swiss club
chicago

65th Annual Meeting

Saturday January 29 2022

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Agenda

Open of the meeting

Approval of the Minutes from Jan 30th 2022 (Club year 2021)

President Report 2021

Treasurer's Report 2021 – Preliminary

Auditor's Report 2021 – Will be Posted on Website mid Feb.

Member's Report 2021

Membership Dues

Election of Honorary Member

Election of the Officers and Discharge of the Outgoing Officers

Election of the Auditors

Installation of new Officers

Other Business

Adjournment

Opening of the meeting

Welcome to all Swiss and Friends of Switzerland.
Please be advised that you must be an active or honorary member to vote.

Approval of Minutes 2021

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Minutes of 64th Annual Meeting

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Saturday, January 30th, 2021

In Attendance:

Officers – Executive Board
- Horst Zemp, President
- Elke Sujdak, Vice President
- J.P. Persico, Treasurer
- Jennifer Heller, Secretary

Directors – Extended Board
- Peter Keller, Storage Manager
- Lolita Buryak, Membership Director
- Hagen Zemp, Marketing Director

Entertainment
- Patrick Seitz,
- Tammi Zemp
- Monique Austin
- Celeste Gallati
- Therese Peskowits
- Ruedi Bucher

Members: ~25 members present

1. **Opening of the Meeting**
The 64th Annual Meeting was called to order by the President, Horst Zemp at 17:18 CST; seconded by J.P. Persico. The President welcomed and thanked everyone in attendance.

Acceptance of the Agenda: The agenda was accepted as presented.

2. **Approval of Minutes of 63rd Annual Meeting**

JP Persico made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Monique Austin seconded it.

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3. **President's Report 2020**

2020 started on February 1st with an amazing Fondue event. A full house of many familiar faces, dignitaries from the new consulate, and celebrities from Wisconsin. Chef Johann cooked the fondue under super vision of our long time board member Peter to control the quality. The Extended Board of the Swiss Club as always managed to have the room ready on time and guaranteed for a super fun and successful evening. I would like to thank everyone that helped with the event and all the sponsors for the fantastic raffle prices.

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic dictated a screeching holt of all planned Club activities. With that, we cancelled the ski weekend, Raclette, Stammtisch, and Brunch on the lake. In addition, August 1st could not be celebrated as we planned with a large gathering on the American Legion lawn. However, during their monthly web meetings, the Board unanimously agreed that we have to do something to mark the occasion. The Idea was born to have an August 1st drive-through so that everyone could celebrate in style at home. Over 70 families took advantage of the event. With a combined effort, the Board organized Swiss specialties (for example, cheese, sausages, decorations); managed the many orders that came in, and organized the distribution. The Club was able to bring a little "Swissness" to so many homes in Chicagoland.

As the pandemic was better manageable and we had learned how to gather safely outdoors, the Board decided in August to organize the annual outdoor Canoe event. We gathered at the Sweetmuniahaha campground near Albany, Wisconsin on the afternoon of Friday, August 28th. Following protocol, only family members camped and ate together and social distancing was practiced at all times. Saturday was a warm and fun day on the Sugar River including wine tasting and a sausage lunch, followed by an evening celebration with a fondue under the stars. On Sunday, we managed to play a round of golf at the New Glarus Edelweiss Chalet Country Club.

Unfortunately, we couldn't hold any further events in 2020 and thus Samichlaus, Cookie baking, and the fall Stammtisch were cancelled. As tradition holds, the Club set up the Christmas tree at the Museum of Science and Industry. Not many attendees saw the display in person this year, although it was broadcast as a Virtual Christmas tree display. In January, the Board took the tree down and the many ornaments and candles are back in storage waiting for Christmas 2021.

I would like to thank the entire board for a fun, successful Club year under special circumstances:
- Peter Keller - Storage Manager
- Lolita Buryak - Membership Director
- Hagen Zemp - Marketing Director and our newest Board member
- Monique Austin
- Patrick Seitz
- Tammi Zemp
- Robert Holtz
- Therese Peskowits
- Ruedi Bucher
- Celeste Gallati - Entertainment lead by the executive board members
- Elke Sujdak - Vice President
- JP Persico - Treasurer
- Jennifer Heller - Secretary

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This concludes the President's Report for 2020.

4. **Treasurer's Report 2020 (preliminary)**
J.P. Persico, Treasurer, presented the annual financial statements for 2020. The Swiss Club reported a year end account balance of $23,880.23 and reported a net profit of $4,098.12.

