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Society Annual Accounts

The accounts have been reviewed by an independent party in May 2019. 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 2019.

The Swiss Society of New Zealand has made a net loss of \$841 compared to a net loss of \$1,242 for the year ending 2018.

- Printing, packaging and postage cost of the Helvetia has increased by 51% from \$6,741 to \$10,237. The Treasurer recommends members to opt into subscribing to the digital issue.
- Expenses for conferences: \$1,000 to Peter Ehrlar for the 2018 OSA Conference, \$300 to Adrian Blaser and \$500 to Hans Vetsch for the Oceania Conference and \$1,000 to the Taranaki Club for hosting the AGM 2018.
- Sourced locally, the expense for the medals has decreased by 58.5% from \$1,725 to \$716.
- The Company Swiss has sponsored \$720 instead of advertising.

Six issues of the Helvetia were produced. The costs of the 6 issues was \$16,576. The income from the subscriptions and adverts were \$16,250. That represents a loss of \$326 for the year or \$55 per issue. If the company Swiss had advertised instead of sponsoring, the production of the Helvetia would show a profit.

The Society has 596 paying members as per 31 March 2019

Swiss Society		60
Auckland Club	141 – 4 honorary	137
Hamilton Club	146 – 7 honorary	139
Taranaki Club	202 – 1 honorary	201
Wellington Club	61 – 2 honorary	59
Total		596
(2 more members than 2018)		

All account receivables and payables have been paid for the year ending 2019.

Accumulated funds decreased from \$69,923 in the prior year to \$69,082 in the current year.

Thank you to the Clubs' treasurers for their help. My apologies I can't be here today.

Sandrine Smith, Treasurer – May 2019

Swiss Society of New Zealand Incorporated

Society Number: 215929

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ending 31 March 2019

Income	31-Mar-18	31-Mar-19
Subscriptions incl. overseas postage	\$ 14,865	\$ 14,915
Advertising	\$ 2,160	\$ 1,335
Interest	\$ 1,333	\$ 1,265
Donation / Sponsorship	\$ 5	\$ 720
Competitions subscriptions - Medals	\$ 1,180	\$ 1,300
Postage for Switzerland	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 19,543	\$ 19,535
Expenditure		
Donation to Hamilton Club	\$ -	\$ -
Helvetia - Printing	\$ 6,741	\$ 10,237
Packing/Postage	\$ 5,693	\$ 4,025
Publishing	\$ 2,414	\$ 2,356
Stationery/Administration	\$ 32	\$ 20
Competitions - Medals	\$ 1,725	\$ 716
Website costs	\$ 152	\$ 221
Conference	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,800
Bank Fee	\$ 28	\$ -
Donation Give a Little - Eli's assistance dog	\$ 2,000	\$ -
CSA - Oceania	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 20,785	\$ 20,376
Net profit for the year	-\$ 1,242	-\$ 841

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2019

Current Assets		
Cash at bank	\$ 5,288	\$ 2,836
Savings accounts and term deposits	\$ 64,636	\$ 64,135
Deposit - CSA Oceania	\$ -	\$ 2,137
Accounts receivable (1)	\$ -	\$ -
Total current assets	\$ 69,923	\$ 69,107
Current liabilities		
Subscriptions in advance	\$ -	\$ 25
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -
Total liabilities	\$ -	\$ 25
Net Assets	\$ 69,923	\$ 69,082
Represented by:		
Members funds		
Accumulated funds at beginning of year	\$ 71,376	\$ 69,923
Prior year re-statement	-\$ 211	-
Add profit for the year	-\$ 1,242	-\$ 841
Accumulated funds at end of year	\$ 69,923	\$ 69,082

Hamilton, April 2019

- Sandrine Smith, Treasurer

The great electronic experiment

Hi everyone,

In the accounts you will see that **printing, packaging and postage** costs have increased by 51%. We do have a way of decreasing the cost: by going electronic.

I am aware that there are people who are not computer literate, and others, like myself, will live in a household where you have an electronic and a hardcopy.

I discussed this with my husband, Richard, who is computer literate and often reads the drafts that I am sent as editor on the computer, so he knows how to find his way around the digital world. He favoured the hardcopy "in case we want to show someone something" he said. My next question: How often has this happened? Long pause. "Once or twice was the answer". So we are going to try going completely electronic for the good of the planet and the Swiss Society accounts. I assume if our marital status becomes precarious because of this change we can opt in again.

Helvetia's other avenue for funds of-course are our advertisers but some have left due to closing their business and others have opted for other avenues of advertising: e.g. *Swiss Airlines* sponsored this year rather than advertise.

I will let you know how our experiment goes. In meantime I will hug a tree or two.

Heidi Wehrle - Editor