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SCHWEIZERBUND (SWISS CLUB).

The Annual General Meeting of the "Schweizerbund", (Swiss Club) took place on Saturday, February 28th, 1953, about 40 members being present.

The President, Mr. W. Schneeberger opened the meeting, and expressed his disappointment at the small attendance.

This Club, which at one time went through a difficult period, seems to be well on the way to a more prosperous future. The accounts, after having been explained and found satisfactory, were unanimously accepted.

Mr. Schneeberger gave an extensive and lucid *exposé* of the work of the Club during the last period, and thanked his colleagues on the committee very warmly for their loyal collaboration.

Mr. F. Delaloye took the Chair during the elections for the committee, and in doing so expressed, both to the President and his wife, as well as to the committee the great appreciation of the members for their devoted services so successfully given to the Club. Although Mr. Schneeberger expressed the wish to be relieved of his office, he was happily persuaded to carry on for another year; his willingness to serve again was greatly appreciated by all those present.

After a prolonged discussion with regard the taking up the option for another seven years lease, the meeting decided to bring the matter forward for discussion at an Extraordinary Meeting to take place in the near future.

Before closing the Meeting the President expressed thanks to the steward, Mr. A. Finger, for his services well rendered.

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LONDON SWISS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

One Hundredth Meeting.

February 27th was a gala night for the Society since it was the hundredth meeting to be held. A special programme had been arranged and when the President, Mr. F. Streit, took the chair at 7. p.m. there was a record attendance of members. Mr. Arthur Blair, Editor of the Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly was the guest of the evening and he provided a display which he called "An Editor's Scrap Book", which consisted of a wide range of matter connected with postal affairs. Among the many unusual items were bogus stamps prepared in Germany during the war showing portraits of Stalin and King George VI., Chinese local postage stamps for use in the Treaty Ports, and a Japanese picture postcard made of paper thin wood lamina built up to form a landscape.

Thenafter the members adjourned to the buffet, organised and presided over by Committee Member Mr. D. Paschoud, where piles of succulent sandwiches, sausage rolls, sweet cakes and biscuits, among other things, vanished as if by magic. These Philatelists are hungry people! It was after 10 p.m. before the meeting was broken up.

W.B.H.

UNIONE TICINESE.

The first General Meeting for 1953 was held at Swiss House, Fitzroy Square on Sunday, 15th February.

The President of the Society, Mr. P. De Maria welcomed the Members who turned up in good numbers and he was especially pleased to welcome our Hon. Member, Dr. G. Lepori, who always makes a point of attending our Meetings.

The Auditors Report for 1952 was presented by Mr. Louis Jacomelli, who recommended to the members to approve the accounts as presented, which showed an overall surplus for the year of £18.15.3d.

Our hardworking Secretary Ernest Berti, then presented a lucid and detailed report on the financial and social activities of the Society during the past year, the results of which were embodied in the report as circulated to all the members.

The Committee for 1953 was then elected as follows:— President, P. De Maria, Vice-President, Peter Jacomelli, Secretary, Ernest Berti, Vice Secretary, Mario Diviani, Treasurer, Virgil Berti, Collector, Frank Bassi, Members:— Carlo Berti, Filipo Bonetti, jun. Ernest Camozzi, Louis Jacomelli, Giuseppe Pedretti.

It was very much regretted that Committee Member Giuseppe Eusebio, who is a Past President, could not see his way to accept re-election to the Committee for 1953 owing to health reasons. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery, and we look forward to his return to the Committee in the not too distant future.

The Meeting listened with great interest to what Mr. Lepori had to say on the steps he had taken to enable the Society to obtain a supply of books for its Library. The President thanked him for the most valuable work he had done in this direction, which was greatly appreciated by the Society.

The following members were elected as Trustees of the Society to serve for the triennial 1953-1954 and 1955. Carlo Berti, Peter De Maria, Peter Jacomelli.

The Delegates to the Swiss Sports were elected as follows. Ernest Berti, Mario Diviani Peter Jacomelli, and they were given a mandate to support the proposal that a Sports Meeting should be held for 1953.