Minutes of 69th Annual Meeting
In Person Meeting at the
Kenilworth Assembly Hall, Kenilworth, IL
Saturday, January 24th, 2026

In Attendance:
Officers – Executive Board:
Horst Zemp, President
Raphael Ueltschi, Vice President (absent)
Elke Sujdak, Board Communications
Milan Urban, Jr., Treasurer
Sacha Urban, Secretary
Extended Board
Lolita Vacca, Membership Director
Therese Peskowits Director of Sponsorship
Entertainment:
Monique Austin
Ruedi Bucher
Celeste Gallati
Tammi Zemp
Raffaela Sciuto
Krista Greco

Auditor
Beatrice Wyss
Chris Kaiser

Members: 18 members in good standing are present plus 4 members of the executive board.

1. **Opening of the Meeting**
President Horst Zemp calls the 69th Annual meeting to order at 4:12 pm CST.

2. **Approval of Minutes of 68rd Annual Meeting**
Milan moves to approve the minutes of the 68th annual meeting as posted on the website. Sonja seconds the motion. The motion carries unanimously.

3. **President's Report 2025**

2025 President's Report

President's Report 2025

The annual meeting was held on January 25, 2025, in person at the Edgebrook Lutheran Church.We had 17 members in good standing in attendance and were able to conduct all the business as planned.

Shortly after 5PM the Fondue event started with great attendance. The very extensive and popular raffle was well received and the Cheese donated by Emmi and melted to perfection by our kitchen crew Johann and .....was liked by everyone. With all the amazing donations we were able to achieve record earnings.

In March, the ski weekend was held in New-Glarus and Tyrol Basin with great participation. Thanks to Ruedi Buecher for organizing the weekend. The dinner at the Chalet Landhaus kitchen prepared by Chef Mike was excellent and we had great fun deep into the night.

Several Stammtisches were held throughout the year with more or less participation.

The Sunday Brunch at the Lake, traditionally held at Father's Day on Sunday June 15th was another wonderful event with much Swiss Style. We were able again to enjoy amazing weather and with over 70 people, the home-made breads and the lavish breakfast buffet was indulged and appreciated. It was a very nice and relaxing event that brought many families out to the lake front.

The Swiss National Day celebration on August 2nd was celebrated at the Randall Oaks Park in West Dundee IL. We were forced to a new location by the city of Morton Grove who sold the lawn causing it to be no longer rentable. With great weather the close to 100 attendees enjoyed a fantastic day in the park with yummy grilled sausages, salads and dessert. Everyone agreed that the location event though a bit far from the city to be more than acceptable.

Our grill team Alex and Kevin supported by Johann grilled the sausages

perfectly to the Swiss crowd's liking. Our kitchen team lead by Tammi and Monique, made sure that the catered salads were up to the toughest Swiss standards. The rest of the 12 people strong entertainment board made sure that all was decorated on time and ready for our guests and that all was cleaned up by the end of the night. A big **Thank You** to all that stepped up to help.

On August 23 a group of close to 40 met at the Sweet Minihaha campground near Albany WI for the Annual Canoe weekend. A favorite event for many members that lasts from Friday afternoon until Sunday lunch. Although our professional Wisconsin Jodlers couldn't join us, we sang and celebrated a great day at the campfire. The Fondue mixes are getting more exciting every year and finding a winner harder every year. Having perfect weather and a wine tasting at lunch time at the banks of the sugar river in Albany made the entire weekend super fun.

The board of the Swiss club decorated the Christmas tree on October 25. A new, early date to start the exhibition earlier as done in previous years. The small team of six got the job done in no time and the tree looked beautiful again.

On November 15 we held the Raclette at the Niedersachsen Club House in Chicago. With a total of 50 and had a full house. Due to a last minute cost increase at the original location we had to limit the event to members only, which turned out to be a great way to enjoy the Raclette. A big thank you to the Niedersachsen club for hosting us, running the bar and accommodating all our needs and wishes. Fritz Rechsteiner assisted in setting up the Raclette ovens he built for the club and Emmi Roth USA came through as a fantastic cheese sponsor. The Apfelstrudel dessert was super amazing too.

Unfortunately, we couldn't get Santa booked this year due to him being totally over scheduled. Furthermore, we lost our location at the church due to a ridiculous cost increase. With that, the Samichlaus and cookie baking didn't happen.

