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TIÖTTENCLUB



1901 15 APRIL 1926

About de Tjöttenclub (T.C.)

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At the beginning of the year 1901, the Lords **Joseph Schulte** and **Ignatz Langemeijer** the plan was raised to set up a club under the well-known Mettinger gentlemen for one fixed evening a week. At their request, March 25, 1901 in **Café Parkzicht** A few gentlemen together to discuss this plan. People were very much in favor of it, but the general opinion was, if one wanted to make something durable, it should not only be a talking shop, but there should be some game attached to it and if **Mettinger Tuötten** bowling came first, of course.



Ignatz



The Kegelclub "Westfalia" Amsterdam

From left to right: Vincent Voss, onbekend, Hubert Schulte, Carl Voss, Eugen Voss, Joseph Stöcker, Clemens Schulte, Paul Lampe, Clemens Langemeijer

Carl Voss, called "Voss van de Burg": the Voss family had a very beautiful house built "at a distance" in Mettingen. "Double Voss" means both spouses are called Voss.



Zwölfmännerklub (Kegelklub). Stehend: Unbek., Clem. Brenninkmeyer, Jos. Grotmeyer, Cl Langemeyer, Joh. Langemeyer, Leo Schneider; sitzend: M. Rheyländer, Hubert Boecker, Amtmann Pöppelmann, Casp. Dammann, Aug. Langemeyer u. Dr. Eymann

In Mettingen there was also a bowling club at that time



The café where the TC was founded

In order not to waste any time on the matter, it was provisionally decided to meet again in the evening on April 1 in the **Poolsche Koffiehuis** in the Kalverstraat. In addition to the above-mentioned gentlemen, there were also Messrs. **Gerhard and André Langemeijer, Eduard and Clemens Schulte and Stöcker.**



There it was definitively decided to set up a bowling club. First of all, a board was elected. Mr. **Jos Schulte** was asked to become President. He was the oldest, one of the proposers, had observed something like this before, so he was the right man and fortunately he accepted the appointment, and it may be said here that the club has not fared badly under his leadership. Now a Secretary and a Treasurer had to be elected. For the first function, it was easy enough. Mr. **Jos. Brenninkmeijer** had indicated that he also wanted to become a member, but was unable to attend this meeting, so it was simply the absent person who was assigned this job. The youngest member, **Mr. Stöcker**, was elected treasurer. The clubs must also have a name and all kinds of beautiful names were proposed, until the president came up with the original idea of Tjöttenclub, because they were all mainly **Mettinger Tjötten**. This name was generally accepted. Because pronouncing this name was a tongue-twisting task for non-Mettingers, the club would be called **T.C.** for the sake of convenience.

Now it was the turn of the statutes.

Some general provisions were laid down and recorded by the Treasurer, because the Secretary was absent. As these were only a few notes, the Secretary was asked to work them out later. Whether this happened cannot be determined. When he left, the secretary only returned the treasurer's notes, which are still kept in the archives. We now had a club there, now we rented a court and the fun could begin.

