

Minutes of the board meeting of the Arbenz Family Association

Place:

"Virtual meeting" of all board members and auditors via email exchange due to Corona pandemic.

Date: October 31, 2020

Minutes: Peter Arbenz-Lehmann

1. Approval of minutes

- The minutes of the board meeting of April 13, 2019 by Gabriele Huggenberg-Arbenz are approved without changes and thanked.
- The minutes of the 66th General Assembly of September 15, 2019 in Schaffhausen are noted and also thanked. The approval is incumbent on the next AGM.

2. Changes in the membership list since the last meeting

Deceased:

- . Annelies Crone-Arbenz on October 5, 2019 in Australia in her 96th year.
(Son Greg Crone and his wife Carolyn would like to continue receiving mails on bjcj1000@gmail.com)
- . Anna Klara Arbenz-Himmel on July 22, 2020 in Dorf, in her 95th year of age.
- . John Clerke Arbenz, W20, on Sept. 5, 2020, in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, in his 73rd year of age from colitis and concurrent Covid-19 disease .
- . Edith Davies-Arbenz (de L79), circa 2010 in her 87th year.

Other (address) changes are noted in the new membership list.

3. Finances: 2019 Financial Statement.

The 2019 loss was CHF -2'956 Fr. (budget -3'250), assets as of 31.12.2019 = CHF 51'937.

4. Planning of the AGM 2021

The proposal "Zoo Zurich" meets with approval. Preference is given to the restaurant "Altes Klösterli", from where there is a nice view of the lower zoo area ("Monkey Theater" in front of the window front....). Children and others not attending the formal AGM could visit the zoo until lunch. Peter has reserved St.Martin's Hall for September 12, 2021 (capacity 112 people). However, minimum consumption is 5,000 francs, while we have budgeted only 3,500 for the meeting. This means that we will have to charge at least the drinks to the participants. All this assumes that the Corona measures will be relaxed by then.

5. Collection of ideas for the 175th anniversary in 2024

The following ideas have been submitted so far, but not yet discussed:

- Gabriele: Film adaptation of the novel "The Arbenz Saga" (sponsors welcome!).
- Gabriele: Family reunion in the Aosta Valley
- Peter U.: Composing a (thin) third volume of the genealogy, with all the changes and additions since 1999

6. Miscellaneous

- On August 1, 2020, the third part of the Arbenz trilogy entitled "A Black Friday" was published. It deals with the last Lindenmüller Jakob Arbenz. Despite the Corona pandemic, the book vernissage could take place on September 18 in the Löwensaal Andelfingen with 53 participants. The articles in 4 regional newspapers triggered a positive echo. Peter thanks again the sponsors Peter Arbenz-Schönenberger, Andi Arbenz, Gertrud Reiter and the Family Association for their support. The novel can be ordered from the author (peter.arbenz@sunrise.ch).

- On May 23 and June 6, 2020, the "Landbote" published a two-part series of articles about Jacobo Arbenz-Guzman and his father. The author Joseph Jung, who uses the former Guatemalan president as a case study in his latest work "The Laboratory of Progress", subsequently visited the Haldenmühle with a group and suggested in an interview with "Andelfingen info" that a monument should be erected in Andelfingen to Jacobo, who was overthrown by the CIA in 1954.

- The latest work by Peruvian Nobel Prize winner for literature Mario Vargas Llosa ("tiempos recios," Engl. "Fierce Times") is dedicated to the 1954 overthrow in Guatemala. Despite the many leaps in time and the sometimes rude language, it is rich in detail and instruction. Jacobo Arbenz, however, is portrayed as a "mute fish" and alcoholic.

The following new ID's have been assigned to Arbenz family members:

- Toby Arbenz (born 1975), de L131, new: L157
- Florian Arbenz (born 1975), de L139, new: L158
- Moritz Severin Arbenz (1974), en L144, new: L159
- Lukas Milan Arbenz (1978), en L144, new: L160
- John Dennis Arbenz (1980), de W19, new: W28
- Casey Arbenz (1977), de W22, new: W29