



Verein der Familie Arbenz
66. GV vom 15. September 2019
in Schaffhausen



1. Welcome

- The president welcomes the participants in German and French. A special welcome is given to the members from French-speaking Switzerland. A total of 38 participants, including 4 minors, are present. 22 of them are entitled to vote. This is the lowest number since Peter became president. The reason could be that SPAM filters eliminated our e-mail invitations. Next year all members located in Switzerland will be invited by traditional mail again. But there is also a general lack of younger members. The loyal Arbenz members are often over 80 years old. Peter motivates the members to invite their offspring as well.
- 22 members and their families have sent their excuses. The President reads their names. Reasons are old age or they are living abroad, which makes participation too costly.
- When choosing the venue, the board mainly considers three criteria: the attractiveness of the city, the importance for our family and the accessibility. In the case of Schaffhausen, all three conditions are fully met. More about the importance of the city for the Arbenz family in the appendix.
The agenda was sent out in advance. No change requests have been received.

2. Minutes of the 65th general assembly in Elgg and Gyrenbad

The minutes were sent out, published on the Internet and approved at the board meeting of 2 June 2018. An English version was also produced for the first time. The minutes are not read out, they are approved by those present without comment and the author Gabriele Huggenberg is thanked.

3. Honoring of deceased members

Since the last assembly we have sadly learned of the following deaths:

Arbenz-Roth	Heinz	Dorf		L	127	19.4.2018	at 84
Fehr-Arbenz	Hedwig	Zürich	de	L	101	20.1.2019	at 97
Fischer-Arbenz	Elisabeth	Zürich	de	B	92	9.4.2019	at 79
Arbenz-Mack	Ulrike	D-Blaubeuren	de	L	110	11.6.2019	at 82
Arbenz	Eduard „Edi“	Rüti		L	127	15.6.2019	at 91

Arbenson family in the Vallée d'Aoste:

In Pontey there are only 3 people left named Arbenson after the death of Serafina Ducret Arbenson and the decease of the owner of the pizzeria, Vera Arbenson-Fanny. These are her 2 single sons Cristiano and Roberto, as well as Maria Arbenson, the daughter of Ernesto Arbenson and Fernanda Berthod. Outside of Pontey there are only about 4 Arbenson left in the world, the name is dying out.

The deceased are honoured by those present with a minute's silence.

4. Profit and Loss Statement and Auditor's Report

The head of finance Olivier Arbenz-Wegmüller presents the closing of the last 2 years of the association 2017/2018. The correctness of the annual account is examined, and the auditor Philip Arbenz certifies Olivier Arbenz a clean bookkeeping. The statement is unanimously approved by those present. The chief financial officer also presents the budgets 2019/2020 and 2021. Expenditure points are in particular the third book project of Peter Arbenz, the board meetings and the dispatch of invitations and minutes. If the budget is adhered to, the assets will decrease to around CHF 46,000 in 2021. The voters accept the budgets unanimously.

The ongoing deficit situation is discussed in more detail: Although the association today has close to CHF 60,000 in assets, this is reduced by several thousand every two years. Without Ida Brieger's legacy in 1984, the association's assets would be exhausted. The board therefore discussed in advance whether membership fees should be reintroduced. It is thought of 50 francs per member and year, possibly only from members living in Switzerland for reasons of simplicity. The board does not make a concrete proposal at the meeting (it requires a change of statutes), but would like to sound out, what the opinion of those present is.

Comments from the audience:

. Pay for your own food at the assembly (problem: of all members those who come to the AGM are "punished")

. For young members, CHF 50.- may be too much

. Further consume the substance and, if the limit is critical, e.g. CHF 20,000, ask for a contribution from the members or donations.

The president encourages the members to consider our family association in their will, otherwise we do not collect any contributions (but hope nevertheless that they live as long as possible...!).

5. Elections

All board members and the two auditors are available for a further 2 years. Some have been on the board for over 20 years. They are re-elected and owed in globo.

6. Admission of new members

Yannoz Arbenz da Silva, grandson of Emil and Ruth Arbenz-Meier (B 89) and son of their daughter Susanne, turned 18 last year and is now of age. He is received with applause.