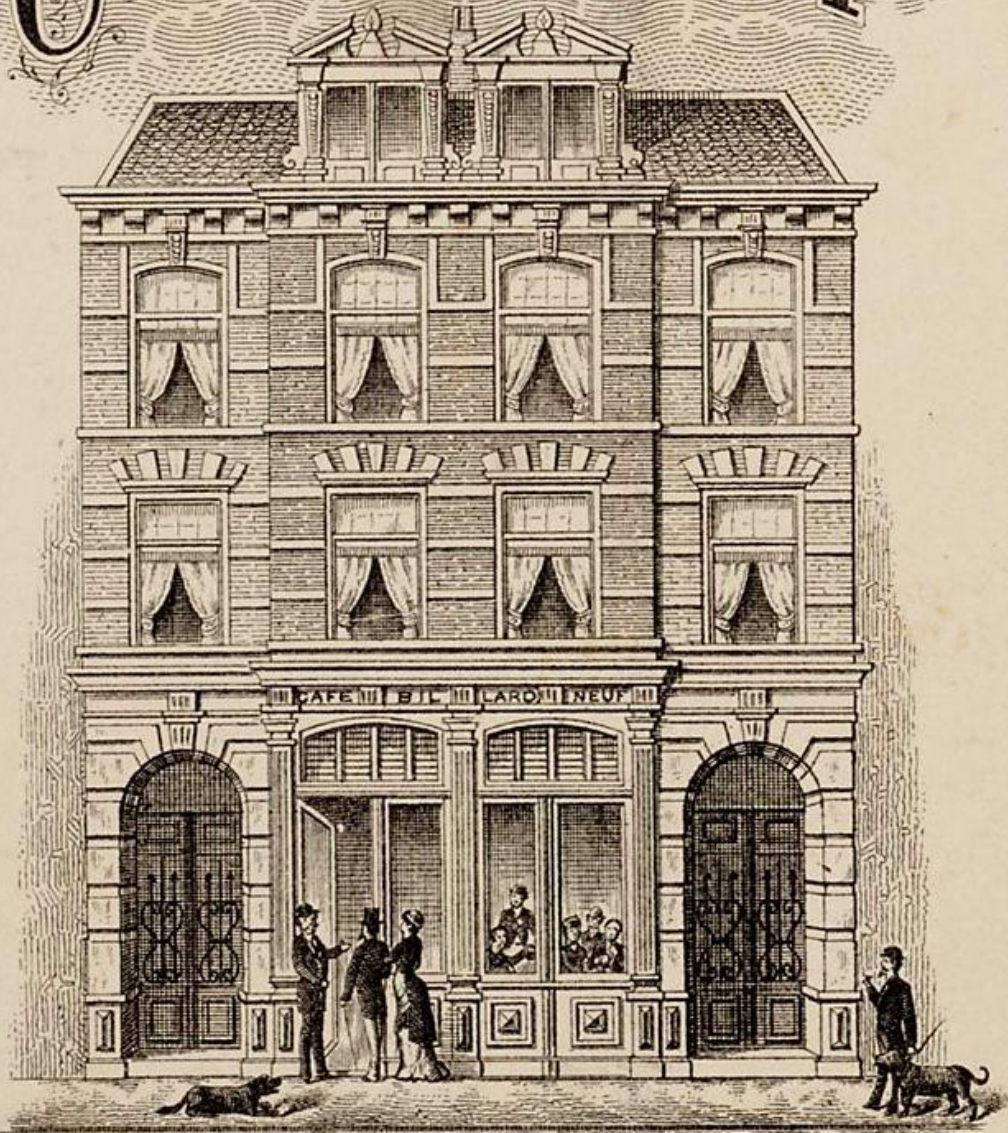
The President managed to rent one in **Café Neuf** on the Vondelkade and there was **the first game on April 15, 1901**, and this day was determined as the founding day of the club.

The club consisted of nine members, the already mentioned eight gentlemen plus Mr. **Engberding.**

On 22 April, **Mr Schröder** also became a member. For a long time, the club did not last in Café Neuf.

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Whether they didn't like the track or whether a few members had the habit of having to pass the Stadschouwburg every time, they decided to move to "**de Zon**" in the Falckstraat.

As a recommendation, good jobs, good beer, and one could get "**riewesken**". All great temptations, but only for a short time as we shall see later.



Riewesken are potato

pancakes. In the past, the potatoes were grated by hand. This potato mass is prepared with salt and pepper seasoned and enriched with eggs and oatmeal. Then they are fried in a pan filled with rapeseed oil. A tablespoon in the pan makes a pancake. Seared once turned over and crispy and then placed on a slice of black bread makes a princely

meal.

On the first of October, the membership fee was reduced to 40 cents and the fines were proportionate.

At the end of October, the first prize bowling took place with great enthusiasm. To my regret, there is no data to be found about the price bowling, not even from the following years.

Sunday, December 1, there was a supper in the **Bible hotel** for the members with their husbands and fiancées and we had the honor to receive 5 ladies as guests. Three members were married and engaged. The party was beautiful and there was a very pleasant atmosphere and if only that last tram had not been there it would certainly have taken much longer.



Afterwards, the unmarried people stayed in the **Franciscan** aftertrees and of course on the theme, will there be more ladies next year or not. Of course, that provoked bets and as it goes more, they remain unresolved, because otherwise the club would certainly have had months off beer.

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 De rechtbank te **Amsterdam** bevestigde de vonnissen van den kantonrechter, waarbij de eigenaar van het bierlokaal „**Franciscanerbräu**”, F. H. Müller, werd veroordeeld tot 4 en 5 dagen hechtenis wegens het hebben en toelaten van bezoekers na bezetten tijd.

Panorama





Reguliersdwarstraat 52-54 in 1794

One of the members was to go to Italy for the time being, but got stuck halfway and the next year there was no lady at supper.

