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SWISS SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Society of New Zealand was held in Wellington on 3rd June 1973.

Election of Officers. For the 1973/74 term the following were elected.—

President: Mr A. K. Binder.

Vice-President: Mr K. Hirzel.

Secretary/Treasurer: Miss M. T. Schöpfer.

Auditor: Mr J. Wildhaber.

Rifle-master: Mr A. Müller.

Editing Committee: Messrs A. Biland, W. Risi, H. Oettli, E. Studer.

Delegate to the Auslandschweizerkommission in Bern:
Mr A. Biland.

Motions. After a lively discussion by all members present at the meeting, Mr A. Binder with the approval of the Taranaki delegates withdrew his motion, and a new resolution was passed as follows: "In the future all financial members of the Society who reside in the Taranaki area will henceforth be referred in name only as the Taranaki Swiss Club. The said Taranaki Swiss Club will have the right also to use the Helvetia as their news media as do the other Swiss Clubs".

General Business. Mr Hall, Manager of Swissair in New Zealand, presented to the Society a very large Swiss cow bell. This lovely bell will be a "Floating Trophy", and all Clubs through the Society Competitions (Jassen, Shooting, etc.) will have the opportunity to compete for this through a final knockout series.

1974 Annual General Meeting. The Taranaki Swiss Club offered to act as host for next year's Annual General Meeting. This kind offer was most gratefully received. —A.K.B.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with pleasure that I submit my report for the year 1972/73. Firstly I would like to thank my committee for their support throughout the year, and also the editing committee for their tireless work with regard to the publishing of the "Helvetia". Once again thanks to their wonderful efforts, the "Helvetia" has contained a high standard of news items, and has always appeared on time each month.

With deep regret I must report the passing of three members of the Society in the past year. They were: Mrs A. Suter (Auckland), Mr Hans Gilgen (Hamilton) and Mr Ted Näpflin (Taranaki).

All were members of long standing, and as a mark of respect to the departed ones, and members of their families, I would ask one and all to join with me in a moment of silence.

Resignation from the Link

At last year's Annual General Meeting a resolution was passed re the Swiss Society's resignation from the "Link". My committee was asked to act on this resolution, and accordingly a letter stating the Society's intention to resign was sent to the Secretary.

Society Funds

During the year funds belonging to the Society were received from the outgoing committee, and alternative means were sought to reinvest these at the highest rate of interest possible. At the present time the Society is in a sound financial position, and in the past twelve months has shown a small profit. Within this period also the Society has not been called upon to give any financial aid to any of its members.

Taranaki Swiss Club

In April of this year I personally attended the Annual General Meeting of the Taranaki Swiss Club, with a view to finding some means whereby the Club and its members who are not already financial members of the Society could become affiliated members. I do not like to see friction among Clubs of the Society, and after having deliberated long I myself have proposed a motion whereby should it be accepted, this could be accomplished. If this motion fails then I know that at least I have done my best to try and breach the gap which has occurred.

Change of Rules

In the near future I hope that certain of the Society's rules will be reviewed, as it appears that specific ones seem to be somewhat outdated to fit the present needs of the Society.

In conclusion I would like to say that as with the need for the revision of certain rules, I should like to see the Society filling a slightly different role, not only as a Benevolent Society as was originally intended, but perhaps on a more social basis as well. This change, if it is to come about, will only be if members want it as such. However, it is food for thought for change within the structure of the Society, as it is within an ever progressing world outside.

Adolf Karl Binder.

APPRECIATION

On behalf of all those delegates who attended the Annual General Meeting in Wellington may I thank Ambassador and Mrs Corti for the reception at their residence in the Swiss Embassy, as well as Mr Tresch, the president of the Wellington Swiss Club, and his helpers for the overwhelming welcome and hospitality shown to us.

The buffet dinner and the lunch and afternoon tea on the following day must have been not only seen but tasted to be believed. Our sincere thanks to all concerned. —A.B.

SWISS SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

Income & Expenditure Account for Year Ended 31st March, 1973

INCOME			
Subscriptions			858.90
Interest			129.22
Sundry Receipts			.59
"Helvetia":			
Income from Advertising		582.00	
Less Printing	1057.17		
Postages	150.93		
(Deduct above)		1208.10	
Net Loss included in Expenditure		626.10	
Insurance Allowance: Bidg. Militaerdepartement		85.48	
Less Paid		85.48	
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TOTAL INCOME for Year			\$988.71
Deduct Expenditure:			
Office Expenses		69.61	
General Expenses		30.01	
Income Tax		15.51	
Loss on "Helvetia" — as above		626.10	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE for Year		741.23	
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE — Transferred to Accumulated Funds			\$247.48

Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 1973

CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash in Hand		9.20	
Cash at Bank		590.60	
Deposit	400.00		
Plus Accrued Interest	10.00		
		410.00	
Sundry Debtors		276.00	
Stock (Ties)		122.45	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS			1408.25
INVESTMENTS			
Fidelity Nominees Ltd.		1500.00	
Plus Accrued Interest		41.00	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS			1541.00
FIXED ASSETS			
Addressograph		2.00	
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS			2.00
			\$2951.25
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Balance 1st April, 1972		2703.77	
Add Excess Income over Expenditure for Year Ended 31/3/73		247.48	
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS			\$2951.25

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of the Society and have received any explanations required. In my opinion the books of account of the Society have been properly drawn up and show the Society's financial position as at 31st March, 1973.

23rd May, 1973.

E. GAMPERLE, Hon. Auditor.