I would like to conclude the President's report with a great DANKE SCHOEN to all the volunteers that make our events possible.

A club is only as strong as its members. The members of the entertainment and executive board are the backbone of the club. Without their donation of time and willingness to get things done, none of the events would be possible.

I would like to thank the executive board Elke, Rafael, Milan and Sacha for standing on my side.

I thank the extended board with Peter Keller and Ingo Eckstein - Storage Managers; Lolita Buryak - Membership Director; Therese Peskowits - Sponsorship Director, head of entertainment, Tammi Zemp and the Entertainment Committee with Monique Austin, Patrick Seitz, Raffaela Sciuto, Krista Greco, Ruedi Bucher, Kevin Sujdak and Celeste Gallatti. Thank you for your hard work and countless hours prior, during and after the events to make it possible for the Swiss Club of Chicago to exist.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to our auditors, Beatrice Wyss and Chris Kaiser and all our sponsors.

This concludes the President's Report for 2025

4. **Treasurer's Report 2025**

Milan defers to Beatrice to deliver the Treasurer's/Auditor's report. For the full report, see attached. Question arose about how much of the revenue was from membership. Horst answered that it's $4,000.

Statement of Activity:

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SWISSCLUB OF CHICAGO
January-December, 2025

Distribution account	Total			
	Jan 1 - Dec 31 2025	Jan 1 - Dec 31 2024 (PY)	$ Change (PY)	% Change (PY)
Income				
Donations	70.00	310.00	-240.00	-77.42%
Sales	21,532.50	5,764.00	15,768.50	273.57%
PayPal Sales		14,111.20	-14,111.20	-100.00%
Total for Income	**$21,602.50**	**$20,185.20**	**$1,417.30**	**7.02%**
Cost of Goods Sold				
Cost of Goods Sold	9,623.35	7,342.48	2,280.87	31.06%
Total for Cost of Goods Sold	**$9,623.35**	**$7,342.48**	**$2,280.87**	**31.06%**
Gross Profit	**$11,979.15**	**$12,842.72**	**-$863.57**	**-6.72%**
Expenses				
Insurance	1,693.00	1,683.00	10.00	0.59%
Meals & Entertainment	247.87		247.87	
Office Supplies & Software	1,553.74	1,764.44	-210.70	-11.94%
Other Business Expenses	169.35	344.80	-175.45	-50.88%
PayPal Fees	553.38	558.19	-4.81	-0.86%
Rent & Lease	565.00	5,590.55	-5,025.55	-89.89%
Taxes & Licenses		14.00	-14.00	-100.00%
Total for Expenses	**$4,782.34**	**$9,954.98**	**-$5,172.64**	**-51.96%**
Net Operating Income	**$7,196.81**	**$2,887.74**	**$4,309.07**	**149.22%**
Net Other Income				
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2025 Balance Sheet:

Statement of Financial Position				
SWISSCLUB OF CHICAGO				
As of December 31, 2025				
Distribution account	**Total**			
	As of December 31, 2025	**As of December 31, 2024 (PY)**	**$ Change (PY)**	**% Change (PY)**
Assets				
Current Assets				
Bank Accounts				
Chase_0696	25,567.66	15,942.12	9,625.54	60.38%
PayPal balance account	2,202.66		2,202.66	
PayPal Bank	0.00	4,367.39	-4,367.39	-100.00%
Petty Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total for Bank Accounts	**$27,770.32**	**$20,309.51**	**$7,460.81**	**36.74%**
Other Current Assets				
Inventory Asset	0.00	264.00	-264.00	-100.00%
Undeposited Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total for Other Current Assets	**$0.00**	**$264.00**	**-$264.00**	**-100.00%**
Total for Current Assets	**$27,770.32**	**$20,573.51**	**$7,196.81**	**34.98%**
Total for Assets	**$27,770.32**	**$20,573.51**	**$7,196.81**	**34.98%**
Liabilities and Equity				
Liabilities				
Total for Liabilities				
Equity				
Opening Balance Equity	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Retained Earnings	20,573.51	17,685.77	2,887.74	16.33%
Net Income	7,196.81	2,887.74	4,309.07	149.22%
Total for Equity	**$27,770.32**	**$20,573.51**	**$7,196.81**	**34.98%**
Total for Liabilities and Equity	**$27,770.32**	**$20,573.51**	**$7,196.81**	**34.98%**
Cash Basis Friday, January 23, 2026 09:27 PM GMTZ				

Auditor Report :

Auditors Review Report

January 24, 2026

To the Officers and Members of
The Swiss Club of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

We have reviewed the Statement of Financial Position of the Swiss Club of Chicago as of December 31, 2025, and the related statements of income and retained earnings, and cash flows, for the year then ended.

