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February 2021 President's Message

Dear Members of VE,

We had our General Meeting on Sunday, January 24th, 2021, in our Main Dining Room with everyone properly spaced and masked per the Covid guidelines. The attendance was slightly lower than recent years, which was understandable due to the circumstances. The election of the Officers, Trustees and Board of Directors was simpler than most years. There were no contested seats for the Officers, Trustees, or Board of Directors. This was due to an increase of the paid Active Members of 18% from December 15, 2020, to January 15, 2021. The total paid Active membership determines the number of Directors qualified for positions. We closed Nominations at our January 19, 2021, Board Meeting with 394 Active members. According to the VE Constitution and By Laws, one Director may be elected for every 30 active members. This allowed for 13 Director seats. Since we had 12 nominees, all positions were unopposed and qualified. It was on this basis, I decided to forego the ballot vote protocol, and the vote was conducted with a raise of hands for and against. The vote was unanimous!

Our leadership has changed with the retirement of Corresponding Secretary, Wenzel Pisch. The dedication of Wenzel to VE is unquestionable. Wenzel served on the Board for 37 years, and as Corresponding Secretary for 35 years! Wenzel joined VE in 1965 straight out of his tour serving in the United States Army. His first passion at that time was as a soccer player, then coach. He was Chairman for the Grounds Committee, and later volunteered to cut the grass for 30 years. He also served on the Entertainment Committee. I take this time to applaud Wenzel's love and passion for VE, which is a model for all VE members, active and passive. Be involved!

Also leaving the Board are Diane Gerace Moritz and Bill Corley. We thank them for their service and representation on the Board and commitment to VE.

The additions this year are Linda Haywood, Corresponding Secretary, Linda's husband Ken Haywood as Director, Shari Pfrommer and her daughter Jamie Pfrommer. I stated during the General Meeting following the introductions of our Officers, Trustees and Directors that the professional experience and skills combined with the love of VE in our club's leadership is incredibly strong. Noting the ongoing commitment of our recent past Presidents, my brother Jay Bitterlich with membership, Herb Schulze with website and finance, then Klaus Bernhardt, who is attentive to any issue or emergency we face.

More immediate concerns for the club is the replacement of the kitchen's 40 year old dishwasher. {equipment, not a 40 year old German with chapped hands!} We must replace this equipment

in February, 2021. It is a \$10,000 expense. It is a necessity to have functional dishwashing equipment for club events and catering.

The club grounds, facilities and pool also have a list of prioritized repairs and replacements. Scott Logan and Jim McCullough have these issues listed and priced. We do have challenges. We also have smaller scale jobs which almost any club member can perform and help with by simply by calling the office, and then communicating with Scott or Jim.

During the Pool report within the General Meeting, Dan Ryan announced that he and his wife Kristina, are resigning as Pool Chairman and Manager. We are seeking to develop a Pool Committee for oversight and management. If you can assist in any capacity, please contact the office.

The Friday Night Take Out meals continue to be successful. The meals prepared by Chef Ed are terrific. We also applaud the added efforts from Andrea Feuchter, Monika Bernhardt in the packaging of meals and Markus Bernhardt's daughter and her boyfriend in the delivery to the cars. In addition to the Friday Night meals, we will open the Small Dining Room and bar {and large Dining Room} for "Happy Hours" from 6:30pm to 10:00pm. Members and guest may enjoy their dinner inside during these hours, or purchase a hot dog for a meal. Covid protocol require a meal when purchasing alcoholic beverages. Friday "Happy Hours" begins Friday, February 5th.

The VE Sports program is back, using the turf field for training and mini tournaments. Steve Feuchter reported that we are looking to have a Spring 2021 Mighty Mites program, as well as the banquets which had been cancelled. These are great family events which may occur in the woods in late April or May. Rob Oldfield, Director of Coaching announced that the VE majors are already training for an intense slate of games this Spring beginning late February, 2021. More good news includes their slot in the Lamar Hunt Open Cup remains intact for 2021! They are still competing in the Amateur Cups, the Northeast Super League and the United League. Check the VE Soccer website {vesoccer.org} for the schedule.

I would be remiss by not thanking the members of the Bayern V.V. for their generous gift of \$10,000. Likewise, we continue to receive the much needed gifts from our membership to sustain VE until we reopen. We are very excited about what VE has ahead for us in 2021. Yes, we have challenges, but when the covid protocols lessen and we can return to normalcy, the club should be buzzing with activity. Stay safe and healthy!

Gruss Gott!

Don Bitterlich, President, Vereinigung Erzgebirge



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ELECTION RESULTS for 2021

Congratulations to the following individuals who have been elected to represent our Club as Officers and Directors for 2021:

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Vice President Phil Gabel

Corresponding Secretary Linda Haywood

Recording Secretary Peter Hansen

Financial Secretary Andrea Feuchter

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Shari Pfrommer

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We hope that everyone is staying well and are looking forward to things opening up and returning to normal soon so that we can resume our Activities. We will keep you posted!

Vi Taubenberger, President

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February 5th

Split Pea Soup, Chicken Schnitzel, Spaetzle, Green Beans with Walnuts & Craisins, Carrot Cake

February 12th

Vegetable & Spaetzle Soup, Stuffed Pork Loin, Scalloped Potatoes, Roasted Carrots, Chocolate Pots de Crème

February 19th

Cream of Broccoli Soup, Pork Schnitzel, Spaetzle, Sauerkraut, Apple Pie

February 26th

Beef & Barley Soup, Chicken Marsala, Mashed Potatoes, Charred Broccoli, Chocolate Bread Pudding

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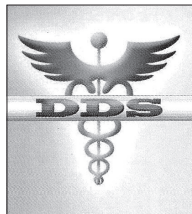
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The VE Sports Board are excited to be serving another year in office. Steve Feuchter, Scott Rieber, Tom Compton, and Dave Jones are leading the program for another year and look forward to working with everyone.

Our teams are anxiously awaiting the spring league and cup starts; to keep sharp teams have been training on a regular basis on our turf field.

Spring schedules are pending and once published will be posted on our website and Facebook page.

The Majors have a very busy upcoming campaign in USL, NESL and cup action. Details to follow.

Lastly, the VESC's utmost concern is for the safety and well-being of our players, staff, and their families. Please continue to follow the CDC's Covid guidelines so that we can get our teams back in action.

Steve Feuchter / VESC Chairman

POOL NEWS

!!!! 2021 Lifeguards and Managers needed !!!!

Anyone interested in being a lifeguard at the VE this summer needs to get certified this Winter / Spring. If you are planning on getting certified, please contact us early at veclub@verizon.net. *Thank you!*

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

The Entertainment Committee wishes everyone a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Hoping that things settle down and we can schedule some events at the Club!

Stay Safe!



IN MEMORIAM



The Board of Directors extends our deepest sympathies to the family of the following member who has left us:

Rosa Walter, who passed away on December 29, 2020, joined VE in 1970,
a 50 year member

Ruhe in Frieden

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Welcome to Our Club!

Welcome to our new members who recently joined our Club in November 2020. We hope you will enjoy our facilities and have many happy and memorable hours at the Club.

Active: Diane Weldon

Passive Member: Philip Amann, Joe Costello, Greta Garecht, Tom Simko