



Minutes of 65th Annual Meeting

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Saturday, January 29th, 2022

In Attendance:

Officers – Executive Board

Horst Zemp, President

Elke Sujdak, Vice President

Jean-Philippe (J.P.) Persico, Treasurer

Jennifer Heller, Secretary

Directors – Extended Board

Peter Keller, Storage Manager

Lolita Buryak, Membership Director

Hagen Zemp, Marketing Director

Entertainment

Monique Austin

Ruedi Bucher

Nancy Froehlich

Celeste Gallati

Patrick Seitz

Tammi Zemp

Auditor

Beatrice Weiss

Members: ~10 members present

1. **Opening of the Meeting**

The 65th Annual Meeting was called to order by the President, Horst Zemp at 18:03 CST; seconded by JP Persico. The President welcomed and thanked everyone in attendance.

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

2. **Approval of Minutes of 64rd Annual Meeting**

Milan Urban made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; JP Persico seconded it.

3. **President's Report 2021**

All activities for Q1 2021 were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In May, we added a new destination event (Birds & Bier) in Milwaukee with ~10 attendees. The event was fun and should continue to take place but should be scheduled earlier in the season to align with migratory patterns of the birds. The beer was very good and refreshing.

On Father's Day in June, we met at Foster Beach for the Sunday Brunch at the Lake. With fantastic weather, we had a record-breaking turnout with over 20 families and ~70 attendees. The highlights included the homemade breads and birchermusli.

We decided to proceed with the August 1st celebration as the pandemic became more under control. We were blessed again with stellar weather and celebrated Switzerland's birthday with ~120 attendees. The brats and cervelat were a big hit, as always, as were the salads and dessert. As tradition holds, we sang the national anthem and closed the event with the lampion parade led with cowbells ringing.

On the third weekend of September, ~30 attendees met up at the Sweetminihana campground near Albany, Wisconsin for the annual Canoe weekend. This weekend getaway has become a favorite event for many members, some of whom camped, others glamped, and yet others stayed at a nearby hotel in New Glarus. All attended came together on Friday night for a fun evening around the campfire. On Saturday morning, the fun moved to Sugar River where 12 canoes were launched and an hour later, the group reached the lunch destination with a wine tasting and traditional sausage meal. The group finished the afternoon with a relaxing paddle on the lower portion of the river. The highlight of the day was fondue under the stars. The yodel from the Z'Graggens during dinner and later at the campfire made everyone feel they were back at home in Switzerland.

Due to the resurgence of COVID-19, we were unable to hold any further events in 2021 and canceled Ticino night, Samichlaus, and cookie baking. The Swiss Club Board of Directors did still setup the Christmas tree at the Museum of Science and Industry in November and took it town in January, putting the many ornaments and candles back into storage where they wait for next year's Christmas celebrations.

We held several Stammtisches throughout the year with varying participation - anywhere from 1 to 30 attendees gathered in different locations throughout the city. Over the holidays, we paused Stammtisch but will pick it back up in February 2022. Stay tuned for email announcements and please continue to check our Website and Facebook page for information on upcoming events.

I would like to thank the entire Board for a fun and successful Swiss Club year, including:

- Peter Keller - Storage Manager; Lolita Buryak - Membership Director; Therese Peskowits - Sponsorship Director
- Entertainment Committee: Monique Austin, Patrick Seitz, Tammi Zemp, Ruedi Bucher, Celeste Gallati, Nancy Froehlich, Ingo Eckstein, Heidi Rechsteiner, Adam Ruprecht
- Elke Sujdak - Vice President; Jean-Philippe Persico - Treasurer; Jennifer Heller - Secretary

This concludes the President's Report for 2021.

4. Treasurer's Report 2021

J.P. Persico, Treasurer, presented the annual financial statements for 2021. The Swiss Club reported a year end account balance of \$19,345.53 and reported a net loss of \$3,616.58.

