



Minutes of the Board Meeting May 4th, 2023

Location: 2300 Yonge Street, Pickle Barrel

Attendance:

| Name | Position | Attendance (Y/N) |
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| Charlotte Mariller | President and Swiss Social | Y |
| Benjamin Wuethrich | VP, Membership and Website | Y |
| Heidy Lawrence | Tell Tale Editor | Y |
| Maggie Hess | Theatre | Y |
| Erika Tieche | Social Jass | Excused |
| Simone Hohn | 5 pin Bowling | Y |
| Auggie Werner | Treasurer | Y |
| Paula Rico | Women's | Y |
| Arno Sigrist | Men's | Y |
| Jean-Marc Velen | Amicale Romande <i>a. i.</i> | Y |
| Cedric Daros | Amicale Romande | Y |
| Philippe Moser | Canadysli | Y |

Minutes: Benjamin Wuethrich

Meeting called to order at 7.03 pm

1. Approval of minutes from March 2nd, 2023

Minutes were updated to reflect that Philippe was present.

- Approver: Heidy
- Seconder: Arno

2. Action items update from enter last meeting date here

- Benjamin: remove the Gym section from the Webpage – done

- Benjamin: to put AGM on the Webpage – done
- Simone: remove ‘excused absences’ and the Gym section from Minutes Template – done
- Benjamin will be added as a signer for the cheques – not yet, in progress
- all: send things to Heidy to be included in the TellTale – not yet due
- Heidy: to follow up with the request to write something regarding a thank you note for Paola's services – done
- Charlotte: to announce the AGM on Facebook – past due anyway
- Auggie: ask Noemie about the Cashboxes and if possible pick up everything from here with connection to the Amicale Romande/Swiss Club to bring to the storage – some things were transferred at theatre, but Noemi still has a few things
- Auggie or Charlotte: announce the Theatre on facebook – done / past due
- Insurance coverage - depends on whether we ever serve booze, like at the raclette
- Nadia to be added as signer of the cheques – done / no longer relevant

Remark from Paula at this point: The place where we used to have soccer and the raclette has been sold to the city of Oakville, in case we need a venue

3. General remarks by the president

- Swiss National Day:
 - Hansa Haus is booked, food, tents etc.; can we bring our own tent? For bad (or very hot) weather, we have the inside
 - If somebody becomes a member of the German Club, we get 10% off the bill (would be \$320 off)
 - German Club is also interested in doing joint social events
 - 600 Nussgipfel, we have a magician
 - Embassy has been notified
 - Canadysli have been asked to play, they'll get back to us
 - Still need volunteers and sponsorship
 - Auggie's family might be visit and volunteer
 - Should it be free again? Yes, but maybe increase margin on Nussgipfel; charging a fee requires very dedicated people to collect; could have a donation box; could charge for guests, but then how do you identify them—decision: “free for members”, encourage non-members to become members or donate something
 - A membership desk where you can renew or sign up; if we have e-Transfer by then, things would be easier (we get it with the signatory / bank update)
 - Are we going to have vendors? Alpine (formerly HUH) is working with Hansa Haus, we don't have to do anything; Charlotte doesn't know anybody, but maybe people reach out; in the past, we didn't charge for

tables (and we had seven or eight vendors); we're open to it, but not actively looking

- SCCC asked if we can do the May Social as a joint event (yes)
- Somebody reached out with the rights to a Swiss movie and asked if we want to do a screening; fees would be 600–1000 Euro(!) which seems pretty steep
 - Options: negotiate better price, or reach out to Embassy and see if they could support it somehow
 - We could show it at the French Club, or a public library
- July 27: international soccer/food/music event by FC Forge (Hamilton soccer team), would we be interested in joining? We wouldn't have to pay, just sell tickets at \$20; decision: we can promote, but not actively participate (too close to National Day)
- Where do we draw the line for what we post on social and what we advertise? We used to have quite a few ads in the Tell Tale, but it was a lot of work. We can be a bit picky and for example give preference to members, and/or ask the SCCC to post themselves on Facebook. We can also nudge them to be more clear about why this has a connection to the Swiss Club, if it's not obvious from the posting.

