



TS AGM meeting minutes 2025

Date: Saturday, 29 November 2025, 13:00–14:15

Location: Sporthalle Wankdorf, Papiermühlestrasse 91, 3014 Bern, with hybrid online participation

Attendance:

Club reps

Pete Ryland, Basel Touch

Alexandre Kervinio, Terre Sainte Titans

Stephane Escrig, Luc Lakers

Robert Steiner, Touch Rugby Bern

Fedi Black, Switzers Geneva

Raphael Zanini, Rugby Üri

Stephan Rabier, Rugby la Cote, Samourais (online)

JM Dworianyn, Geneva Jets (online)

Rob Milns, Touch Rugby Luzern (online)

Jim Weston, Zug Touch (online)

Sandra Schärer, PWC Egg (online)

Francesco Gant, Baden Banditos (online)

Committee & pillars

Jen Hinam

Tom Pulles

Thom Klaus

Creedence Waetford

Raphael Renaudie

Luciano Bello

Ania Tomaszewska (online)

Anika Rahm (online)

Sandra Schärer (online)

Others

Victoire Jauffret, Switzers

Ramona Zanini, Rugby Üri

Aude Bonnaire (online)

Tash Weston (online)

1. Opening

The meeting was opened at 13:00 by Ania Tomaszewska (Secretary), who confirmed that the session was being recorded and would be shared with all clubs.

2. President's Report – Tom Pulles

Tom Pulles gave his final AGM report as President. He reflected on progress made during his four-year tenure, emphasising increased club engagement, growth in event structures, and a shift in 2025 toward development and organisational consolidation. He acknowledged the strain caused by past international campaigns and praised volunteers, regional leads, and committee members for supporting Touch Switzerland's growth. Tom stressed the importance of balancing grassroots touch with high performance and outlined long-term ambitions, including future European Championships and the 2028 World Cup. He expressed gratitude for the strong community spirit and confirmed that he would remain involved in a supporting capacity.

3. Treasurer's Report – Thom Klaus

Thom Klaus presented the 2025 financial overview, his first AGM report since becoming Treasurer. He summarised a positive financial year, with improved clarity between event-related and operational costs. He described the clean-up and restructuring of accounting entries and highlighted the importance of correct budgeting and communication between organisers and finance.

Operational costs included equipment, IT, website services, accounting system licensing, and write-offs. Thom explained the elements behind the club affiliation fee and emphasised the need for clearer budgeting procedures for 2026.

Additional points:

- Hardship Fund: Two approved applications; policy functioning as intended.
- Development Fund: Under-utilised; further opportunity to grow in 2026.
- Need for better event budgeting, especially for venue costs.
- Importance of timely expense submissions through a new online form.

Motion: Remote Validation of Financial Report & 2026 Budget

A motion was raised to validate the financial report and 2026 budget remotely at a later date. All clubs online and all clubs in the room voted in favour. No abstentions or objections. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Directors' Reports

4.1 Events & Competitions – Anika Rahm

Anika summarised the 2025 competition season, highlighting eight competition locations—double the number from previous seasons. Swiss Cup and the Challenge Trophy were successfully delivered. Growth in player numbers and diversity of events was positive, although coordination challenges remained, including late confirmations, missing team sheets, and volunteer shortages. Anika noted concerns around referee availability and the need for more flexible scheduling between East and West Switzerland.

4.2 Referees – Michèle Coco

Michèle reported on significant progress in referee development. There were nine Level 1 upgrades, numerous referees attended international tournaments, and several began Level 2 and Level 3 development. She highlighted challenges with appointing referees for finals, regional imbalances, and the need for more assessors. Kevin was recognised as Referee of the Season for the second consecutive year.

4.3 Youth Engagement – Sandra Schärer

Sandra presented two major youth initiatives:

1. The international youth tournament in Strasbourg (March 2025), where a combined Zug/Egg U15 team placed second.
2. Swiss Youth Day (August 2025), with nearly 20 participants aged 9–16 from Zug, Egg, and Basel. Sandra noted the need for better representation from Romandie and expressed commitment to expanding youth engagement in 2026.

5. Motion: Approval of New Policies

A motion was raised to approve the three new policies that were shared and reviewed by the clubs at an earlier stage:

- Financial Management
- Conflict of Interest
- Disciplinary and Complaints

All clubs online and all clubs in the room voted in favour. No abstentions or objections. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Election of the Executive Committee and Pillar Members

Vote 1 – Committee Positions

The following candidates were proposed:

- President: Jennifer Hinam
- Secretary: Ania Tomaszewska
- Treasurer: Thom Klaus

All clubs online and all clubs present voted in favour. No abstentions. All candidates were elected. Additionally, James Smith (Geezers) voted offline in favour.

Vote 2 – Pillar and Support Roles

Candidates:

- Events: Anika Rahm
- Youth Engagement: Sandra Schärer
- Player & Coach Development: Creedence Waetford
- Referees: Michéle Coco
- High Performance: Peri Marks
- Social Media: Raphael Renaudie
- Webmaster: Luciano Bello

Five clubs in the room voted in favour, Stephan (Luc Lakers) and James (Geezers, offline) abstained; All online clubs voted in favour. All candidates were elected.

7. Closing

The Secretary closed the AGM at 14:15.

Final comments from online attendees included congratulations and a request for additional social media support for smaller clubs. The formal AGM was followed by the in-person future session and a farewell recognition for Tom Pulles.