ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2007
Saturday, March 31, 2007, 11:00 until 12:30
Zentrum Paul Klee, Raum “Süd”
3006 Bern

Minutes of the Meeting
Reported by Walter Steiner

1. Welcome
Donald Tillman, President, welcomes 12 members to the Annual General Meeting. Five members had excused their absence. The members had been invited by postal mail 20 days in advance as stated in the by-laws. Nicolas Hänni is elected as vote counter. Walter Steiner records the minutes.

2. Minutes of the AGM 2006
The Minutes of the AGM 2006 meeting held at Hotel Krone Unterstrass Zurich were approved by unanimity.

The president presented the annual report for 2006, which was distributed with the invitation. Six events were organized. The report was approved by acclamation.

4. Membership
There were 130 members by the end of 2006. The list of members has been further clarified.

5. Financial Status
Hans Hagenbuch reports as Treasurer on the Profit and Loss and the Balance for 2006 (distributed with invitation). The sum revenue is SFR 7364.85 and the sum of expenses was SFR 7'309.94 resulting in a profit of 54.91 SFR. As proposed during the last AGM the donation to MIT could be increased to SFR 2500. The administration costs were higher than budgeted as more events and activities were organized (e.g. more postal fees). The club is in good financial shape, the balance results in a surplus of roughly 10'000 SFR.

6. Report of Auditor
The Auditor, Hans Herriger, has audited the financial statements of the MIT club of Switzerland and found them to be correct and accurate. In his written report he recommends accepting the accounting. The financial statements for 2006 are accepted by unanimity and discharge given to the Board.

7. Budget 2007
The Budget for 2007 is presented by Hans Hagenbuch. The sum revenue for 2007 is SFR 7020; and the sum expenses are SFR 7810, thus foreseeing in a loss of SFR 790. The budget was approved by unanimity.

8. Election of officers
The present four members of the Board (Donald Tillman, President, Walter Steiner, Vice-President; Hans Hagenbuch, Treasurer; Josué Snitzman, Secretary) are re-elected for another two-year term. Alysa Kodisch is elected as member for Special Tasks, in particular to take care of our website. Hans Herriger is re-elected as auditor and Nicolas Haenni is elected as Deputy auditor.

9. Goals and outlook for 2007
The planned events (Bike tour, Talk on the Big Dig; Hike weekend and a visit to Cinématheque) as presented in the invitation to the AGM are mentioned again.

Kelly Heaton brings up the issue of fostering innovation and new ventures in Switzerland. Eva Krug mentioned the enterprise forum that had been held several times in the 1990’s. There was good participation at first, but it dropped after a few meetings. Such contacts must be organized on an individual basis and adapted to the individual case. However, in case the official name of MIT-Club should be used, approval by the committee is necessary.

Since the mailings present a major item of the expenses, the possibility of sending more and only by e-mail is discussed. This is however not feasible, since some members do not use e-mail and a letter by regular mail catches more attention. Mailings will be made to paying members only. Nicolas Hänni suggests that events and newsletters should be made accessibly on the website of the MIT Club of Switzerland. The Board will continue to improve the effectiveness of our mailings. No decision is taken.

The Board has the goal that altogether 50% of the members participate in at least one event per year. The foreseen for 2007 events were mentioned earlier.

10. Varia
In 2007 a new booklet with names and addresses of the members shall be printed and distributed to paying members only.

The President thanks the members participating at the AGM and Hans Herriger for organizing the guided visit of the Zentrum Paul Klee.

11. Closing
The meeting is closed at 12:30.
An exquisite standup Luncheon is served in room Nord of Paul Klee Zentrum.
About 18 persons (members, spouses and friends) participate in the guided visit of the exhibition. The guide presents aspects, background and indications of the work of Paul Klee that are unique and come only from the personal interest of the guide in the work of Paul Klee.

Recording Secretary
Walter Steiner
Vice-President
President

President:
Donald Tillman

May 12, 2007