In the spring of 1902 the **Fair on the Amstelveld** turned out to be an attraction for the members and not a week went by without poffertjes being eaten and of course very neatly a packet of waffles brought by the married for mother the wife.



To give a proof of the good terms of the members of T.C. with the civil authorities, it may be mentioned here that they were given unsolicited leave to remain as long as they chose. The leave was gratefully accepted; to it was very wisely not used.

In June 1902 the members in "**de Zon**" no longer felt at ease and therefore moved again. The caste line of "the Sun" was sorry to lose such a neat club; But he could imagine it.

In the summer months, the gentlemen would prefer to play bowling outside, for example at **Tolhuis**.



Toll House

The opposite happened, people crawled underground in **Parkzicht**. As a result of this move, the treasurer asked for an increase in the contribution, which was raised to 50 cents again.



In the winter again prize bowling and dinner in **Parkzicht**. Then we had the honor of having six ladies in our midst. During the break there was a billiard competition for the ladies for nice prizes. The party had a very pleasant course and all members were very satisfied.

The year 1903 passed undisturbed, In the winter the usual price bowling and a dinner in the **Hotel Stadt Elberfeld**. Everything as pleasant as before.



In 1904 the first change in the number of members came when Mr. **André Langemeijer and Mr. Schröder** were thanked. A novelty was now introduced into the game, namely trading. The count therefore had to be changed. It was a nice change, but only for good bowlers. It certainly seemed not too bad for the Treasurer because on October 13 the contribution was reduced to 35 cents. The last winter party certainly did not seem to have been so popular, at least the married gentlemen were no longer for dinner and that has been the case ever since.

1905 brought an addition to new members, namely Messrs. **Hubert Schulte and Laimböck**. Mr. Schröder came back but the club suffered a loss by thanking Mr. **Ed. Schulte**. April 19, 1906 the club celebrated its first lustrum with prize bowling and a flat.

In 1907 a new rule was introduced, that the Ides gave a round on the occasion of their birthday, supplemented in 1908 also for their name day. In this there Mr. **Ignatz Langemeijer** thanked. In 1908 a new attraction was added. Afterwards, the red lights on the **Leidsche plein** were visited where it gave delicious fried smelt, sardines, appetit sild etc., so delicious that one of the members even took the oil on his pants as a souvenir.

The year 1909 was a more eventful year for the club. In mid-May, the President thanked Mr. **Jos Schulte** for leaving abroad. From the beginning president of the club, he had always led in calm and with care, so that there was never a mistone. The club was sad to see him leave and here it may be remembered that the club owed him a lot of gratitude, which was wholeheartedly agreed by all members.

Now there had to be a new President; But all the members were too modest and no one wanted to accept the position. To put an end to the matter, the Treasurer informed his fellow members that if no one wanted to become President, he would also give up the job. That helped.

Mr. **G. Langemeijer** finally accepted it and was solemnly installed as President. As had already happened in previous years, there was no bowling in the summer months. When they wanted to go again in the fall, there appeared to be little enthusiasm among the members, at least the track in Parkzicht was not hired again. It stayed that way until November. On the 5th of November the sad news was received that **Mr. Engberding** had suddenly died **in Orven**.

The Treasurer, already present there in other respects, paid him his last respects at the funeral. On the 6th of November a meeting was held in the **Franciscan** about what would be done in this matter.



Far right: Zum Franciskaner, Reguliersdwarstraat 54 in 1936

Flowers were dispensed with, but it was decided to spend a sum of money from the treasury to have the Holy Masses read for the rest of his soul. Mr. Engberding had been loyal from the beginning and had always made himself useful by always noting the throws.

His memory is therefore always honored in the club. On the occasion of the latter meeting, the proposal to play bowling again was also put forward. There were only eight members left; But it was thought that by renting a court in the center of the city they could get more members. So it was decided to rent the court in the **Poolsche Koffiehuys** . On the 18th of November they started bowling there for a trial and the 23rd for good.

Hare won

The club immediately received new members, namely on November 23, Mr. **Schumacher** and **Joseph Voss** and on November 30 Mr. **Carl Vosse**. On the 6th of December a prize bowling was already held and there showed the collegiality of the members on that evening. One of the members had a **hare** and to his regret was because of his wife's urbanity, his household was temporarily suspended, so that he just didn't know what to do with his price.