Operations Finance Report:

DESCRIPTION	Result
Fondue	$5,438.56
Raclette	($35.36)
August 1	($271.96)
Canoe	($134.30)
Membership	$1,882.11
OPEX	($3,230.44)

Finance Update:

Account 1/1/2020	Balance
BUSINESSSELECT CHKG (0696)	19,190.81
PayPal Bank	149.30
Register	442.00
Account 12/31/2020	**Balance**
BUSINESSSELECT CHKG (0696)	14,306.83 *(-4,883.98)*
PayPal Bank	9,321.40 *(9,172.10)*
Register	252.00 *(-190.00)*
Increase in Cash	***4,098.12***

Note: These P&L results have not yet been audited and therefore are subject to change.

5. **Auditor's Report 2020 (to be completed)**
Chris Kaiser and Beatrice Weiss will review all the Swiss Club financial records following this meeting to assess them for accuracy. The Auditor's Report for 2020 will be posted to the Swiss Club of Chicago website in mid-February.

6. **Membership**

Lolita Buryak provided the following membership report:
- Currently, we have 44 active memberships (31 Family; 13 Individual):
  - We gained 6 new memberships in 2020
  - To date, we have 1 new member in 2021
- Several memberships that had "Expired" in 2020 have recently paid to renew memberships for 2021.
- We are hoping to continue to further increase our membership when restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic will be lifted and we will be able to host all our events
- Suggestions to improve membership experience:

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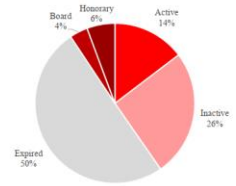
  - **Engagement:** More interactions / staying in touch with our members (i.e., electronic Birthday card from Swiss Club of Chicago, since we have the day and birthday month of each member)
  - **Events:** Come up with more online events via Zoom or other virtual platforms. Along with our events, possibly promoting other similar organizations' events to our members, while those other organizations could possibly promote our online events.
  - **Social media:** Make regular posts, including informational or sharing beautiful pictures of Swiss scenery, travel, recipes, and cultural traditions. It is important to stay in touch with our community while we can't have in person meetings. Social media is the most effective tool nowadays to attract more members or catch the interest of more people to attend future events.
- We are thankful for all our members for continuous support of our community and sharing the importance of preserving culture and traditions.

Membership overview:



7. **Discharge of outgoing Officers and Election of new Officers and Auditors**

The following officers are discharged from the Board of the Swiss Club 2020:
- President: Horst Zemp
- Vice President: Elke Sujdak
- Treasurer: J.P. Persico
- Secretary: Jennifer Heller
- Auditors: Chris Kaiser and Beatrice Weiss

Martin Lagler made the motion to discharge the Officers and Horst Zemp seconded it.

Martin Lagler, Chair of the Election Committee, presented the following candidates for the Swiss Club Executive Board 2021:

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- President: Horst Zemp
- Vice President: Elke Sujdak
- Treasurer: J.P. Persico
- Secretary: Jennifer Heller
- Auditors: Chris Kaiser and Beatrice Weiss

There were no nominations from the floor. Peter Herdeg proposed to support the slate of nominees as presented; seconded by Erika Eddy. The Chair, Martin Lagler then asked for all those in favor to say "aye" and all officers were elected by acclamation.

8. **Other Business**

- If anyone is interested in joining the Extended and/or Entertainment Board, please reach out to Horst Zemp.
- Horst Zemp solicited suggestions for new events in 2021:
  - J.P. Persico suggested a brunch by the lake, where members bring their own food
  - Elke Sudjak suggested a picnic by the lake
  - Rabiya Mahmood (member) suggested more Zoom events, including Stammtisch and events focused on Swiss food (e.g., Raclette)
  - Ruedi Bucher suggested an online Jass event
    - Horst Zemp, Martin Lagler, Monique Austin, and Celeste Gallati said they would be excited to join.
    - J.P. Persico will send Celeste Gallati a list of the registered members from last year's events.
  - Rabiya Mahmood (member) asked about additional social media accounts for the Club. Hagen Zemp will starting an Instagram account to encourage more engagement from members.

9. **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Martin Lagler and seconded by Therese Peskowits.
The meeting was adjourned at 18:19.

Submitted by Jennifer Heller, the Secretary on January 30, 2021.

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Motion to approve: _____

Second:_____

President's Report

- All Activities of the first qtr. were cancelled.
- In May we added a new destination event Birds & Bier with ~ 10 participants. The event was fun and should continue to take place but we should schedule it earlier to hit the bird migration.
  The beer was very good and refreshing.

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- On fathers day we meet at Foster for the Sunday Brunch at the Lake.

With fantastic weather we had a record-breaking turn out with over 20 families and about 70 people. The highlights were the home made breads and birchermuesli.

