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current cost of \$25 per household.

*Moved by Beatrice Leuenberger  
Seconded by V Pfenniger Carried*

**Election of Officers:** Beatrice vacated the Chair to Hamilton Club President, Herbert Staheli, who thanked the Ambassador for attending our meeting and for the informative speech. He also thanked the Auckland Club for their input in organising this AGM weekend. Nominations were then called for:

- President and Treasurer - Beatrice Leuenberger,  
*Moved by Rinaldo Rust; Seconded by Herbert Staheli  
Carried*

Herbert then congratulated and thanked Beatrice for work well done, and wished her a further successful year. The President returned to the Chair and called for further nominations for:

- Vice President - Bert Flühler Carried  
*Moved by Beatrice Leuenberger; Seconded by J Staheli*  
- Secretary - Ruth Waldvogel Carried  
*Moved by Heidi Leuenberger; Seconded by Rinaldo Rust*  
- Editor - Rinaldo Rust Carried  
*Moved by Ruth Waldvogel; Seconded by Paul Amstalden*  
- Committee Carried  
- Joe Staheli, Karl Waldvogel, Doris Rust, Trudi Wilson  
(Current members, *all elected en bloc, with the power of the committee to co-opt new members during the year*)  
*Moved by Ernst Gfeller; Seconded by Margarethe Poppe*  
- Auditor - Bill Miles Carried  
*Moved by Beatrice Leuenberger; Seconded by Herbert Staheli*

#### **General Business:**

1. Club Reports: Club Presidents - Walter Seifert, Taranaki; Herbert Staheli, Hamilton; Roland Schütz, Wellington; and Ernst Gfeller, Auckland - each gave brief reports on the past year's activities in their Clubs.

2. Funds Received: Beatrice informed the meeting that a letter, dated 21 May 2000, together with a cheque of \$1686.45 had been received from Past Society President, André Schleicher, of Wellington. These funds are the surplus from the 'roadshow' organised by the Swiss Embassy in 1991, to celebrate 700 years Switzerland. Beatrice suggested that these funds be deposited into a separate savings account at this stage, and that it be mentioned in the *Helvetia*, so that Clubs and members may have some thoughts on what it could be used for. This was briefly discussed. *Motion: that the funds be deposited into a savings account. Carried*

*Moved by Beatrice Leuenberger; Seconded by Oskar Roggen*

3. Changes of Address: Members are requested to please advise the secretary of any changes of address as soon as possible so that *Helvetia* magazines can be correctly addressed and are not returned.

4. Medal Competitions: It was asked whether the cost for medal competitions would increase - this was also discussed at the previous AGM and it was found that a price increase was not yet justified, as there were still sufficient funds in the Riflemaster's accounts, which are totally separate to the Society's accounts.

**Venue for next Meeting:** Hamilton Club President, Herbert Staheli, invited all members of the Swiss Society to meet in Hamilton at Queen's Birthday Weekend 2001, where the Hamilton Swiss Club would be pleased to host the next AGM.

**Meeting Closure:** On behalf of the Society, Beatrice accepted the invitation of the Hamilton Swiss Club to host the next meeting, and sincerely thanked and congratulated the Auckland Club committee and members for a very well organised and successful AGM weekend.

Finally, Beatrice thanked all members present for their attendance and participation, and wished everyone an enjoyable evening function and a safe journey home.

The 2000 AGM was declared closed at 3.20 pm.

## **Swiss Society Annual General Meeting**

The Swiss Society invites members and friends to attend the Annual General Meeting, to be held on 3rd June 2001, at 2.00 pm (Queen's Birthday Weekend) at the Cosmopolitan Club, Hamilton East

## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome by the President
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the previous AGM (4 June 2000) (printed in May *Helvetia*) & Matters Arising
4. Obituaries
5. President's Report & Matters Arising
6. Editor's Report & Matters Arising
7. Address by the Patron of the Society
8. Financial Report & Matters Arising
9. Delegate for Swiss Abroad's Report
10. Riflemaster's Report & Matters Arising
11. Setting of Subscriptions for 2000/02
12. Election of Officers (President / Vice President / Secretary / Treasurer / Editor)
13. Election of Society Committee & Co-Options
14. Election of Delegates for Swiss Abroad\*\*
15. General Business & Matters Arising
  - Club Reports
  - Maintaining and funding Society Website
  - Other business
16. Set date and venue for 2002 Society AGM
17. Meeting Closure

\*\*For the new 2001-2005 term of office, under the new rules, New Zealand is now entitled to one Delegate and two Deputy Delegates - to be elected at the time of the Society AGM.

## **President's Message**

It does not seem so long ago since I was very nervously preparing to chair my first AGM - and now I am already heading towards the fourth !! As usual, besides preparing for the meeting, there is also a lot of work to be done in organising a number of various activities and functions to be held at this weekend - and the Hamilton Club is very busy planning a special weekend for everyone to enjoy, so please do come along and join us.

In this issue, we have printed in full the minutes of last year's meeting, as well as the Agenda for this year. I do hope to see a good number of members at the meeting. On the Sunday morning, prior to the meeting, the Taranaki Club will once again compete against Auckland or Hamilton (whichever Club wins their upcoming semi-final) to take the Society's cowbell back home with them again for another year...good luck to you all !

Congratulations to the Christchurch Club on reaching your 40th year - hopefully there will be many more !!

I look forward to catching up with many of you at Queen's Birthday Weekend. With kind regards, Beatrice.