The fellow members wanted to help them and through an offer from a well-known innkeeper he was able to get his hare in a decent way. The next evening the hare was poured in the Blue Hall and just festively eaten the necessary barley juice.



On February 28, 1910, the President thanked Mr . **G. Langemeijer**. He had led the club for a year and got to know himself as a jovial administrator. The members were saddened to hear his thanks. Now that a new president was elected because no one felt like it, the Treasurer was asked to take on that of President in addition to the financial worries. Since, according to him, he was dealing with all decent gentlemen, who did not cause any trouble to the board, he accepted the position to greatly reassure the other members.

Proposal for liquidation

Everything went well until March 27, 1911. The great zeal had already left much behind; But that evening it went out of control. There were only two members, the President and Herr **Schröder**. One of the members preferred to stay upstairs playing billiards, another went to the neighborhood with his friend for a game of beer.

The two gentlemen present then decided to submit a liquidation proposal of the club. The other members were pleasantly surprised by an invitation from the board to come to the bowling alley on April 4 to come and talk about the liquidation. Then all the members appeared, and after the President had explained the situation, and asked the opinion of the

members, it turned out that the majority were not in favor of liquidation, so that it was decided to continue the matter. However, Mr. **Brenninkmeijer** and Mr. **J. Voss** thought they had to resign, because they could not come faithfully. The club was sorry to lose these gentlemen, especially Mr. Brenninkmeijer, who, as secretary of the club, had always kept accurate records of the minutes etc. from the beginning. He was therefore thanked for this, and he divorced with the wish, "**aus den Ruinen möge ein neues Leben blühen**".

Another secretary had to be elected. Even before it was in the world, there appeared to be a fantastic spirit in the club.

Declaring a dictator

Parliament was abolished and Mr. **Stöcker** was proclaimed dictator. One of his first acts was to render the regulations inoperative as obsolete. The constitution consisted of only one article, namely: To become a member of the Kegelclub T.C., one must be adopted unanimously. If this is not achieved in the first ballot, two more votes can be taken. The final vote is then decisive. The voice is secret.

For other matters, a decision by the board was sufficient. The club soon increased, on the 11th of April Mr. **E. Voss** and **Lampe became** members and on September 26th Mr. **Heinr. Schulte**.

Whether the President was also honored was evident from the beautiful congratulations he received on New Year's Day 1912. As he was unable to get on the road on New Year's Eve, the members present sent him a letter, it seemed as if the person who had posted a letter, and had just been to Austria, still thought himself there, at least the letter was stamped with Austrian stamps.

On May 14, 1912, one of the members thought that there was serious reason to complain about the treatment in the Polish Coffee House. Tempers became agitated and they would not waste any time. They went together to the little **Polman** and there the club experienced its famous night, like a night of Steel etc. Fortunately, the Pilsener beer extinguished the first impulses. The board was overwhelmed with advice, the letter for Poland was dictated to him, in short, everyone wanted to throw a penny in the bag. Fortunately, the President is rather calm. After the necessary had been said, he proposed simply to hire another job, then there was no need to be annoyed by it.



Mr. **Laimböck** and Mr. **Lampe** made themselves available to rent a new court.

First we played a few times in **Royal Palace** and then they came back to Parkzicht lane 3, where we are still there.



In 1913 the club celebrated its 12.5 year anniversary. The course was beautifully decorated with lanterns and garlands. Fireworks were set off etc. etc. In addition, prize bowling and supper. In this summer a boat trip was made to Alphen aan de Rijn. A pleasant trip on the **Kaager and Braasemer lake** and dinner in **St. Joris in Alphen**.



A journey that will remain in the memory for a long time. A lot of thanks were therefore due to Mr. **Hub. Schulte**, who had thought of everything, even ordered swimming belts. The supplier, who had misunderstood and meant swimming trunks, was very embarrassed, because he feared that the largest size would be too small for a member. To his reassurance, he was informed that this corpulent gentleman was no longer a member. Mr. Sack became a member of the club and **Mr. Schröder and Mr. Heinr. Schulte**.

In 1914 there was no boat trip, but a driving tour in Arnhem and the surrounding area. A successful trip with some downpours. In the evening dinner in **Hotel Pays Bas**, with counterfeit croquettes etc. At the end of the dinner, one of the members turned out to be a first violin virtuoso.



The number of members remained stable because Mr. **Laimböck** thanked and Mr. **P. Voss** became a member.

