



Swiss Seniors Club

Annual General Meeting, February 15, 2009

Report of the President

I would like to welcome everybody and thank you for coming to our second Annual General Meeting.

Gratitudes:

- A big thank you goes to the board members, Werner Siegrist, Annelies Dubach, Joe Hurschler, Ursula Williams and Georges Samné for all the work they did during the year and the eleven Board meetings we held during the year 2008.
- Also the Chefs who prepared the delicious menus and the members who helped setting up the hall and the tables on our events deserve a big "Thank you".
- A special gratitude goes to Ambassador Werner Baumann and Mrs. Bernadette Hurschler for maintaining a close link between the Swiss Embassy and our Club.

Membership:

The past year, the Swiss Seniors Club (SSC) has increased its Membership from 79 to 125 people. Due to the Task Force agreement, each member of the SSC becomes a member of the Ottawa Valley Swiss Club Inc. (OVSC). Our Club, members and Board members, are insured through the OVSC- Insurance Company. On point # 8 of todays agenda, we will discuss the membership fees.

Events:

During the year 2008 we organized 11 events where we had over 650 people attending. Noteworthy are the picnic in August (over 40 people) and the St. Niklaus Luncheon (over 110 people) in attendance. The attendance was not as big as we expected on the Dinner Dance in

November - we will work harder next time! Otherwise, all the events were well received and appreciated.

Task Force (TF):

The Task Force is an interim-committee that works on the cooperation between the 3 Swiss Clubs in Ottawa. The Swiss Seniors Club and the Montagna Singers are now a fully autonomous section of the Ottawa Valley Swiss Club Inc. The TF job was to implement the January 2008 agreement to reflect the new structure of the 3 Clubs. It remains to conclude the draft of the amended OVSC By-Laws.

Sorrow:

We all grieve the passing of our Swiss Seniors Club Members:

- Mme Michelle Imbaud (late wife of M. Raymond Chappuis),
- Mrs. Heather Moser (late wife of Mr. Ernst Moser),
- Mme Jeanine Brunner (late wife of Mr. Anton Brunner),
- Mr. Ross Williams (late husband of Mrs. Ursula Williams, SSC Board Member)

As we share the grief, I will ask that we rise and have a moment of silence.

Future events:

Point # 9 of this agenda we will discuss the future events. We, the Board are open to any suggestions to improve our monthly events and event admission fees.

Thank you very much.

Kurt Portmann