A review consists principally of analytical procedures applied to financial data and inquiries about the Club's personnel. It included such tests and auditing procedures, as we considered necessary under the scope of our review.

Our review was made for the purpose of expressing assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for them to be accurate and to represent the financial position of the Club.

In our opinion, based on our review examination, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements and that they represent fairly the Club's financial position.

Elected Auditors

Christoph Kaiser

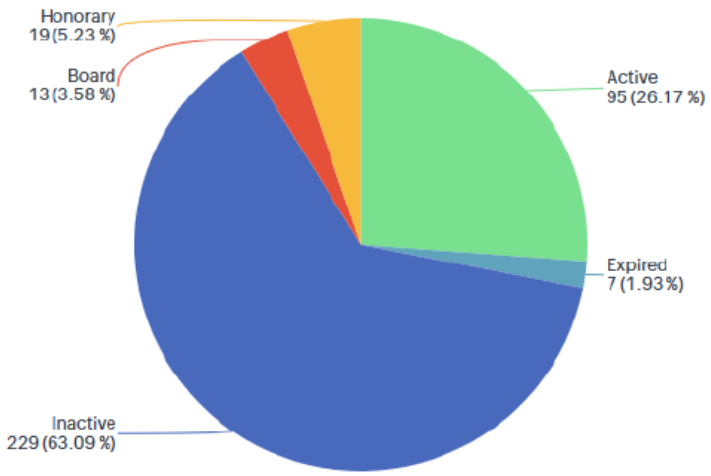
Beatrice Weiss

6. **Membership**

Currently, the Swiss Club of Chicago has 95 active memberships, 68 are family, 27 are individual memberships. Less renewals paid in 2025 (as of 2024) for unknown reasons. 15 new memberships in 2025 (11 families, 4 individuals). 3 new memberships in 2026 already.

2026 Annual Meeting Membership Report of 2025:

Membership Status



Currently we have 95 **active** memberships (68 Family; 27 Individual).

We got 15 new memberships in 2025 (11 of which are families and 4 individual ones). And we already got 3 new memberships in 2026 Welcome!

We started the last year 2025 with 74 **active** memberships, now we're at 95, all thanks to the board who actively worked on getting the annual membership dues/or renewals paid. There were 29 membership renewals paid in 2025. We made an announcement at last year's Fondue and other events and talked to those who attended. Also, we sent out email reminders, followed up with phone calls and we were able to bring the number of active memberships up. Thank you to everyone on Board for assistance. Lastly, I mentioned while doing check-ins whether membership is expired and was able to get some members to pay their dues for renewal.

We will actively continue taking the same actions and hope this will improve going forward.

We are endlessly thankful for all our members for the continuous support of our community and sharing the importance of preserving culture and traditions.

-Membership Director, Lolita Vacca

7. **Membership dues**

Milan makes the motion to maintain the current membership fees $35 for singles and $45 for Families, Peter Herdegg seconds. Motion carries unanimously. Lolita mentions that raclette was a members only event which drove membership renewal and new memberships.

8. **Honorary members**
Horst is asking for nominations from the floor (the Honorary members do not pay any annual dues, only the event price). There are no nominations. Tina puts forth Tanja Wagner. Motion carries unanimously.

9. **Election of new Officers and Auditors**
Horst reports that no applications have been received and no requests or recommendations have been made to replace any current executive board members. The current team has agreed to continue in their role for another year.
As such, the new executive board is elected by acclamation. Tanja Wagner and Marc Ferroni have expressed interest to be considered for a board position.

10. **Other Business**
We are very happy with the current support we are getting with members in the executive board. Tanja Wagner and Marc Ferroni have expressed interest to be considered for a board position.

We do, however, like to drive membership growth. Word of mouth is the best advertisement. Consul has helped as well by advertising events and putting the Swiss Club in front of people.

11. **Adjournment**
Peter moves to adjourn the 69th annual meeting, Sacha seconds the motion. The motion carries unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Sacha Urban, Secretary
Swiss Club of Chicago