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„Verein Zum Gedenken an die Lienzener Kosakentragödie vom 1. Juni 1945“

Protokoll 010

**Annual General Meeting
Saturday, 25.05.2025 Bad Weiherburg, Ainet**

Begin: 15:15

End: 16:30

Present: Chairman Anthony Schlega, Vice Chairman Eugen Issak-Martinyuk, Treasurer Natasha Stenzenberger, Vice Treasurer Igor Zolotarev, Secretary Martina Schlega.

All Present as one vacant seat.

1. Welcome and Opening.

Chairman Anthony Schlega opened the meeting by greeting 28 Members/Mitglieder and mentioning a correction to last year's 29 July 2023 protocol. That for the voting in of the new committee 18 written votes were noted as invalid without explanation. After a thorough recheck it was found that all votes were indeed valid so the correct number of votes for the new committee received was in fact 43 and only 2 against us and thanked everyone for their trust.

2. Accountability Report for 2023

The Vice Chairman Evgeni Issak Martynuk explained to the members of the support he supplied to the Chairman with helping him to pave the way to an agreement with the Austrian Black Cross representative Herr Herman Hotter and successfully clear away many of the misinterpretations and fears of the Verein becoming a rivalry rather than a partner and help save the dissolution of the Verein.

He also explained how he accepted the position of Vice Chairman after the resignation of his predecessor.

3. Society Account.

The Treasurer Natasha Stenzenberger asked the Chairman to read out the accounts.

Konto: 01.01.2023 2.628,08 €

Konto: 31.12.2023 2.623,32 €

Ausgabe 651,01

Einnahme 646,25

4. Exoneration of the Board:

The Committees exoneration was unanimously approved by the meeting.

5. Change of Committee Members

A change in one position was noted as the former Vice Chairman resigned due to illness.

6. Next year's 2025 commemoration for the 80th anniversary of the tragedy

The Chairman asked the members for their suggestions and to provide them per email in any language they chose to the international committee stipulating that a language problem should no longer be a problem and would welcome their feedback so that a plan could be drafted as early as possible.

7. Addressing other points

The Chairman avoided the pre-announced apology from his predecessor as no one from the previous committee or his supporters were present.

8. Closing Words by the Chairman

The Chairman started by underscoring the name of our association as a Commemoration Association as is the Austrian Black Cross (Schwarze Kreuz) and it is logical that the two should work together and that our Historical annex is secondary and a change in the Statute shall occur to preserve the intent and nature of our Association.

That without the Schwarze Kreuz and Herr Helmut Hotter the Cossack Chapel would not have been built so the Chairman welcomed him into becoming an honorary member of our Association.

Also welcomed for honorary membership for her long years of support to the association was Natasha Stenzenberg.

Honorary Obmann Michael Rainer should have been presented with his Certificate but unfortunately the ordered certificates did not arrive in time but all the presentations shall be made personally by the Chairman at another date.

The Chairman thanked everyone again for attending from far locations with heritage from many countries such as Kazakhstan, Kuban, Ukraine, Austria, France, Azerbaijan and even England. The Chairman pointed out that we are indeed an International association and that our Cossack heritage has been spread around the world since 1945 by the diaspora and that it is good to gather together peacefully and meet in Lienz to remember the victims of the tragedy, a tragedy that should never have happened.

The floor was open for questions:

The Chairman was asked to introduce the Committee and their positions.

An empty seat is still available in the committee which was initially reserved for someone possibly from the Lienz area but unfortunately as could be seen there is little or no interest as no members were present from the local communities.

To the question of raising the price of membership fees the chairman explained that a change in the Statute was required so that everyone will pay the same fee and that his next work will be to update and provide a new Statute.

To the question that we should start on planning for next year's commemoration the Chairman answered that he would welcome ideas per email from all members. A choir from Prague would like to attend and perform for next year's ceremony which requires planning. The Chairman replied as soon as a Village Hall, possibly in Dölsach can be rented for the day then we can start arrangements to organize a programme for an exhibition and choir.

Grateful thanks and praise for the commemoration came from the representatives from the Czech Republic.

Herr Hotter from the Schwarzen Kreuz asked for a compromise for next year's commemoration and to celebrate the ceremony together (meaning with the ROCOR MP) at this our Honorary Chairman Herr Michael Rainer made a loud outburst to confirm that 'there is only' ONE! Cossack Society and not two as was being suggested.

One lady from Ukraine asked for assistance and help to come from Ukraine to West Europe. The vice chairman and Herman Hotter answered that they would assist her where they could.

The Chairman thanked everyone again for attending and mentioned that we now have a solid core of around 40 dedicated loyal members. A good foundation to build upon and with a new Statute, next year will bring a new beginning.

9. Next General meeting – 30.06.2026



Anthony Schlega
Chairman



M. Schlega
Martina Schlega
Secretary