

Minutes of the Foundation Meeting Held at the Restaurant Zum Roten Turm, Baden, on Friday 10th January, 1975.

1. Opening of the Meeting: Mr. Dennis Stephenson opened the meeting 15 minutes later than arranged (8.15 p.m.) and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Stephenson extended a special word of thanks to the Ad Hoc Committee, which had worked so hard in the three months preceding this meeting, and also thanked them for the distinctive guest book they had presented to the Club.

2. Formal Voting on Forming the Club: Mr. Ian Davidson, seconded by Mr. Lyall Smith, proposed that the Club should be formed. The proposal was carried by a majority.

3. Acceptance of the Rules: Mr. David Stone presented the proposed rules to the meeting, and made the following general comments:
 - Rule No. 1. It had been suggested by the Ad Hoc Committee that the Club should be called the Piccadilly Club, Baden/Brugg.
 - Rule No. 7 The proposed membership fees are in line with those which other clubs have found necessary to charge.
 - Rule No. 16 Auditors cannot be elected for a second successive year, to ensure efficiency of the books.
 - Rule No. 18 The time limits on terms of office on the Committee are to enable new people with fresh ideas to join the committee.

Mr. Stone then asked the meeting if they had any questions or suggestions regarding the proposed rules.

Concerning Rule No. 3 Mr. Stratton suggested that two meetings a month was a little too often. Mr. Stone replied that he felt that for the time being this should stand until the Club has been running for a few months.

Mr. Kick stated that he felt that the proposed name of the Club - Piccadilly Club Baden/Brugg - was a little vague and that another name should be proposed which would describe more clearly the character of the Club, which is obviously going to be composed of many nations. It was then proposed by Dr. A. Kmetz, seconded by Dr. Greenwood, that an amendment should be made to Rule No. 1, changing the name of the Club to the English Speaking Club Baden/Brugg. This amendment was carried 39 to 31.

Mrs. Portmann asked for clarification on Rule No. 8, where it states that a person wishing to join the club may not attend more than three meetings prior to taking out membership. Mr. Lüssi replied that this rule was made to discourage the "hangers-on" but it still enabled members to bring the occasional guest to the Club meetings. No amendment to this rule was proposed.

Mr. McNab suggested that an amendment should be made to Rule No. 19, where it states that any individual member of the Committee would be entitled to

spend Club funds. The following new rule was proposed by Mr. McNab, seconded by Mr. Peter Smith:

"The Committee is required to carry out the administration of the Club to the best of its ability. It represents the Club towards third parties and is authorized to spend Club funds as appropriate to the best interests of the Club".

This amendment was carried by a majority.

Mr. Stratton proposed, seconded by Dr. Kmetz, that the words "Dissolution of the Club" should be deleted from Rule No. 12. However, it was decided that as the dissolution of the Club would be a matter for an extra-ordinary meeting, no amendment would be necessary.

Mr. Kick proposed, seconded by Mr. Amstutz, that all rules containing the word "member" should be changed to "paid up member" in order that the rules be consistent throughout. The proposed amendment to this rule was not carried. However, it was further proposed that the words "paid-up" should be deleted from Rule No. 13. This proposal was made by Mr. Kick, seconded by Mr. Amstutz, and carried by a majority vote.

Finally, it was proposed by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the discussions on the rules of the Club had gone on long enough, and that the rules should be accepted as they stand, including the aforementioned amendments. This proposal was acclaimed by the meeting and carried by a majority vote.

4. Election of the Committee and Auditors

Mr. Dennis Stephenson read out to the meeting all the names that had been proposed for the committee and auditors, and then went on to elect each member individually. The resulting committee was as follows:

PRESIDENT: Proposed: Mr. Paul Lüssi
 Mr. David Stone
 Mr. Rolf Weinmann

Mr. David Stone and Mr. Rolf Weinmann did not offer themselves for election. Mr. Paul Lüssi was proposed by Mr. Lyall Smith, seconded by Mr. Ian Davidson, and the proposal was carried by a majority.

