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Society News

Treasurer's Report for AGM 2018

The accounts have been reviewed by an independent party in May 2018. Based on the review, nothing has come to the reviewer's attention that caused him to believe that the financial statements didn't give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Swiss Society for the year ended 31 March 2018. Without modifying his conclusion, the reviewer drew attention to an adjustment made to the Members Funds which represented a minor re-statement of the Accumulated Funds as at 31 March 2017.

The Swiss Society of New Zealand has made a net loss of \$1,242 compared to a net profit of \$453 for the year ending 2017. The Swiss Society donated \$2,000 to Eli's assistance dog through Give a Little.

Six issues of the Helvetia were produced. The costs of the 6 issues was \$13,634. The income from the subscriptions and adverts were \$17,125. A profit of \$3,490 for the year or \$581 per issue has been achieved.

The Society has approximately 594 paying members:

Swiss Society of New Zealand Incorporated

Society Number: 215929

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31 March 2018

Income	31-Mar-17	31-Mar-18
Subscriptions incl. overseas postage	\$ 14,682	\$ 14,865
Advertising	\$ 1,975	\$ 2,160
Interest	\$ 1,523	\$ 1,333
Donation	\$ 6	\$ 5
Competitions subscriptions - Medal	\$ 1,275	\$ 1,180
Postage for Switzerland	\$ 25	
	\$ 19,486	\$ 19,543

Expenditure		
Helvetia - Printing	\$ 6,857	\$ 6,741
Packing/Postage	\$ 4,972	\$ 5,693
Publishing	\$ 2,624	\$ 2,414
Stationery/Administration	\$ 16	\$ 32
Competitions - Medals	\$ 1,755	\$ 1,725
Website costs	\$ 152	\$ 152
Conference/AGM	\$ 2,633	\$ 2,000
Bank Fee	\$ 23	\$ 28
Donation Give a Little - Eli's assistance dog		\$ 2,000
	\$ 19,033	\$ 20,785

Net profit for the year	\$ 453	-\$ 1,242
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Balance sheet as at 31 March 2018

Current Assets		
Cash at bank	\$ 7,037	\$ 5,288
Savings accounts and term deposit	\$ 64,078	\$ 64,636
Accounts receivable (1)	\$ 50	\$ -
Total current assets	\$ 71,165	\$ 69,923

Current liabilities		
Subscriptions in advance		
Accounts payable		
Total liabilities	\$ -	\$ -
Net Assets	\$ 71,165	\$ 69,923

Represented by:

Members funds		
Accumulated funds at beginning of	\$ 70,923	\$ 71,376
Prior year re-statement		-\$ 211
Add profit for the year	\$ 453	-\$ 1,242
Accumulated funds at end of year	\$ 71,376	\$ 69,923

Hamilton, April 2018
- Sandrine Smith, Treasurer

Willetta Staheli attends 8th Australian Jass Tournament.

I attended the 8th Australian Jass Tournament in Gold Coast - 9th June 2018.

Rather daunting arriving at the venue with 68 participants from Perth, Sydney, Brisbane and the Gold Coast and myself from NZ. But fears were quickly allayed with a warm welcome, all the way from NZ!!! and after registration and coffee, cards promptly starting at 9.00am with the traditional handshake and introductions before each round, we played through to 12, followed with a delicious lunch and then cards again from 1 to 4pm. 10 rounds of 8 hands in total.

Cards are played as we do at our cards evenings but additionally one could play uno ufa and oba aba but all single points, which is something that we could consider to introduce.

Top winner was 6880 points, and my score was 6260 points which on average per game = 688 and my average was 626, not much in it!!! just an interesting statistic, exactly half way. At the days end we were all winners receiving a pot of honey which sadly mine was confiscated at customs. (I understand).

Talking with people at the event, they would love to come to NZ to play Jass, which usually needs to happen the second weekend in June for them, next event will be held in Darwin unconfirmed with a possibility of a card event in NZ the following year and possibly in Auckland.

A very well organised event and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Willetta Staheli

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