



Minutes of the Board Meeting Nov 9, 2023

Location: **Online** (Zoom)

Attendance (meeting was optional):

Name	Position	Attendance (Y/N)
Charlotte Mariller	President and Swiss Social	Y
Benjamin Wuethrich	VP, Membership and Website, Secretary	Y
Heidy Lawrence	Tell Tale Editor	Y
Maggie Hess	Theatre	N
Erika Tieche	Social Jass	N
Simone Hohn	5 pin Bowling	Y
Auggie Werner	Treasurer	Y
Paula Rico	Women's	N
Arno Sigrist	Men's	Y
Cedric Daros	Amicale Romande	Y
Philippe Moser	Canadysli	Y
Gabriel Hilty	Social Media	N
Corinne Jakob	Entertainment	N

Minutes: Benjamin Wuethrich

Meeting called to order at 6.30 pm

1. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

- n/a

2. General remarks by the president

- November 30 Christmas Social at Jack Astor's
 - Food and drink tickets
 - Hoping for about 35 attendees
- December 3 Santa Claus event

- Philippe getting costume for himself, plus elf costume for Cedric
- RSVP form still needs to be set up
- Philippe to host a Costco run
- Photo booth? Between \$500 and \$700 (yes)
- Charitable giving? Books, clothes, toys? Combine with raffle entry (group agrees)
- Do we need more toy stuff, or are National Day leftovers sufficient? Probably need some more; Simone is getting some more arts and crafts supplies, cookie decorations; can also get some supplies at Costco
- Corinne to prepare a Christmas playlist
- Ben to double check about speaker system with Phoenix
- Make it very clear that we need the names before the event, and they should pay beforehand
- Tickets: is \$20 for adults too expensive? How about \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids, \$25 for adult non-members?
- Can't bring pets!
- December 12 Board Christmas Dinner: will send menu choice out soon, short discussion about who qualifies as a "plus one" (summary: we're flexible, be reasonable)

3. Tell Tale update

- Send content to Heidy soon; if you include pictures, make sure they are high resolution

4. Section reports

a. Men's Section

- Movie night was reasonably successful
- Asking for \$250 for expenses, like last year

b. Amicale Romande

- Fondue: finding a new venue has been rough; reach out to Cedric with suggestions (needs seating *and* kitchen)
- Still have the church option, but would like something more transit friendly
- George Brown super expensive (like \$7k)
- Check out Latvian House (where we had the theatre)
- Around beginning of December, we'll just revert to the church
- Some community centres have large kitchens
- Thinking around \$40 per person

c. Theatre Group

- Update submitted by Maggie via email
- We will get together for the first reading of the new play at the end of November. The title is *En heisse Droht*.
- We have the tentative date in Wellesley on Apr 7, 2024

- The Thames Valley Swiss Club is organizing the event.
- Toronto tentative Apr 21, 2024
- Serious practice begins in January, 1–2 times a week.
- As for the future, it depends who is willing to commit for 4 months of practice 1-2 times a week (January–April). We also need a central practice place, since right now we practice in private homes of friends, and dress rehearsal took place at a friend's business last year.
- We used to practice in gyms at the school board, but that's no longer possible, because they require the entire year commitment.
- We used to pay only for registration fees, but now it's too expensive.

d. Canadysli

- Dinner dance: planning to use the same location (Black Creek), March 2, 2024
- Have to coordinated potential sponsors, Charlotte can provide an Excel sheet
- Tickets will be around \$100
- Need players