



Report General Meeting Most Beautiful Bays of the World Club Setubal – Saturday May 16, 2009

The President is very satisfied to see that the club representation is high: 21 bays.

Extraordinary General Meeting

The President starts the Extraordinary General Meeting in order to modify the club's statutes. Following debates and interventions, notably from the Philippians, he went forward with a vote. The new amended statutes (see attached document) are carried unanimously.

Reports

Jérôme Bignon gives his report (see attached document). It is carried unanimously.

Business Report

The General Secretary reports on 2008–2009 Business. Attendant bays are invited to report on actions done during 08-09 related to the Club or actions done by our Club. The overall interventions demonstrate diversity, richness and impacts our network has throughout the World. The entire actions brought forward are to the President's satisfaction, particularly the permanent concern to heighten public awareness and to inform various publics especially youth and children.

Financial Report

The Treasurer submits the Club's Financial Statements and the 2009-2010 Budget. They are carried unanimously. (Documents are available upon request).

Board Election

Based on the Club's new Statutes, the members proceed with the Board of Officers election.

Elected for 3 years:

President: Jérôme Bignon – Somme Bay (France)

Designated President: Galip Gur – Bodrum Bay (Turkey)

Vice Presidents:

Asia: Ngo Van Hung – Halong Bay (Vietnam)

Americas: Enrique Litman – Rosa Bay (Brazil)

Europe: André Martins – Setubal Bay (Portugal)

Africa: Couma Ndoffème Diof – Sine Saloum Delta (Sénégal)

Secretary: Michel Bujold – Chaleur Bay (Canada)

Assistant Secretary: Rosario San Emetario-Corrales – Santander Bay (Spain)

Treasurer: Bruno Thérien – Tadoussac Bay (Canada)

Assistant Treasurer: Louis Thébault – Mont Saint Michel Bay (France)

Exchange Centre

The Exchange Centre and the new Internet Site are presented: "<http://www.world-bays.com>"

It is imperative that everyone gets involved in keeping the site alive through the Wiki Bay and the bays' Blog. This exchange and information centre is key to our organization.

New technology such as the Web Cam 360° live, photo dynamics, etc are also presented to the audience and offered to interested bays.

Admittance of new bays and applications:

The Bays of Pemba (Mozambique), Cartagena de Indias (Columbia) and Lang Co (Vietnam) are officially members of the network as of today.

Samana Bay (Dominican Republic), Yeosu Bay (South Korea), the Bay of Cadiz (Spain) and Bahia Bay (Brazil) officially presented their applications. The admission of those bays will be decided at the next board meeting in Santander in November. (A trip to these 3 bays, followed by a report, will have to be made before this meeting.)

For Bahia, the representatives of Rosa (American Vice Presidency) suggest that a meeting with those responsible for the Bays of Bahia and Rio and the State for the Islands of Fernando de Noronha be organized in the presence of the world club's president, in Salvador, in order to enhance the position of Brazil.

Applications from the Bay of Algiers (Algeria), Vlora (Albania), Zadar (Croatia) and Matsushima (Japan) have been accepted. These new members will be invited to present their bays during the congress in 2010.

Stop to plastic bags!

Our most important action, the elimination of plastic bags along our coastlines is presented. Five bays are involved in a pilot program.

The chosen bays are:

Diego Suarez Bay (Madagascar), Pemba Bay (Mozambique), Mindelo Bay (Cabo-Verde), Halong Bay (Vietnam), Sine Saloum Delta (Senegal)

These bays will soon be consulted to get involved in an action program and will be asked to send out a questionnaire related to this problem.

Furthermore, representatives of Diego Suarez, Madagascar presented a project which involves the creation a 'Sea Centre' in Ramena. The purpose of this centre is to sensitize and educate people to coastline environment issues, to study best practices in waste management and learn more about the bay.

The Club may give this symbolic project special attention and support due to its exemplary purpose in a country with problems.

Program 2010-2013

The next board meeting will take place in Santander (Spain) on Friday, November 7, 2009

2010 General meeting in Halong Bay (Vietnam)

Arrival in Hanoi: April 27

Halong Congress: April 28 – 30. Theme: Education to Environment

May 1: Ceremony in Hanoi for the 1000 years anniversary of the city

Optional from May 2: Post Congress Visit to Lang-Co Hué Bay and Nha Trang Bay

2011

Two candidatures for 2011 Congress:

Sine Saloum (Senegal) and Chaleur Bay (Canada)

The submission will be analysed at the next Board Meeting in Santander and in the GM in Halong a vote will decide the outcome.

2012

Yeosu Bay offered to greet the Club during Yeosu 2011 Expo "<http://www.expo2012.or.kr>" (if it succeeds in becoming a member of the Club!).

2013

Two bays are candidates for the 2013 Congress:

Pemba Bay (Mozambique) and Cartagena de Indias Bay (Colombia)

Their files will be analyzed at a Board Meeting and the outcome decided by a vote in 2011.

Various Subjects

The president put forward Bruno Bodard to the Club's Director General Position. It is carried unanimously. Bruno thanks the members for their confidence and introduces the team that will help him with his duties:

Michelle Pauly: Assistant Director General

Stéphane Taupin: Web Master

Eric Lore: Technical Advisor for the Wiki Bay

Zorica Kravcuk: International Relations

Membership Fees

Unchanged

Reminder:

Africa, East Europe, Les Saintes and Philippines: 800 Euros

Central and South America, South Africa, Asia: 1000 Euros

North America, Europe, Japan, China: 2000 Euros

The initial, first year entry fee is double.

The General Meeting ends at 19 h 00.