In the following year another boat trip was made to **Schoorl**, from which they walked to **Bergen**. Here the **camp of the internees was** visited, etc.



A good dinner in the **Oranje Hotel**, after which not one of the members felt like walking anymore, so they had themselves brought on board by carriage in Alkmaar. From there via the North Holland canal home.



That this did not go smoothly is testified that it was discussed the next day in **Purmerend** . In December, a prize bowling would be held with surprises. Each member would send a prize on the track, which was not allowed to be unwrapped, so that people would not know who had donated the prize. To the great joy of all, one was too little, and no one wanted to say that his was there. Later the case was solved, one of the members had forgotten the job and therefore he had been delivered wrongly.

Boat trip Zuiderzee and Vecht

In 1916, the 5th of June, the club made a boat trip across the Zuiderzee and the Vecht to Utrecht, with dinner in the **castle of Antwerp** and back via the Merwede canal. A wonderfully successful trip.

In the fall, Mr. **Sack** thanked. Among the members was also a hypnotist. His experiment with a chicken was successful so much that she only woke up from her hypnosis when she let out her cheerful cackle when she went home in the Kalverstraat, to the great joy of the police officers and night walkers patrolling there.



In 1917 nothing special happened. Mr. **Laimböck** became a member again but resigned again in 1918.

The year 1919 initially saw the number of members shrink due to the thanking of C. **Langemeijer**, leaving six members. In the autumn, Mr. **Stockmann** and Mr. **Meijer** became members.

1920 was a very eventful year. First in May a walk to Bloemendaal. Draw or no appetite, price bowling at **Brinkman**. The fame of the club was not increased by it, there were more poodles than hits. Wonderful dinner at Brinkman.



Furthermore, in the summer a wonderful boat trip to **Leiden**. The victualism master had provided provisions in such a way that no **great honor was done** to the dinner in the Golden Turk.

One of the members made some nice shots during this trip, Too bad some members didn't put on a neater face.

Splinter

So far, there had been no accidents on the track. To everyone's regret, Mr. **Meijer** got a splinter, or rather a piece of wood, under the nail in his finger, so that he had to consult a doctor that evening, who had to remove the wood by surgery. Fortunately, this case ended without further complications and a large injection the next day prevented all danger of infection.

In that year, the contribution was increased to 75 cents. Mr. **Feldbrugge** was accepted as a member.

In 1921, the club celebrated its twentieth anniversary with a prize bowling followed by a supper in Parkzicht. Everything was in order and the Party Committee had all the credit for its work.

The game also changed when it was stipulated that the losing side would pay each player 15 cents and if the difference was 50 or more points, 30 cents.

Douceur

One of the members thought he had to give the treasury an extra douceur. The board found it in the club's wallet and knew no better to do than to propose to digest this extra. A party committee was appointed, which had already devised all kinds of plans. To everyone's regret, the board had valued the gift too high, apparently they did not know the value of an eggshell. The disappointment was great, and the noble giver was compelled to make amends in some other way. To everyone's regret,



Mr. **Feldbrugge thanked** as a member. The next year brought us another prize bowling and supper in **American Hotel**, arranged by the well-known party committee and therefore excellent. To bring more enthusiasm into the game, the members would take turns to donate prizes to have skittles played.

One wanted to show off even more to the others. It started with live chickens, ducks, etc.; and when nothing special was known anymore, a poor chicken was painted into the bargain. She broke out in a sweat under the paint and it seemed as if she was constantly changing color.

All credit to the inventor of such a thing.

Mr. Taggenbrock **was accepted as a member** .

In 1923 Mr . **V. Voss**.

Instead of prize bowling, the amount was spent for charitable purposes this year.

In 1924, as in 1925, the usual prize bowling took place in the winter, but without a soup.

Now I am at the end of my memories. In twenty-five years, I hope to describe the other next twenty-five years.

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Silver party

What rich ingenuity, what naughty genius,
Who came up with the nine,
That, tough and strong, at the end of the track
Den palen kogel watches.
Here an oak giant tribe
The king undaunted;
A people who have been struck down, - never tired -
Again and again to battle,

What a strong sentence, what proud strength
Beget this noble sport.
No trickery, no long deliberation is of any use here
From chess or checkerboard.
No football field or tennis court,
Where the muscle tenses thus,
No elp bone on the green carpet
Demands a firmer eye and hand.

