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NEWS FROM THE COLONY

CITY SWISS CLUB

Annual General Meeting

In spite of the fact that the date clashed to some extent with the Easter holidays, the City Swiss Club's Annual General Meeting held on the 20th April 1965, brought thirty-four members and four guests to the Dorchester. After an excellent dinner, the company — nicely mellowed — was called to order by Mr. M. A. Keller who was in the chair. He offered a warm welcome to the meeting and expressed his particular pleasure at the presence of His Excellency The Swiss Ambassador who is the Club's Honorary Chairman, and the very strong delegation from the Embassy in Messrs. J. Revilliod, E. Tosio, R. Zellweger, G. Franel. Messrs. M. Heimo and H. Gallusser had apologised.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary and accepted unanimously.

In the President's Report Mr. Keller gave a brief review of the year's activities. He said that whilst the attendance at our meetings had been somewhat better than in the previous year, he felt that there was still considerable room for improvement. The 99th Annual Banquet and Ball had, on the other hand, been a roaring success and he was pleased to have this opportunity of handing to Mr. J. Zimmermann a cheque for £90 which had been raised on that occasion for the Swiss Benevolent Society. Mr. Zimmermann expressed his and the Society's gratitude, and the President resumed his report expressing his thanks to the retiring Committee for their support and wishing the new Committee every success for the future. His remarks of appreciation addressed to Messrs. G. A. Ronus and A. Kaeufeler for their contribution to the Club's success were vigorously applauded from the floor.

In his report, the Hon. Treasurer drew attention to the excess of income over expenditure which had risen from £45 to £154 mainly due to increased profits from the Annual Banquet and Ball and the Dinner Dance at Great Fosters. Membership fees in arrears, not included in these figures, were down from £50 to £20. On the recommendation of the Auditors, the accounts were accepted unanimously.

Mr. Th. v. Speyr who had kindly agreed to conduct the elections of the Committee as Chairman *pro tem* announced that both the President and the Vice-President were obliged to withdraw due to pressure of business. Mr. E. Bonvin and Mr. C. Nater had kindly agreed to accept nomination and all the other Committee members were prepared to continue in office. The retiring Committee's list of nominations was accepted unanimously in an open block vote.

Mr. Bonvin then took the Chair and expressed his appreciation for the trust and confidence placed in him and his fellow Committee members. He warmly thanked the retiring Committee members, particularly Mr. Keller, for the time and effort so unstintingly expended in the service of the Club during their tenure of office and expressed the hope that we could count on the continued support of the Embassy. He announced the dates for the two most important events of the year, the Dinner Dance at Great Fosters on 2nd July and the 100th Annual

Banquet and Ball on 19th November which he hoped would receive maximum support.

Mr. C. Chapuis as the oldest member present then addressed the meeting in a few well chosen words in which he looked back into past years and wished Mr. Bonvin and his fellow members a happy year.

The Meeting was closed at 9 p.m., early enough for quite a few of the members to enjoy a friendly drink or two in the informal atmosphere of the Dorchester Bar.

The new Committee Members are as follows :

COMMITTEE : President: E. Bonvin, Vice-President: C. Nater, Hon. Treasurer: A. Kuhn, Hon. Asst. Treasurer: G. A. Ronus, Hon. Secretary: H. Jauslin, Hon. Asst. Secretary: L. F. Jobin, Member: J. P. Christen.

TRUSTEES OF THE CLUB HOUSE FUND : E. H. Burnier, Treasurer; R. J. Keller, A. Stauffer.

AUDITORS : B. O. Cogliatti, M. H. Grüninger.

PRESS REPORTER : A. Stauffer.

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SWISS CLUB MANCHESTER

Easter Outing

Over thirty members and friends assembled near the Grand Hotel, Manchester, on Sunday, 19th April, at 10.30 a.m. for our traditional Easter Outing. We were very pleased to see so many of the young Swiss had joined us. The party travelled by coach through Stockport, Buxton via Long Hill, Longnor to Mill Dale, passing through the beautiful countryside of Cheshire, Derbyshire and Staffordshire.

We had intended to begin our walk at Mill Dale, walking through Dove Dale, but there was no room for the coach to park, others had arrived there before us! There was no room to turn round either, so we just had to carry on. We were very lucky, however, as very soon we came to a road junction, just before a bridge. Those who did not wish to walk remained in the coach and were taken to Alstonfield, where we were to join them later. The ramblers in the party crossed the bridge and found a footpath by the river Dove, which eventually led to Wolfs-cote Dale. Before going very far, however, we stopped and had our picnic lunch, some sitting by the water's edge, others were in small groups on the hillside. After lunch we walked along the footpath by the river Dove. It was a delightful ramble; the only thing we wished for was a little sunshine. After one hour's walk by the river, we had to retrace our steps and, once back on the road, make our way to the George Hotel, Alstonfield. At 4.30 we were all ready for the High Tea which Mrs. Grandjean, proprietress, had prepared for us and young and old — our ages ranged from 4 to 80 years — did justice to the meal. We were very pleased that our Consul, Mr. Brunner, also Mrs. & Miss Brunner were able to be with us.

At 7 p.m. we left for home, travelling to Buxton, then via the Snake Pass to Macclesfield and Stockport, arriving in Manchester at 9 p.m. One and all agreed that they had had a very enjoyable day.

T.M.