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Society and offset the increasing costs of the monthly publication and other incidentals. It is thus also hoped to increase the subsidies to the local Social Clubs as stipulated in the rules of the Society.

The retiring President has been elected an honorary life member of the Swiss Society of New Zealand, and Miss D. Peyer, the retiring Secretary-Treasurer, and the former were awarded a vote of thanks for their work in the interest of the Society.

After the conclusion of the General Meeting at 9.30 p.m. a social organised by the Waikato Social Club was enjoyed by all, and the retiring President thanked the Club in the name of the Society for the well-organised and most successful evening which was well rewarded by an attendance of over one hundred guests.

L. BOSSHARD,
Retiring President.

SWISS SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

Receipts and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31.3.1957.

RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions	80	0	6			
Donations	13	9	1			
Interest on P.O. Savings Bank	18	18	6			
Other Income	10	0	0			

EXPENDITURE

Printing of "Helvetia"				116	11	0
Postages of "Helvetia"				16	4	9
Income Tax and Social Security Charge				3	4	5
Audit Fee				4	10	0
Office Expenses				9	2	0
General Expenses				2	10	0
Sundry				2	14	7
Nett Loss	32	8	8			
	£154	16	9	£154	16	9

Accumulated Funds

Nett Loss carried forward	£	s.	d.	1.4.1956—Balance	£	s.	d.
31.3.1957 Balance	32	8	8		691	15	1
	659	6	5				
	£691	15	1		£691	15	1

Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 1957.

ASSETS				LIABILITIES			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
P.O. Savings Bank	656	1	6	Accumulated Funds	659	6	5
Cash on Hand	3	4	11				
	£659	6	5		£659	6	5

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GENERAL MEETING OF THE HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

The first Annual Meeting of the Hamilton Swiss Club was held on 19th of May, 1957, at the "Riverlea" in Hamilton. About 90 members and friends came along to approve past and coming activities of the Club. Below is the President's Report:—

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting the first annual report of our Hamilton Swiss Club. As I was granted leave of absence for my holiday in Switzerland my thanks go to the Vice-President, Mr. W. Risi, and the Committee for so very capably getting things under way.

Eight committee meetings were held beside our monthly social functions and we are fortunate to hold them in such pleasant surroundings as the "Riverlea." In January most of us attended a Picnic organised by the Auckland Swiss Club on Dr. Kaegi's Farm and a most enjoyable time was had by all.

We have close on a hundred financial members, considerably more than we anticipated and this proves without doubt the need for our Club. Specially the newcomers from Home have a chance to speak our own language, to make friends, and to overcome to some extent our homesickness which gets us all down at one time or another.

I would like to suggest to the coming committee that newcomers to the district be approached by officers as soon as possible and not to wait till they eventually join us by themselves. This could be done perhaps by contacting our Consulate in Wellington. As the running of our social functions entails quite a bit of work we have decided to raise the number of the committee members from 10 to 16. This will make the work all round a bit easier.

Our sincere thanks are due to the Musicians and Singers who so willingly provide the proper

atmosphere to our functions. You all know—without music—it would not be a Swiss Evening at all.

In conclusion I would like to thank again the members of the committee, especially the ladies for their support and their work in making this first year of our club such an outstanding success.

Te Rapa, 8 R.D., 19th May, 1957.

ARNOLD BILAND,

President.

The minutes of the Initial Meeting read by the Secretary, Mrs. A. Fitz-Meier, were unanimously approved and carried. The Treasurer, Mr. Tony Loetscher, gave a brief report on the Club's financial affairs of the past and of the position at 31st of March, 1957. The Profit and Loss Account and the Balance Sheet were then approved and carried. The discharge of the committee was followed by the elections. All hitherto elected committee members were unanimously confirmed for the coming year. On account of the steadily increasing membership six additional officers were elected: Mrs. Rosa Steiner, Mrs. Villiger, Mr. Walter Steiner, Mr. Charlie Steiner, Mr. Joe Egger, and Mr. Renaldo Rust. Other business of the Meeting was the institution of by-laws. After lively discussions the articles drafted by the committee were accepted by the Meeting and carried. A few other matters had to be attended to. All transactions were dealt with promptly and the President, Mr. A. Biland, was able to close the business part of the meeting at 10.15 p.m.

It is pleasing to report that the Club's membership has now increased to over one hundred life members. According to the rules adopted by the general meeting ordinary membership can now be granted to persons of nationalities other than Swiss to the extent of 10 per cent. of the Life Membership.

The social part of the meeting was introduced by an excellent supper followed by popular entertaining items such as folk music and dances, flag drill, songs and yodels. The help and support of all those members was indeed much appreciated and greatly helped to make the meeting such a happy reunion.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Recently the Swiss in Wellington assembled for their first Social Evening. There was quite a large attendance and everybody seemed happy to meet old friends again and to make new ones. The lively conversation was interrupted by a very well-planned programme consisting of old Swiss songs and skilfully acted anecdotes. After

supper, to which the ladies contributed generously in the way of delicious cookies, the party divided into two: some people danced while others preferred to talk and play cards in the supper room.

We all enjoyed ourselves very much, and wish to thank Mr. Bischof for the able organisation of the evening, which will remain a happy memory for everybody.

L.H.

Many of our older compatriots will be interested to learn that a former Swiss Consul in Wellington, Mr. Walter Schmid, who has been Consul-General in Los Angeles for some time, has now been appointed Consul-General in Barcelona (Spain).

INQUIRY FROM INTENDING IMMIGRANT

A Swiss national, married, with two children, pastry cook, son of a farmer, good knowledge of English, would like to emigrate to New Zealand, but in order to obtain an Entry Permit it is necessary for him first to have suitable married accommodation available. He would be quite willing to work on a farm. Would anyone able to offer accommodation or employment, or both, please communicate with the Consulate of Switzerland, G.P.O. Box 386, Wellington.

CORRESPONDENCE: Please address to the Secretary,

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