4. Treasurer's report

- Number one priority: update TD bank account; we need minimum two signatories, but we should have at least one spare; currently: Auggie, Albert, Thomas; suggesting: adding Heidi and Ben to replace Albert and Thomas; need to coordinate with Albert because we need two signatories to approve the new signatories
Update is also going to give us visibility into our account, e-Transfer, and just generally makes things simpler
- We have paid out a lot of money already, including invoice for board dinner and AGM (already spent almost \$10k), membership fees are trickling in
- Grant request from theatre group (\$2000): group doesn't spend money on rehearsal, and there were 70 people attending, and in the past, the section used to have a \$2k deficit already in the past, but they have some funds leftover from previously. Generally, the cost of things have gone up, and the grant is higher than what Auggie remembers, but it's also "very Swiss". Wide approval for grant. Payment once we have sorted out the bank account.

5. Membership report

- Send invoice with next printed Tell Tale? Generally, think about a solution, but yes, send invoices to Heidi
- Elisabeth Evans paid \$40, but she's a lifetime member now, who can reach out?
- Membership numbers: see spreadsheet
- Unallocated payments and credit memos:
 - Elena Jelmini (unallocated, entire membership paid; has to be

messed)

- Hedwig Jenzer (credit memo, entire membership paid; emailed)
- Irene Dixon (unallocated, \$20 left to pay; has to be messaged)
- Ruth Saegesser (unallocated, \$20 left to pay; emailed)

6. Tell Tale update

- Heidy will send reminders for contributions, wants to send out a few weeks before National Day

7. Social Media and Website Update

- Getting rid of Facebook group? Charlotte against; there is some duplication between Page and Group; keep the group, discuss how to get rid some of the redundant work
- Obituary part is live, and first obituary posted
- Added by-laws on contact page, planning to add an "About" page with more docs and history
- Planned content updates: Theatre Group (what?), Canadysli (transfer old website)
- Plan to convert Posts to automated newsletter

8. Section reports

- 5-pin Bowling
 - Summer break
 - Will have a celebration later in the year
- Women's Section
 - Kafiklatsches still alive, but East end one with relatively low attendance
 - 14 members went to theatre performance, all actresses are actually members
 - Going to theatre performance (TODO look up what this was)
 - Member who passed away had a lot of Swiss dresses, which Paula now has; some given to New Glarus (Wisconsin), some to the Fryvogel tavern
 - West end Kafiklatsch going well, good system in place to know when people move into nursing home
 - Tulip festival trip was sold out in three weeks (56 seats)
 - Lake Rousseau (Rosseau?) boat cruise coming up (Ben to post; make it very clear that it's open to all members)
 - Are the horse race events still a thing? There's no more buffet, and a lot of things have changed
 - AGM: May 25, includes free lunch (veal marsala, tilapia fish); board has been unchanged for 15 years
- Theatre Group

- Thank you for attending the theatre
- Eva has moved to Belleville, and Rene to Owen Sound, and they still showed up to practice every week
- Didn't go to Ottawa as interest wasn't strong
- Photos are online
- Men's Section
 - Monday Kafiklatsches: fewer and fewer people
 - More people on the Zoom meet on the third Wednesday each month
 - Coming up: BBQ at Egger farm on June 24; won't have Albert's coffee machine, but we have one in storage and we'll bring it to the event (Jean-Marc and/or Charlotte)
- Amicale Romande
 - Cedric Daros is taking over from Jean-Marc; long time Amicale attendee, discussed taking it over even before the pandemic
 - Cedric was born in Canada, his mom is from near Morges; some training in event production/coordination
 - Jean-Marc to still provide some support, but Cedric taking over officially and will have all the papers by next meeting
 - Fondue is going to move to the Legion instead of the church basement
 - Next event: raclette
- Social Jass
 - On break for summer
- Swiss Social
 - Next event joint with the SCCC
- Canadysli
 - AGM June 6 with the vote to formally join the Swiss Club
 - Heiri (founder) passed away, Canadysli will attend memorial

9. Other Business

- None

10. Adjournment

- Next board meeting date and time: June 8th, 2023
- Meeting adjourned: 8.47 pm

11. Action Items from this meeting

- Jean-Marc to bring briefcase from Noemi to next board meeting
- Cedric and Charlotte to get Smart Serve
- Charlotte reach out to Trillium
- Charlotte to check for better price or support from embassy for movie screening

- Charlotte and Ben: Mention vendor opportunity for National Day on social and website/newsletter
- Auggie: maybe get the bank update done
- Ben to post Lake Rosseau boat cruise
- Jean-Marc and Charlotte to make sure to bring coffee machine to Egger Farm BBQ
- Jean-Marc to pass over all Amicale things to Cedric
- Ben to send Cedric's email address to Heidi
- Auggie to intro Cedric and Hugo Baumann for amicale support