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- With the pandemic being semi under control we decided to move forward with the August first. We were blessed again with stellar we celebrated Switzerland's birthday with clos to 120 people.

  The brats and cervelats were as always a big hit so were the salads and the desert.
  As tradition holds we sang the national anthem and closed the event with the Lampion parade lead by Cowbells.

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- On the third September weekend we meet up at the Sweetminihaha camp ground near Albany Wisconsin for the Canoe weekend. The weekend has become the favored event for many members. Some camped some glamped and some stayed in New Glarus in the hotel. All came together on Friday night for a fun evening around the camp fire. On Saturday morning the fun moved to the sugar river. 12 canoes were launched and just about 1 hour later the lunch destination was reached where a wine tasting and the traditional Sausage lunch awaited the group.

  The group enjoyed a very relaxing lunch time and finished the afternoon with much relaxation on the lover portion of the river. The highlight of the day, the Fondue under the stars was super fun and good. The yodel from the Z'Graggens during the Dinner and later at the campfire made us all feel we were back home in Switzerland. Close to 30 had a great time together.

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- Unfortunately we couldn't hold any further events and with that, Ticino night as well as Samichlaus and Cookie baking was cancelled.

- The board of the club did setup the Christmas tree at the Museum of Science and Industry in November and took it down in January and the many ornaments and candles are back in storage waiting for their next use at Christmas.

- Stammtisches:
  - We held several Stammtisches during the year with more and less participation. Anywhere between 1 to 30 gathered in different locations throughout the city.
  - Over the Holidays we paused the Stammtisch but will pick it back up in February. Stay tuned for the e-mail and always check the Website and our Facebook Page for new events.

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- I like to thank the entire board:
  - Peter Keller-storage manager; Lolita Buryak-membership director; Therese Peskowits - sponsorship director;

    Monique Austin, Patrick Seitz; Tammi Zemp; Ruedi Bucher; Celeste Gallati; Nancy Froehlich; Ingo Eckstein; Heidi Rechsteiner; Adam Ruprecht;- Entertainment

    Lead by the executive board members:
    Elke Sujdak- Vice President; Jean-Philippe Persico- Treasurer and Jennifer Heller- Secretary

    for a fun and successful club year.

This concludes the president report 2020

Treasures Report

Jean Philippe Persico

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Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2021

	TOTAL	
	AS OF DEC 31, 2021	AS OF DEC 31, 2020 (PY)
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
BUSINESSSELECT CHKG (0696)	11,339.77	12,375.90
PayPal Bank	7,741.76	10,322.21
Total Bank Accounts	**$19,081.53**	**$22,698.11**
Other Current Assets		
Inventory Asset	264.00	264.00
Total Other Current Assets	**$264.00**	**$264.00**
Total Current Assets	**$19,345.53**	**$22,962.11**
TOTAL ASSETS	**$19,345.53**	**$22,962.11**
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Total Liabilities		
Equity		
Opening Balance Equity	16,417.95	16,417.95
Retained Earnings	6,544.16	-1,806.93
Net Revenue	-3,616.58	8,351.09
Total Equity	**$19,345.53**	**$22,962.11**
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	**$19,345.53**	**$22,962.11**

The finances have been audited and are approved

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Statement of Activity

January - December 2021

	TOTAL	
	JAN - DEC 2021	JAN - DEC 2020 (PY)
Revenue		
Billable Expenditure Revenue	582.01	
PayPal Sales	5,706.00	85.00
Sales	2,561.00	18,704.35
Sales of Product Revenue		470.24
Total Revenue	**$8,849.01**	**$19,259.59**
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold	7,618.92	6,915.42
Shipping	427.40	204.62
Total Cost of Goods Sold	**$8,046.32**	**$7,120.04**
GROSS PROFIT	**$802.69**	**$12,139.55**
Expenditures		
Advertising & Marketing		73.43
Bank Charges & Fees	30.00	
Insurance	823.00	865.00
Meals & Entertainment		37.22
Office Supplies & Software	950.59	568.78
PayPal Fees	213.78	327.93
Rent & Lease	2,401.90	1,916.10
Total Expenditures	**$4,419.27**	**$3,788.46**
NET OPERATING REVENUE	**$ -3,616.58**	**$8,351.09**
NET REVENUE	**$ -3,616.58**	**$8,351.09**