Table 1: 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

Table 2: Statement of Activity (as of December 31, 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

5. **Auditor’s Report 2021**

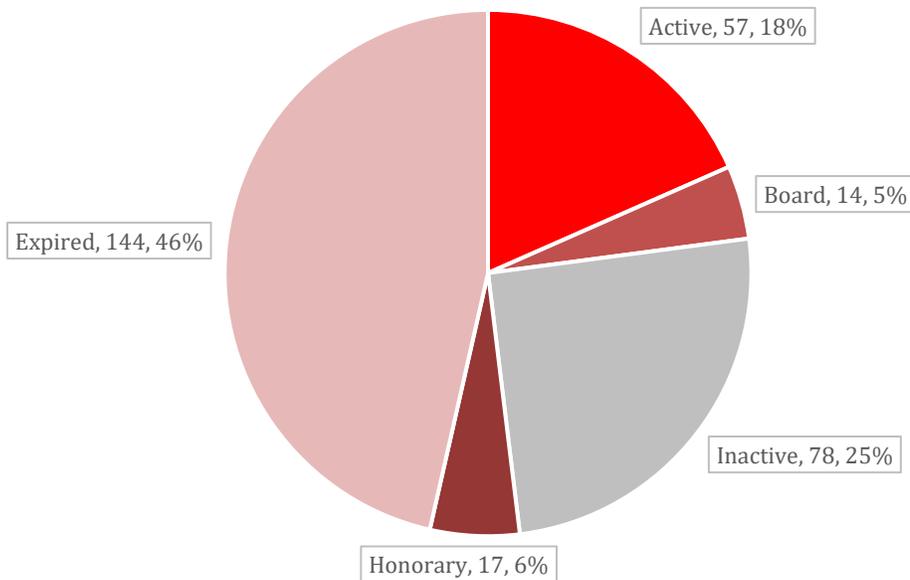
Beatrice Weiss has reviewed and approved all the Swiss Club financial records using the online QuickBooks platform to assess them for accuracy. The Auditor’s Report for 2021 will be posted to the Swiss Club of Chicago website in mid-February.

6. **Membership**

Lolita Buryak provided the following membership report:

- Currently, we have 57 active memberships (42 Family; 15 Individual):
 - We gained 9 new memberships in 2021
 - To date, we have 1 new member in 2022
- Several memberships that had “Expired” in the prior year have recently paid to renew memberships for 2021-22.
- We are hoping to further increase our membership once restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic are lifted and we can host our full series of events
- We are thankful for all our members for continuous support of our community and sharing the importance of preserving Swiss culture and traditions.

Exhibit 1: Membership Overview



7. **Membership dues**

The Board proposes to keep the membership dues the same as 2021 for the upcoming year.

Horst Zemp made a motion to approve; JP Persico seconded it.

8. **Honorary members**

There were no proposals for new honorary members to the Swiss Club of Chicago.

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

The following officers are discharged from the Board of the Swiss Club 2021:

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

Tami Zemp made the motion to discharge the Officers and Milan Urban seconded it.

Martin Lagler, Chair of the Election Committee, presented the following candidates for the Swiss Club Executive Board 2022:

President: Horst Zemp
Vice President: Elke Sujdak
Treasurer: Milan Urban
Secretary: Sasha Urban
Auditors: Chris Kaiser; Beatrice Weiss

Jennifer Heller nominated Horst Zemp as President and Elke Sujdak as Vice President. Horst Zemp nominated Milan Urban as Treasurer and Sasha Urban as Secretary. There were no other nominations from the floor.

Martin Lagler proposed to support the slate of nominees as presented; seconded by JP Persico. The Chair, Martin Lagler then asked for all those in favor to say “aye” and all officers were elected by acclamation.

10. **Other Business**

Martin Lagler offered his thanks and appreciation to the Extended and Entertainment Board members for their support over the past year. If anyone is interested in joining the Extended and/or Entertainment Board, please reach out to Horst Zemp.

Milan Urban asked about the updated Fondue event and the transfer of registration fees for members who have already reserved and paid for their attendance. Horst Zemp said that fondue registrations are automatically moved to April and reimbursements provided for anyone who is unable to attend.

11. **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Horst Zemp and seconded by Sasha Urban. The meeting was adjourned at 18:46.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Heller, the Secretary on February 6, 2022.