@natocharitybazaar.org). You can also fill it in on line. If you do not e-mail the form, you can turn it in no later than June 17<sup>th</sup> at the GA meeting. The completed visit forms will be posted in the "Members Only" section of our website AFTER the vote in September.

**REMEMBER - the name of the project MUST be kept secret in order for the vote in September to be valid.**

## **8. Tombola Update – Carla Bucalossi Quatrini (Tombola Coordinator) / [tombola@natocharitybazaar.org](mailto:tombola@natocharitybazaar.org)**

Carla informed the members to begin thinking about the two prizes to be donated by each nation to the Tombola. Each prize must be worth at least €100. She also explained that this year the prize list will be updated only once per week and the last date for donating a prize is Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November. All prizes must be delivered before or on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

## **9. International Restaurant Update – Christina Arvanitaki (Restaurant Coordinator) / [restaurant@natocharitybazaar.org](mailto:restaurant@natocharitybazaar.org)**

Christina told the members that nations are welcome to send their requests to her at the above e-mail address. All other necessary information concerning the International Restaurant will be forthcoming at future meetings.

**10. Any Other Business & Closing – Jimmie Bradshaw (President) / [president@natocharitybazaar.org](mailto:president@natocharitybazaar.org)**

Jimmie reminded the members that Mrs. Rasmussen is hosting a Summer Charity Ball to be held on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Tickets are now sold out for this event.

Be sure to mark your calendars with the dates for upcoming General Meetings as follows:

- June 17<sup>th</sup>
- September 9<sup>th</sup>
- September 23<sup>rd</sup>
- October 7<sup>th</sup>
- October 21<sup>st</sup>
- November 12<sup>th</sup>

Event dates to remember:

- June 5<sup>th</sup> – Book Signing Event
- June 11<sup>th</sup> – Champagne Sale by France
- June 12<sup>th</sup> – Bake Sale
- June 17<sup>th</sup> – General Meeting
- June 21<sup>st</sup>- Summer Charity Ball
- June/July Photo Exhibition (date still to be confirmed)

The General Meeting was adjourned at 12hrs06

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Brussels, 20 May 2014

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Vice President  
Treasurer  
Full Members