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• There are still motions before parliament from Senator Lombardi and others to improve Bank conditions and enable access again.

What is happening between now and next AGM?

- August OSA Assembly in Visp
- End September Oceania Conference all Swiss Clubs meeting Sydney.

Negative things over the past 12 months: Swiss going back home to Switzerland and gaps in AHV also no NZ Super after 26 weeks. Moved Peter Ehrler, seconded Heinz Leuenberger

Heinz expressed a vote of thanks and congratulated Peter on everything he has achieved.

Setting of Society Subscriptions 2019/20

- To set subscriptions for the following year starting 1 April 2019/20. Move that they stay the same.

Moved Marianne Drummond, seconded Heidi Wehrle

Election of Officers

No changes to current office holders – elected for a four year term.

Re-elect the current committee en bloc. Moved Peter Canziani, seconded Edith Hess

Club Reports:

Auckland

– Neil Kaiser, Vice-President

Congratulations to Taranaki for winning the Cowbell. We have had an increase in membership and help at working bees. A positive was the 50 year anniversary of the shooting club. Thanks to Henry Werfelli. On a sadder note Hans Enzler passed away – one of the founding

members. At 1st August, Samichlaus and picnic there were new faces. We had a highly successful Market Day, next year 10 year anniversary. At core activities there is consistent participation though challenging to increase. Small turnout at AGM in comparison to size of the club – need to bring younger people through. Still trying to find a President. Moved Neil Kaiser, seconded Henry Werfelli

Hamilton

– Hans Vetsch on behalf of Herbert Staheli

First time in about 25 years that Herbert is unable to attend and he's almost feeling guilty about it. The Hamilton Club is in good shape- we had the usual functions of 1 August, Fondue with about 130 guests, Samichlaus day with a good turnout from the next generation and a very well supported picnic and sports day and this time with the weather on our side. We had the pleasure of hosting the Folkgroup from Baar and organised two very successful functions, one at the Matangi Hall and one at the Cosmopolitan Club. Card evenings are in progress, numbers down a bit but still with about 30 per evening.

Moved Hans Vetsch, seconded Richard Wehrle

Taranaki – Othmar Hebler

Othmar welcomed everyone to their nice hall. They have about 320 members. Picnic was a very rainy day and together with the visit from the Trachtegruppe Baar made for a very full hall. They have about 12-15 play skittles and have jassen on Sundays during winter. About 140 at fondue evening recently. Also have anniversary shoot and Sauerkraut night. Looking forward to Swiss Army Band – will be open to public. Thankful for strong committee. Huge thanks to Marianne Drummond as Secretary/Treasurer and now on Facebook thanks to Louise Buhler.

Moved Othmar Hebler, seconded Mark Kiser

Wellington - Roland Schütz

Would like to thank the Taranaki Swiss Club for friendly welcome last night. They had a successful year with about 80 at the fondue. Problems with new people coming through and trying to bridge these problems. Will be a challenge to support Army Band. Good attendance at functions and try and have something to suit all generations. Thanks to Trudi Bruehlmann who organises card afternoons. Moved Roland Schütz, seconded Peter Canziani

Review of Constitution and Sports Rules

These have been circulated to clubs and posted on website. Only feedback was from Taranaki and came too late to adopt at AGM. Will be worked on later this year and sent out again so that there is plenty of time to advertise changes. The Ambassador would like Christchurch Club and people from South Island to be consulted again about Associate membership. He asked the committee to consider this when reviewing the constitution. Peter Ehrler mentioned that Christchurch has been invited to Sydney Conference.

Donations were discussed and the \$2000 donation to Eli. The Ambassador thanked the committee for this following a request from the Embassy. The level of future donations was discussed. The majority agreed that there was enough trust in the committee to make a decision in a responsible manner.

Moved Marianne Drummond, seconded Adrian Blaser.

Neil pointed out that this should be clarified in the constitution for future committees.

General business:

- OSA Conference to be held in NZ 2020. About 60-70 people at conference in Melbourne. Speakers from Switzerland to be organised. Hans to follow up and establish expectations.
- Adrian Blaser moved that Taranaki club receives \$1000 to host AGM weekend, seconded Vitus Achermann.

The meeting closed at 3.55pm

Anita Zuber, Secretary



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