7. Other

- No written requests have been received.
- Genealogies: We still have about 60 copies of Genealogy I and 200 copies of Genealogy II. These can be acquired by our members free of charge.
- The first two volumes of the Arbenz trilogy "The Valdostaners" and "Drama in the Werdmühle" of our president are still available. The second book was also generously sponsored by the association, Peter Arbenz-Schönenberger and his son Andy. The books can be bought for 25 francs per volume. The English version "The Arbenz Saga" can be purchased for 20 francs or directly on Amazon.com. The third and last part of the Arbenz trilogy is in progress. The book is probably called "A black Friday" and is about Jakob Arbenz, the last Lindenmüller of the family, who went bankrupt in 1869 because of speculation and was sentenced to 6 years imprisonment for embezzlement. He later emigrated to Philadelphia. The book is expected to be published in spring 2020. All members will receive an invitation to the vernissage in time.
- Peter's daughter Carole graduated last year from ECAL in Lausanne with a Bachelor in Visual Arts. As her diploma thesis, she submitted a photographic work on Jacobo Arbenz-Guzman. An electronic version can be ordered.
- Mill Day on 1 June 2019: The National Mill Day in Andelfingen was a great event. Caspar and Hanna Arbenz also opened their doors and welcomed many guests.
- Sports successes of family members:
 - Maud Jayet-Arbenz (23), Lutry, finished 10th place in the Laser Radial discipline at the European Sailing Championships in Portugal this year and qualified for the Olympic Games in Tokyo 2020.
 - Casey Arbenz (42, son of W22 William Robert Arbenz) from Gig Harbor, WA, qualified for the first time for the Triathlon World Championships in Hawaii. We keep our fingers crossed for both of them!
- Heini Arbenz: In Dorf there is only 1 Arbenz family left and in Kleinandelfingen none at all. Only Caspar and Hanna live in Andelfingen.
- At the end Peter brought a message to smile: The Chinese Internet Domain Registration informed Peter in September that the company Kangwei Ltd. would like to reserve the domain names arbenz-verein.cn, arbenz-verein.com.cn, arbenz-verein.net.cn and arbenz-

verein.org.cn for itself. He has refused this, after which this company has written him an angry mail with the content: "We think these CN domains and internet keywords are *very important* for our business. Even though Mr. Adrian Liu advised us to change to another name, we will persist in this name". Peter did not react to this anymore. Good to hear that the name Arbenz has such an importance in China!

- Next meeting: tentatively scheduled for September 12, 2021
- The aperitif and lunch were provided by the association.
- In the afternoon the group split up: Visit of the Munot city fortification with Felix and a leisurely stroll through the old town with Heini.

Gabriele Huggenberg-Arbenz, 25 November 2019

Annex:

Significance of Schaffhausen for the Arbenz family:

The Bären line was first found in Schaffhausen in the 19th century. Johann Jakob Arbenz was born in 1834 in Eglisau and worked as a goldsmith in Schaffhausen. From 1877 he lived in Traubengütchen in Neuhausen. His son Ernst continued to run the business, but had no children. Two other sons emigrated and a fourth, Carl, became a bank clerk in Zurich. He was the father of Liselotte, our former actuary, and the grandfather of our board member Jean-Jacques. In Schaffhausen, this branch only exists in the female line under other names.

- It also took until the middle of the 19th century for Arbenz from the Lindenmüller line to appear for the first time in Schaffhausen. Heinrich Arbenz from Andelfingen was a train conductor in Versailles and lived in Schaffhausen until his death in 1851. His son Henri stayed in Versailles all his life. The next Schaffhausen resident is Paul Alfred Arbenz, born 1899 in Yverdon. He was a railway official of the Swiss Federal Railway in Bülach and since 1934 a station manager in Schaffhausen. In the ominous year of the erroneous bombing by U.S. planes, 1944, he was also captain of the railway air defence troops. Only by a lucky coincidence he had no service during the bombing raid. His son Peter, born 1935 in Schaffhausen, lives today in Zug and helped us 6 years ago to hold our conference on the Zugerberg. This line also no longer exists in Schaffhausen. But Heiri Arbenz, who is among us, born in Turbenthal, married to Schaffhausen in 1972 and after almost 50 years as a resident, city employee and politician, one can call him a native, despite Zurich dialect. His son Wolfgang was born in Schaffhausen and still lives here.

- The line from Dorf was already drawn to Schaffhausen in the second generation: The fourth son of the immigrant Antoine Arbenson, Hans Rudolf, born around 1596, became a citizen of Schaffhausen on 31.3.1641 with wife and child for 200 gulden. By profession tanner in Hirslanden, he was more or less thrown out by the people of Zurich, as he competed with the guild of tanners. In Schaffhausen he bought a house in front of the mill gate. But this branch of the family is also extinct.

In short: Heini Arbenz and his family are currently our only bridgeheads in this beautiful city.