

**Minutes of the 29th Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Society of Queensland Inc.
Held at St Augustine's Anglican Church Hall, 56 Racecourse Road, Hamilton, Qld 4007
Saturday 26 October 2019 at 11am.**

Attendance:

Anita Meier (President), Rita von Rotz (Vice-President), Peter Oesch (Treasurer) and Luana Storni (Committee member)
17 members attended.

Minutes

1 President's welcome and opening remarks

With the necessary quorum reached, Anita welcomed everybody and thanked everyone present for attending the AGM.

2 Apologies:

Philip Coquerand, Diane Lanyon, Hubert Meier, Herbert und Monika Nick, Peter and Val Gloor, Ruth Milwright, Evelyn Upton, Lilo Mueller, Hanspeter Baumann, Beat Schoenenberger, Nicole Berner, Peter & Lorly Wyler.

3 Minutes of previous AGM, 28 October 2018

The minutes of the last AGM were taken as read and moved to be accepted by Vreni Schoenenberger and seconded by Florido Bizzozero, all agreed.

4 President's Report

Anita read out the president's report, including a thank you to all volunteers and their contributions to the events of the past year. Some of the events were more profitable than others. The National Day was very successful with the visit of Consul General Bernadette Hunkeler Brown and the Hon Consul Daniel Gschwind. The boat trip in February was very successful despite the fact that it was first cancelled due to bad weather. The Jass Meisterschaft and the Raclette night had good attendance and did break even. The Fondue night was less successful due to the long weekend. Children events such as Easter Bunny and Samichlaus had high attendance. These events don't break even because of the presents offered to the children for free. Nevertheless, they are a very important part of what the Swiss Society is about. Family prices were introduced and led to a larger uptake and attendance at events. The sad news this year was the passing of Max Braendli, a well-known founding father of the Swiss Club with a passion for the history of the Swiss migrants to Australia. Vale Max. Anita moved the president's report to be accepted, seconded by Katja Wallimann Gates.

5 Treasurer's Report

The president's report was available for members to peruse. The year closes with a profit of \$963.98 (previous year \$6,365.38) and assets of \$100,649.17 (previous year \$98,855.23). The Club is in a healthy financial position. Moved to be accepted by Peter Oesch and seconded by Kevin Gates.

6 Election of Committee:

A Election of Chairperson in Respect to 7c

Election of Chairperson in Respect to 7c. Rene Alini was nominated for the role of chairperson, proposed by Anita Meier and seconded by Peter Oesch.

B Retirement of committee

The old committee has retired.

C Election of new committee

Proxy forms: Proxy forms are on file.

Nominations were received for all but one positions. One nomination came from the floor.
Rene Alini declared the committee as follows:

President:	Anita Meier
Vice-President:	Rita von Rotz
Treasurer:	Peter Oesch
Secretary:	open
Members:	Philippe Coquerand
	Tom Voser
	Diane Lanyon
	Nicole Berner

D Appoint an auditor, Accountant or an Approved Person for the Present Financial Year

Appoint an auditor, Accountant or an Approved Person for the Present Financial Year: Election of Whitehouse Audit Pty Ltd to stay on. Moved by Anita Meier and seconded by Rene Alini.

7 General Business

The President thanks everybody who attended the AGM. The meeting was closed at 2 pm.

- a. Functions price difference between members and non-members \$8. Difference accepted.
- b. Gabriel Dubler, president of Swiss Yodel Choir, thanked the Swiss Society for opportunities for exposure and financial support.
Choir has gained three new members from National Day event.
Challenges for the choir are the distances members have to travel to attend practice rehearsals and it is difficult to find people to stay long term.
- c. Katia Wallimann Gates, delegate for Council of Swiss Abroad. Next conference in Lugano, August 2020 is a three-day event. Every Swiss abroad can attend. The Oceania council bi-annual conference for all Swiss Club presidents will be held in Auckland in October 16th.
- d. The next boat trip will be held on 9 February 2020. Departure from Mowbray Park. There are approximately 130 seats. We need a minimum of 90 Adults to go ahead with the event. The price is \$69 for adults and \$35 for children. Morning and afternoon tea are included.

2. The meeting closed at 2pm.

Recorded

Signed as true record

Luana Storni
Secretary

Anita Meier
President