



Minutes of 66th Annual Meeting

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Saturday, January 28th, 2023

In Attendance:

Officers – Executive Board
Horst Zemp, President
Elke Sujdak, Vice President
Milan Urban, Jr., Treasurer
Sacha Urban, Secretary

Directors – Extended Board
Ingo Eckstein, Storage Manager
Lolita Buryak, Membership Director

Entertainment
Monique Austin
Ruedi Bucher
Celeste Gallati
Patrick Seitz
Tammi Zemp

Auditor
Beatrice Weiss

Members: ~15 members present

1. Opening of the Meeting

The 66th Annual Meeting was called to order by the President, Horst Zemp at 16:04 CST; the President welcomed and thanked everyone in attendance.

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

2. Approval of Minutes of 65rd Annual Meeting

Milan Urban made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Martin Lagler seconded it.

3. President's Report 2022

Annual meeting was held on January 28, 2022 as a zoom meeting. We had ~ 40 people in attendance and were able to conduct all the business as planned. Fondue was moved to April as most Chicago legations still had Covid protocols in place.

In February, over 20 people joined the Ski weekend enjoying the fun on the slopes of Tyrol Basin. The highlight was a dinner with non-skiing travelers and local friends. A fantastic turnout!

We started the monthly Stammtisch at the Glunz Tavern in Chicago every third Friday of the month. Thus, we repeated the Stammtisch every 3rd Friday of the month into November. The Stammtisch had always between 2 and 15 people. A wonderful way for members and non-members to gather monthly. In August, we co-shared the Stammtisch with the Lucerne Atelier Org to great new Artists from Luzern to Chicago. That Stammtisch was held at CLOE's with a great turn out.

On April 2nd, we held our Fondue event (with a fundraiser) at the ballroom of the American Legion in Morton Grove. Not having a full kitchen required our Fondue Master Chef Johann (under supervision of his wife) to melt the liquid gold in the large aluminum pans outdoors on a gas burner. Special thanks to Chef Johann and his wife for enduring the cold out there! Our Director of Sponsorship, Therese, put together fantastic donations for the raffle and silent auction. Special thanks to all the donors.

The Sunday Brunch at the Lake, coinciding with Father's Day, was held on June 19th and had once again a fantastic turnout. The weather was in our favor and over 60 people enjoyed a delicious breakfast. The breads made by the members of the extended board were terrific in both taste and looks. We all had a lovely and joyous family time.

We celebrated August 1st on July 30 under blue sky and sunshine on the Lawn of the American Legion in Morton Grove. With over 130 attendees, we enjoyed another terrific event where young and old had a great time. The brats and Cervelats were perfectly grilled by our grill team Johann and Kevin supported by Reto. The salads and dessert were a big hit. Being mindful our Swiss tradition, we sang the National anthem (might need to consider some practice in preparation for future years) and closed the event with the lampion parade led with ringing cowbells.

On September 9-11 we met on the Sweet Minihaha campground near Albany, WI for the annual Canoe weekend. The favorite event for many members that lasts from Friday afternoon until Sunday lunch. Singing and yodeling at the campfire, wine tasting and a Fondue under the stars are the highlights surrounding the relaxing tranquil canoeing down the Sugar River. Cleaning up on Sunday morning was a bit messy due to a rainstorm that started early Sunday morning and lasted the entire day. We had an attendance of close to 30.

Organized by Sonja Manhart, Members of the board decorated on November 12 the Swiss Christmas tree at the Museum of Science and Industry. The same day in the afternoon, we held the Raclette dinner at the Edgebrook Lutheran Church. A fun evening with a very tasty Tiramisu dessert.

Guezlibache and Samichlaus was held at the Edgebrook Lutheran Church on December 10. Under the Supervision of the ex-president Martin Lagler, we baked delicious Guezli. The little kids welcomed the Samichlaus and the Schmutzli.

I thank the entire Board

- Peter Keller and Ingo Eckstein - Storage Manager; Lolita Buryak - Membership Director; Therese Peskowits - Sponsorship Director
- Entertainment Committee: Monique Austin, Patrick Seitz, Tammi Zemp, Ruedi Bucher, Celeste Gallati, Nancy Froehlich, Amy Eckstein, Adam Ruprecht; Marie Battaglia; Keven Sujdak
- Elke Sujdak - Vice President; Milan Urban, Jr. - Treasurer; Sacha Urban - Secretary

for their hard work to make all of these events possible and with that creating a fun and successful 2022 Swiss Club year.

This concludes the President's Report for 2022.

4. Treasurer's Report 2022

Milan reports that most events made a little bit of profit but comments that the price for ticketed events is probably not high enough as it costs between 4 - 5% of transaction fees when credit cards are used to register for events. Milan will explore alternative ways of payments. Milan thanks Beatrice for her help with Quick Books. With her help, Milan would like to improve QB transactions so they don't need to be done manually. The Swiss Club's fondue and raclette cheeses are sponsored/donated by Emmi which help with the cost of the event.