Where is it said, as in our bowling club
Shown such close loyalty?
Where the labor of a long day
Rewarded with sweeter joy?
What wisdom this palm wood teaches us
When rolling on his track:
Here doctrine, O man, to eternal salvation,
The narrow path to go.

At the silver feast of its existence
Our club dedicated this song.
Whatever ties break the future,
Whatever old age wears off
We remain faithful to each other
And loyal to our club T.C.
Whoever now experiences her silver feast,
He also celebrates the gold.

LEDEN THE CLUB

J. Stöcker	(1901)
C. Schulte	(1901)
Ed. Schulte	(1905)
C. Voss	(1909)
E. Voss	(1911)
P. Lamp	(1911)
G. Stockmann	(1919)
O. Meijer	(1919)
H. Taggenbrock	(1922)

FORMER MEMBERS OF THE CLUB

J. Schulte	(1901 - 1909)
J. Brenninkmeijer	(1901 - 1911)
E. Schulte	(1901 - 1905)
I. Langemeijer	(1901 1908)
G. Langemeijer	(1901 1910)
A. Langemeijer	(1901 - 1904)
C. Engberding	(1901 - 1909)
G. Schröder	(1901 - 1915)
J. Laimböck	(1905 - 1913)
J. Voss	(1909 - 1911)
E. Because of the	(1909 - 1911)
H. Schulte Jzn	(1911 - 1913)
A. Sack	(1913 - 1916)
P. Voss	(1914 - 1915)
V. Voss	(1915 - 1925)
C. Langemeijer	(1915 1919)
T. Feldbrugge	(1920 - 1921)

In het begin van het jaar 1901 werd door de Heeren Joseph Schulte en Ignatz Langemeijer het plan opgeworpen om onder de bekende Mettinger heeren voor één vaste avond in de week een club op te richten. Op hun verzoek kwamen 25 Maart 1901 in Café Parkzicht eenige heeren bij elkander om over dit plan eens te praten. Men gevoelde er wel veel voor doch de algemeene meening was, wilde men iets duurzaam maken, dan moest het niet alleen een praatclub worden, maar er eenig spel aan verbonden zijn en als Mettinger Tiötten kwam het kegelen natuurlijk op de eerste plaats. Om nu geen gras over de zaak te laten groeien, werd voorloopig besloten den 1^{en} April wederom 's avonds bij elkander te komen in het Poolsche Koffiehuis in de Kalverstraat. Daar kwamen behalve de bovengenoemde Heeren nog de Heeren Gerhard en André Langemeijer, Eduard en Clemens Schulte en Stöcker. Daar werd definitief besloten een kegelclub op te richten. Allereerst werd overgegaan tot het kiezen van een bestuur. De Heer Jos. Schulte werd verzocht om President te willen worden. Hij was de oudste, een der voorstellers, had reeds vroeger zoiets waargenomen, dus wel de aangewezen man en gelukkig nam hij de benoeming aan, en het moge hier gezegd worden de club is niet slecht gevaren onder zijne leiding. Nu moest er nog een Secretaris en een Penningmeester gekozen worden. Voor de eerste functie ging het gemakkelijk genoeg. De Heer Jos. Brenninkmeijer had te kennen gegeven, dat hij ook wel lid wilde worden; doch verhinderd was deze vergadering bij te wonen, dus heel eenvoudig den afwezige werd dit baantje opgedragen. Voor Penningmeester werd het jongste lid, den Heer Stöcker, gekozen. De club moet toch ook een naam hebben en allerlei schoone namen werden voorgesteld, tot de President met de origineele gedachte kwam van "Tiöttenclub" omdat het toch in hoofdzaak allemaal Mettinger Tiötten waren. Deze naam vond algemeenen bijval. Omdat het uitspreken van dezen naam voor Niet-Mettingers een tongbrekende toer was, zoude de club gemakshalve in de wandeling T.C. Heeten.

Nu kwamen de statuten aan de beurt.

Er werden eenige algemeene bepalingen vastgesteld en door den Penningmeester, omdat de Secretaris afwezig was, opgetekend. Daar het maar eenige notities waren werd de Secretaris verzocht, die later uit te werken. Of dit gebeurd is, is niet te achterhalen. Bij zijn vertrek heeft de Secretaris alleen de origineele notities van den Penningmeester teruggegeven, die nog in het archief bewaard worden.

Daar hadden we nu een club, nu nog een baan gehuurd en dan kon de pret beginnen.