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General Business:

1. Club Reports: Club Presidents were invited to report on Club activities over the past year.

Hamilton - Herbert Staheli Good support at functions, especially the six card evenings during the Winter months. Membership numbers remains steady at about 123 (households).

Taranaki - Walter Seifert Functions also well attended. Membership is currently about 250 (people).

Wellington - Roland Schütz Pleased with the work on the new Clubhouse, but still a lot to be done on the outside. Roland invited everyone to Wellington for a working bee! Mrs Ruth Messmer has been the Club's Treasurer for 57 years. Membership is currently about 100 (people).

Auckland - Uli Kipfer Power is now connected at the Clubhouse. Still lots of work to be done at the farm. Membership is about 130 (households).

2. Web Page: Heinz Matysik talked about the importance for Clubs to have a web page, but it has to be regularly updated - each club named a person responsible for updating information... Auckland - Heinz Matysik; Taranaki - Markus Rufer, Hamilton - Anna Rufer; Wellington - Lotti Napp. Clubs are responsible for their own information.

Cost of web page: It was suggested that the \$250 cost of maintaining the web site be taken over by the Society, also using the interest from the '700 year fund'.

Moved by Beatrice Leuenberger;

Seconded by Uli Kipfer - Carried

3. Medal Competitions: The method of calculation for sports' medals was queried and discussed. Medals are given to the top 20% of placings, so sometimes more are awarded if the last qualifying placing has multiple winners. It was preferred to award 'more rather than less' medals. Rules are available on request, and all clubs were sent copies about five years ago.

4. Swiss Flag: It was discussed how to go about preventing the misuse of the Swiss Cross for advertising and labelling purposes. The Swiss Embassy would probably know more about this, and should be notified of any misuse discovered.

Venue for next Meeting: Taranaki Club President, Walter Seifert, invited all members of the Swiss Society to meet in Kaponga at Queen's Birthday Weekend, 2002, where the Taranaki Swiss Club would be pleased to host the next Annual General Meeting. This would also coincide with the host Club's 50th Anniversary.

Meeting Closure: On behalf of the Society, Beatrice accepted the invitation from the Taranaki Swiss Club to host the next meeting, and sincerely thanked and congratulated the Hamilton 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 2001 Annual General Meeting was closed at 3.45 pm.

Typical

While on a car trip, an old couple stopped at a roadside restaurant for lunch. About a half hour after they left, the old woman realized that she left her glasses on the table and had to go back to get them. The old man fussed and complained all the way back to the restaurant. When they finally arrived, as the old woman got out of the car to retrieve her glasses, the old man said, "While you're in there, you may as well get my hat, too."

Swiss Society Annual General Meeting

The Swiss Society invites all members and friends to attend the Annual General Meeting, to be held on 2nd June 2002, at 2.00 pm (Queen's Birthday Weekend) at the Taranaki Swiss Club, Kaponga

AGENDA

1. Welcome by the President
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the previous AGM (3rd June 2001) (printed in May Helvetia) and Matters Arising
4. Obituaries
5. President's Report and Matters Arising
6. Editor's Report and Matters Arising
7. Address by the Patron of the Society
8. Financial Report and Matters Arising
9. Delegate for Swiss Abroad's Report and Matters Arising
10. Riflemen's Report and Matters Arising
11. Setting of Subscriptions for 2001/02
12. Election of Officers (President / Vice President / Secretary / Treasurer / Editor)
13. Election of Society Committee / Co-Options
14. General Business
 - Club Reports
 - Other
15. Set date and venue for Society AGM, 2003
16. Meeting Closure

President's Message

We are once again nearing our Annual General Meeting weekend - the only function each year when all four North Island Swiss Clubs come together.

This year we will be meeting in Taranaki - where there will also be a celebration of the Club's 50th anniversary - a milestone well worth getting together for.

A lot of preparation goes into organising these meetings, so please do come along - a good time is always guaranteed at a Taranaki Club function!!

Prior to the meeting, either Hamilton or Auckland will also be competing against Taranaki to fight out who will win the 'cowbell' competitions for another year - competition is sure to be tough.

In this issue, we have printed the minutes of last year's meeting, as well as the agenda for this year.

I look forward to catching up with many of you at Queen's Birthday Weekend.

Kindest regards, Beatrice.