Swissclub of Chicago			
Statement of Financial Position			
As of December 31, 2022			
	Total		
	As of Dec 31, 2022	As of Dec 31, 2021 (PP)	Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
Chase_0696	9,696.20	11,339.77	-1,643.57
PayPal Bank	10,386.66	7,741.76	2,644.90
Petty Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 20,082.86	\$ 19,081.53	\$ 1,001.33
Accounts Receivable			
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Other Current Assets			
Inventory Asset	264.00	264.00	0.00
Undeposited Funds	-35.00	0.00	-35.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 229.00	\$ 264.00	-\$ 35.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 20,311.86	\$ 19,345.53	\$ 966.33
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 20,311.86	\$ 19,345.53	\$ 966.33
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Total Liabilities			\$ 0.00
Equity			
Opening Balance Equity	16,581.65	16,417.95	163.70
Retained Earnings	2,927.58	6,544.16	-3,616.58
Net Revenue	802.63	-3,616.58	4,419.21
Total Equity	\$ 20,311.86	\$ 19,345.53	\$ 966.33
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 20,311.86	\$ 19,345.53	\$ 966.33

5. Auditor's Report 2022

Auditors Review Report

January 29, 2023

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

We have reviewed the balance sheet of the Swiss Club of Chicago as of December 31, 2022, and the related statements of income and retained earnings, and cash flows, for the year then ended.

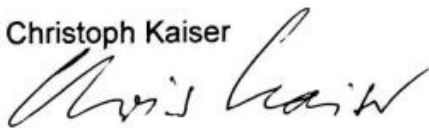
A review consists principally of analytical procedures applied to financial data and inquiries of the Club's personnel. It included such tests and auditing procedures, as we considered necessary under the scope of our review.

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

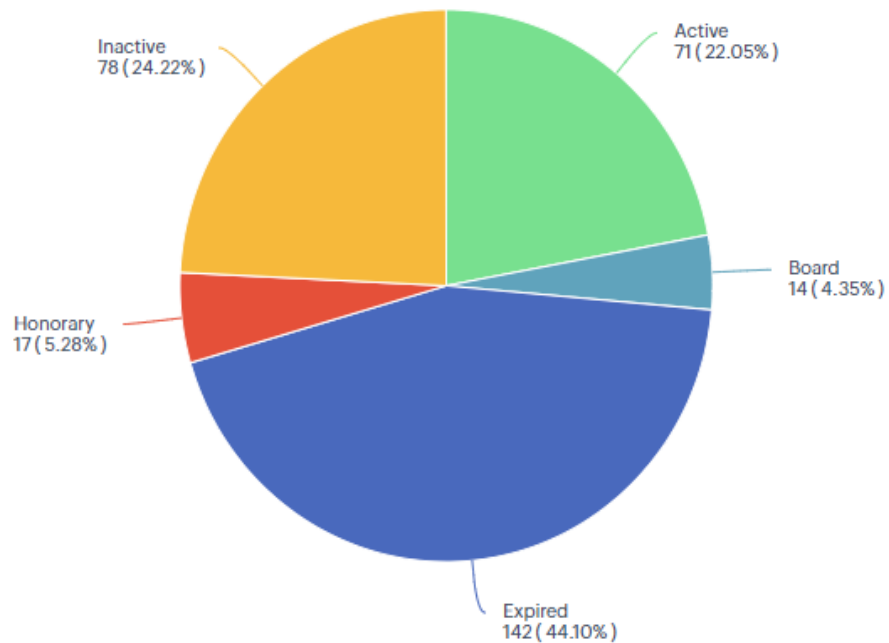


Beatrice Weiss

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6. Membership

Membership Status



Currently we have 71 **active** memberships (53 Family; 18 Individual). There still are more Inactive memberships that have (and some of them still) participate and/or attend our events.

We got 12 “fresh” new memberships in 2022. In addition, we so far have three (3) new memberships in 2023. Welcome!

We started the year 2022 at about 57 **active** memberships, now we are at 71. We are hoping this will improve going forward as we will be able to host all our events at full capacity, attracting more members to join.

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

Membership dues

Horst motions to keep the current membership price (\$30 individual/\$35 family, same household), Martin seconds. Motion carries unanimously.

8. Honorary members

Martin Lagler nominated Johann Lussenburger to be an Honorary Member of the Swiss Club Chicago. Johann has provided countless hours of help with cooking and food preparation and has always showed a willing spirit to help out wherever needed. Milan seconds Martin's nomination/motion and the motion carried unanimously.

9. Election of new Officers and Auditors

Martin Lagler, Chair of the Election Committee, presented the following candidates for the Swiss Club Executive Board 2023:

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

Martin Lagler proposed to support the slate of nominees as presented; seconded by Tammi Zemp. Motion carries unanimously.

10. Other Business

Horst is relating the Swiss Consulate's message that they are looking for a candidate that is moving from Chicago back to Switzerland for an article "Bi de Luet". Interested folks should contact Joerg Oberschmied.

Upcoming events are posted on the website

The Swiss National Day Celebration will be held July 29

The Swiss Club will continue to combine the tree decoration at the Field Museum with the Raclette dinner. Host thanked the many volunteers who made this event possible.

Sacha asks that members donate raffle items for the Fondue evening/fundraiser. Martin is thanking the Board and volunteers.

11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Horst Zemp and seconded by Milan Urban. The meeting was adjourned at 17:56 pm CST

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sacha Urban, Secretary on March 5, 2023.