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SWISS SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at Christchurch — 11th April, 1964

Mr K. Suter, on behalf of the Christchurch Club, welcomed the President, John Steiner; Secretary, L. Kuringer, and all other members to the meeting and expressed the pleasure that the Christchurch Swiss Club was given the opportunity to hold this important meeting.

In his report the President voiced his concern about the loss in the working account of the Society and warned that unless action is taken our accumulated funds will rapidly disappear. Consequently the discussion on the financial statement was freely taken up and it was encouraging to see the interest in the Society's affairs. It seems obvious that the Helvetia in its present form is causing the deficit and something has to be done to hold the slide.

The Secretary suggested that the subscription for all members of affiliated clubs should be increased to 15/-, the same as for other members. W. Risi outlined the Press Committee's views and moved that the subscription be left as it is for another year and that during this year two or three different proposals should be put before the clubs for consideration. He said that he would not like to see a reduction in the size of the Helvetia as it would restrict the club reports and as we have more material available than we can utilise at present, the members might favour an increase in the size and pay a bit more for it.

This was then adopted and the Press Committee was charged with working out the proposals.

Dr Jean Pierre Weber, Charge d'Affairs, Embassy of Switzerland, was elected Patron of the Swiss Society. John Steiner was re-elected President; H. Schaerer, Vice-Consul of the Embassy, Vice-President; L. Kuringer, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Press Committee and Auditor were also confirmed for another year. The venue for next year's meeting was voted to be Auckland.

Leave of absence for the President, the Vice-President, and the Secretary-Treasurer was granted for the period that they will be away for a holiday in Switzerland. It happens that all of them get the travelling fever together and best wishes aplenty will follow them. The meeting appointed past president, W. Risi to look after the Society's affairs during the President's absence.

The meeting closed with the hearty thanks from the President for the very homely reception and well arranged meeting and the excellent home-made supper.