

Sitzung des Bundesvororts am 2. September 1915.

Die von der am 29. August 1915 abgehaltenen Tagsatzung des Indiana Turnbezirks wiedererwählten Mitglieder des Bundesvororts versammelten sich am 2. September.

~~Herrmann~~ Sielken wurde zum temporären Vorsitz erählt.

Folgende Beamte wurden durch Abstimmung erwählt:

Erster Sprecher, Theodor Stempfel;
Zweiter Sprecher, Peter Scherer;
Erster Schriftwart, H. Steichmann;
Zweiter Schriftwart, Eugen Müller;
Schatzmeister, Gustav Westing.

Turner Carl Lieber, Richard Lieber, Metzger, Müller, Scherer, Sielken, Stempfel, Steichmann, Suder, Franklin Vonnegut und Westing waren anwesend.

Der neuerwählte 1. Sprecher Theodor Stempfel führte den Vorsitz.

Eine Anfrage an den Bundesvorort in Bezug auf die Burau - Tower Grove Turnverein Angelegenheit wurde an den neuen Ausschuß für Gesetze und Klagesachen verwiesen.

Es wurde beschlossen den in Chicago am 6ten Sept. tagenden Friedenskongreß (Friends of Peace) durch Delegaten zu beschicken.

Beschlossen wurde, auf einen in dem Cincinnati Enquirer erschienenen Artikel eine Erklärung an das Kriegsdepartement zu entsenden, um die Tätigkeit der Turnvereine in den Vereinigten Staaten in das rechte Licht zu stellen.

John A. Giegler von dem Brooklyn C.D. Turnverein und Charles (G.) J. Metzger von dem Ottawa Turnverein erhielten das Ehren Diplom für 50 jährige Mitgliedschaft im Turnerbunde.

Schatzmeister Westings Bericht über die Monate Juli und August wurde verlesen und entgegengenommen.

Hierauf erfolgte Vertagung.

Eugen Müller, 2. Schriftwart.

Bericht des Schatzmeisters
vom 5. Juli bis zum 31. August 1915.

In der Kasse am 5. Juli 1915 - - - - - \$1549.08

EINNAHMEN:

<u>Bundesbeiträge</u>		
Turnbezirk Wisconsin - - - - -	\$ 481.95	
" Lake Erie - - - - -	367.70	
" Illinois - - - - -	637.70	
" Süd-Atlantischer - - -	7.00	
" New England - - - - -	870.45	
" Minnesota - - - - -	199.85	
" New Orleans - - - - -	35.00	
	<u>\$2599.65</u>	
<u>Sommerkursus</u>		
Schulgeld - - - - -		1300.00
<u>Turnschulzirkulare</u>		
Central-Turnverein, Pittsburgh - -	\$ 8.25	
Turnverein Vorwärts, Chicago - -	2.25	
Turnverein Bahn Frei, Milwaukee -	5.50	
		<u>16.00</u>
<u>Bundesstatuten</u>		
Turnverein Eintracht, Homestead, Pa.	\$	2.00
<u>Medaillen</u>		
Sozialer Turnverein, Indianapolis *		4.25
<u>Diplome</u>		
Turnbezirk West-New York - - - - -	\$ 10.80	
" Kansas-Missouri - - - - -	6.00	
" Connecticut - - - - -	3.00	
		<u>19.80</u>
	<u>\$3941.70</u>	<u>3941.70</u>
		<u>\$5490.78</u>

AUSGABEN:

Turnlehrerseminar - - - - -	\$1500.00	
Bundestagsatzung - - - - -	1000.00	
Technischer Ausschuss - - - - -	450.00	
Sommerkursus - - - - -	1216.50	
Drucksachen - - - - -	612.85	
Turnzeitung - - - - -	120.00	
Reisekosten - - - - -	46.00	
Telegramme und Express - - - - -	114.69	
Gehälter - - - - -	350.00	
Porto - - - - -	47.00	
Verschiedene Ausgaben - - - - -	110.75	
	<u>\$5567.79</u>	<u>5567.79</u>
Defizit am 31. August 1915 - - - - -		<u>77.01</u>

G. A. Kuntz
Schatzmeister

GYMNASTIC SOCIETIES SUSPECTED.

A few weeks ago, throughout the American press, a notice was published saying that the turners had military exercises in order to prepare to defend Germany. Our Executive Board sent the following letter to the Secretary of War:

September 3, 1915.

Honorable Lindley M. Garrison,
Secretary, The War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:—

The Cincinnati Enquirer of August 31 contains a news item from Washington stating that letters from various cities had been received by you telling of alleged quiet, but regular, drills held by Germans in Turnverein and other halls and that such information had been referred by The War Department to The Department of Justice for investigation.

In order to assist the latter Department in its investigation, permit us to state that the North American Gymnastic Union was founded in the year 1850 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and comprises to-day 218 Turnverein or gymnastic societies with an enrollment of about 55,000 members. In the halls of these Turnvereins, located in various cities of this country, regular gymnastic drills have been held for sixty-five (65) years, the aim of these gymnastic societies being to make its members strong in body and mind and also to introduce "quiet, but regular" gymnastic exercises in the curriculum of the public schools of our country. The Gymnastic Union further maintains at its own expense a Normal College located in this city for the purpose of training competent teachers of gymnastics. This college was organized in the year 1866 at New York. During the Civil War the Gymnastic Union was temporarily suspended owing to the fact that over sixty per cent of its members enlisted in the Union Army.

We are taking the liberty of sending you, under separate cover a brief history of the North American Gymnastic Union, the catalogue of its Normal College for the year 1915-16, also the year-book of April 1, 1915, containing on pages 35 to 39 a complete list of gymnastic societies in this country.

We also beg to call your attention to the following resolution unanimously passed at the National Convention of the Gymnastic Union, held at San Francisco on July 26-29, 1915:

"History evidences the gradual growth of the supremacy of right over might in the relations between individuals, as well as in those between states and nations. In our opinion the time is ripe for a more extensive application of this principle. For this reason we favor the settlement of all international disputes by judicial proceedings and the support of all endeavors toward the elimination of all conflicts between nations and toward a harmonious organization of all mankind.

"We are, therefore, strongly in favor of a law prohibiting the sale of arms and explosives to be used in a war against any country with which The United States is at peace. It seems to us absolutely inconsistent to ordain a national day of prayer for an early peace and at the same time permit the sale of the means to prolong warfare."

Assuring you of our willingness to furnish you additional information, if you so desire, we are

Respectfully yours,

Executive Committee, North American Gymnastic Union,
By THEO. STEMPEL, President.

Mr. Garrison acknowledged receipt of this letter and thanked for the information.