VICE PRESIDENTS (2): Proposed: Mr. David Stone
 Mrs. Hana Löwenschuss
 Mr. Ian Davidson

All three proposed were prepared to stand, and separate votes were then taken for election of two Vice Presidents. Mr. David Stone was proposed by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Stamm, and received 72 votes. Mrs. Hana Löwenschuss was proposed by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McCombie, and received 48 votes. Mr. Ian Davidson was proposed by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Lüssi, and received 39 votes. Mr. David Stone and Mrs. Hana Löwenschuss were, therefore, elected as the two Vice Presidents.

SECRETARY: Proposed: Mrs. Margaret Weinmann

Mrs. Weinmann was proposed by Mr. Paul Lüssi, seconded by Mr. David Stone, and was elected by a majority.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Proposed: Mrs. Gail Panizza

Mrs. Panizza was proposed by Mr. Bossert, seconded by Mr. Smith, and was elected with a majority vote.

TREASURER: Proposed: Mr. Jacques Degoumois
Ms. Marie-Adèle Kelham

Both Mr. Degoumois and Ms. Kelham were prepared to stand for election, and a separate vote was then taken for each person. Mr. Jacques Degoumois was proposed by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Lüssi, and received 32 votes. Ms. Marie-Adèle Kelham was proposed by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Stratton, and received 30 votes. Mr. Jacques Degoumois was therefore elected as treasurer.

YOUTH MEMBER: Proposed: Mr. Peter Smith
Mr. Colin Higgs

Both Mr. Smith and Mr. Higgs were prepared to stand for election. Mr. Higgs was proposed by Mrs. McCombie, seconded by Mrs. Stone, and received 37 votes. Mr. Smith was proposed by Mrs. Panizza, seconded by Mr. Davidson, and received 41 votes. Therefore, Mr. Peter Smith was elected as Youth Member.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER: Proposed: Mr. Ian Davidson
Mr. Rolf Weinmann
Mr. Tony Hancox

Mr. Rolf Weinmann and Mr. Ian Davidson did not offer themselves for election, and Mr. Tony Hancox, proposed by Mr. David Stone, seconded by Mr. A. Playfair, was elected with a majority vote.

EXTRA COMMITTEE MEMBER: Proposed: Mr. Ian Davidson
Mr. Lyall Smith

Mr. Lyall Smith did not offer himself for election, and Mr. Ian Davidson, proposed by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Lüssi, was elected with a majority vote.

AUDITORS (2): Proposed: Dr. Alan Kmetz
Ms. Marie-Adèle Kelham
Mr. Bob Richmond.

All three were prepared to stand for election. Dr. Kmetz was proposed by Mr. Lüssi and seconded by Mr. Weinmann, and received 50 votes. Ms. Marie-Adèle Kelham was proposed by Mrs. Stone, and seconded by Mr. Peter Smith, and received 54 votes. Mr. Richmond was proposed by Mr. Lyall Smith and seconded by Mr. Stratton, and received 45 votes. Dr. Alan Kmetz and Ms. Marie-Adèle Kelham were therefore elected as Auditors.

5. Presenting the First Programme:

Mr. Paul Lüssi presented the proposed programme for the coming months. This included a visit to a store in Baden, a fancy dress ball at carnival time, a Swiss evening, wine tasting, a treasure hunt, a barbecue, and a visit from Brian Barnes. All these suggestions received the full approval of the meeting.

6. Hobby and Interest Groups:

Mr. David Stone read out a few suggestions he had received for the Hobby and Interest Groups. He then asked the meeting for their suggestions, which should be handed in at the end of the meeting, Mr. Stone then promised to prepare a list of the most popular suggestions.

7. Any Other Business:

Mr. Dennis Stephenson asked if there were any other matters to be raised, and as there were not, he then thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and wished the Club much success.

The new President Mr. Paul Lüssi then thanked Mr. Stephenson for coming from Basle and presiding over the meeting in such an efficient manner. He also asked the members to attend the meetings frequently, and then closed the meeting at 11 p.m.

Margaret Weinmann
Secretary.