Event Operations Finance Result

DESCRIPTION	Result
Brunch	$551.17
August 1	**($1905.25)**
Canoe	**($160.69)**

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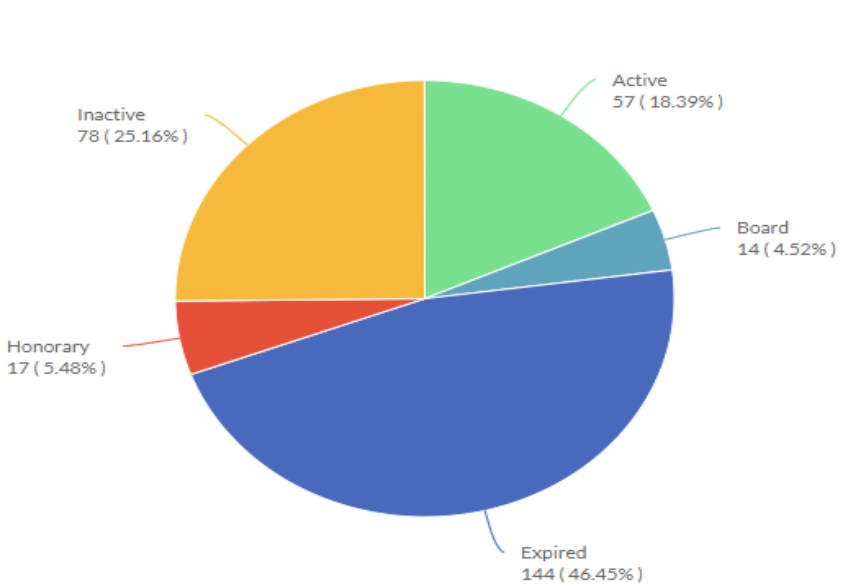
Membership Report



- Current membership
  - Currently we have 57 active memberships (42 Family; 15 Individual). There are more Inactive memberships (78) that have (and some of them still) participate and/or attend our events.
- New Members
  - We got 9 “fresh” new memberships in 2021. And we so far have one new member in 2022. Welcome!
- Side note
  - As a side note, several memberships that have been “Expired” for the past year have paid to renew their memberships for 2021-2022. We started the year 2021 at about 44 active memberships, now we’re at 57. We’re hoping this will improve going forward when Covid-19 restrictions will be lifted and we’ll be able to host all our events at full capacity, attracting more members to join.

Membership Director, Lolita Buryak

- Membership Dues:
  - President proposes that the member ship dues remain unchanged.
    - Individual $30 /year
    - Couples / Family $ 35/year

    Unanimously accepted

- Election Honorary member(s)
  - Are any recommendation on the floor for honorary member?

  No was recommended as Honorary Member

Election of the Officers and Discharge of the Outgoing Officers

- Discharge of the Outgoing Officers:
  - Martin Lagler is selected as the Chair of the election Committee
    - Outgoing Executive Board:
      - President: Horst Zemp
      - Vice President: Elke Sujdak
      - Treasurer: Jean-Philippe Persico
      - Secretary: Jennifer Heller

      Who makes the motion to discharge the current board.
  - Martin Lagler is moving to the Election of the New Officers and Auditors.

Election of the Auditors
Installation of new Officers

- Martin Lagler Chair of the election committee asked for nominations:
  - All positons of the Executive board are open:
    - Horst Zemp nominated:
      - Milan Urban Jr. for the position of Treasurer:
      - Sacha Urban for the position of secretary.
        - An application form both was posted to the club members in early January.

      Both nominees gave a speech giving quick summary of their credentials and experiences that support their nomination for the positions.
    - Jennifer Heller nominated:
      - Horst Zemp for the position of President
      - Elke Sujdak for the position of Vice President.
    - The Auditors Nominated are:
      - Beatrice Weiss
      - Chris Kaiser

    - There where no other nominations:
    - The motion to pass the vote by acclamation was accepted unanimous.
    - The Vote for the entire board and for the Auditors was unanimous.

  - The new Executive board and the new Auditors were presented:
      - Horst Zemp for the position of President
      - Elke Sujdak for the position of Vice President.
      - Milan Urban Jr. for the position of Treasurer:
      - Sacha Urban for the position of secretary.
    - Auditors:
      - Beatrice Weiss
      - Chris Kaiser

Other Business

- The floor is open for discussion:
  - Martin Lagler Thanks the Extended board.
    - Peter Keller-storage manager; Lolita Buryak-membership director; Therese Peskowits - sponsorship director;

      Monique Austin, Patrick Seitz; Tammi Zemp; Ruedi Bucher; Celeste Gallati; Nancy Froehlich; Ingo Eckstein; Heidi Rechsteiner; Adam Ruprecht;- Entertainment
  - The question was raised what happens to the Fondue registrations place prior to postponing the fondue event:
    - President informed that all Fondue registrations are automatically moved to April unless the club administration is contacted for re-imbursement.

Adjournment

Thank you all for being a part of the Swiss Club of Chicago

Your Board

Meeting adjourned_6:46 Horst Zemp_:
Second_Sacha Urban____: