

Transcript
of the general meeting
of the association "Sphenisco - Schutz des Humboldt-Pinguins e.V."
on Saturday, 28th of June 2025 at the Landau Zoo School

Start: 14:10

End: 17:40

1st break from 15:10 to 15:30

2nd break from 16:25 to 16:55

The General Meeting is held as a combined face-to-face and online event. 26 members and guests attended in person and 9 members and guests attended online.

All those present were in agreement with the agenda, which was sent to them in good time on 3rd of April 2025 by email.

ITEM 1 (Welcome):

Chairman Werner Knauf welcomed the participants and guests as well as zoo director Dr. Heckel. Deputy Chairman Dr. Christine Schubert was excused due to a private family celebration.

Werner Knauf then appointed member Gerhard Blumer as secretary in accordance with § 9 of the association's articles of association.

ITEM 2 (Reports on activities in the association year):

1. Dr. Alejandro Simeone:
Video presentation "Population status and research - current situation in Chile"
2. Nancy Duman B:
Video presentation "Humboldt Archipelago Marine Protected Area - current situation"
3. Werner Knauf, Milagros Ormeno:
PowerPoint presentation "Environmental education and research in Peru - brief summary 2024/25"
4. Dr. Meike Kagel, Dr. Christina Schubert: Review 2024/25
A summary of these reports is attached as Annex 1.
5. Klaus Blumer: Cash report (Annex 2)
6. Klaus Blumer, Susanne Janz, Reinhold Knauber: Audit report (Annex 3)
Requests to speak on the reports were answered in detail.

Item 3 (Discharge of the Executive Board):

Member Erich Greiner proposed that the actions of the Board of Directors be approved. The General Meeting granted this unanimously with the abstention of the Board of Directors.

Item 4 (postponement of the date of the AGM):

Due to the daytime temperatures at the end of June and the lack of air conditioning in the zoo school, consideration was given to rescheduling the general meeting. As no alternative date could be found, Chairman Knauf suggested that the future venue be the Diakoniezentrum Bethesda in Landau (air conditioning). This was approved by the participants with one abstention.

Item 5 (discussion of activities for the second half of 2025 and the first half of 2026):

Werner Knauf pointed out that the association has entered into contractual obligations in some cases. All other plans and ideas are subject to funding.

current projects:

CHILE

1. public relations and educational work with a focus on citizen participation in the marine conservation zone and the sub-projects
 - Humboldt penguin Symbol bird of the Humboldt Current (duration open),
 - Possible repetition of the literary competition "Humboldt Archipelago in 110 words,
 - Presentation and dissemination of the textbook "Humboldt Archipelago",
 - Cooperation and support for Corporación "Just Development" (funding for a specialist coordinator),
 - Photo exhibition (starting next week),
 - Realization of the information point Yerba buena,
 - Possibly continuation after evaluation
 - Environmental radio Sintonia Humboldt,
 - Communication services (DigitalPro) with website "Sphenisco Chile", Facebook and Instagram, newsletter, media contacts and press releases.
2. research "Census breeding success food search". The project was supposed to be completed by the end of the year. There was a delay due to el Niño, we are currently only in the second wave of the survey, three were planned.
3. the scholarship for a doctoral student (University Católica del Norte, Coquimbo) ends at the end of the year.
4. rescue station in Coquimbo. The renovation has just begun and is due to be completed in August. Sphenisco has committed to covering the operating costs for one year, which would be August 2026.

PERU

1. the current contract for environmental education in Peru runs until the beginning of 2027
2. the research project "Population and breeding success on the Ballestas Islands" is now due to end in August.
3. acorema and the New Zealand researchers have expressed interest in investigating foraging in Peru as well.

CHILE - planned projects:

- Natural history and archaeological hikes
- 2nd info points in Chungungo
- 2. meeting "Citizen participation in the design of the marine protected area management plan"
- Support for sustainable projects, coastal villages if necessary
- Humboldt Penguin in the neighborhood (murals in public spaces)

EUROPE

- Film "Artenschutz vor Ort"

Production has come to a standstill. It has not yet been possible to organize the necessary interviews Prof. Reinschmitt / C. Vollhardt with Alejandro Simeone. The plan to shoot the film in Spanish could overstretch the available resources.

- Basic information on the Humboldt Penguin

There was a plan to revise the basic information on the Humboldt Penguin and then put it back on the website. This plan was not realized.

Item 5 (requests and proposals):

The wish was expressed to check whether it is possible to make the textbook on the Humboldt Archipelago (by Sphenisco Chile) and the child-friendly environmental education media from ACOREMA available and usable in Germany.

It was also suggested that ACOREMA's environmental education media could also be used in Chile.

Finally, Werner Knauf thanked the members of the Board of Directors, Chris and Klaus as well as Meike and Erich as associate members for their exemplary cooperation, which leaves nothing to be desired.

- the auditors Susanne and Reinhold, who have now been carrying out this task for 17 years (!),
- the translators Claudia Fawer, Angelika Veelken, Erich Greiner, Francisco Ruiz, Barbara Müller, Veronica Abrego, Ralf Kohl.
- the website administrators Meike Kagel, Erich Greiner, Volker Eggert and Isa Karbstein,
- all those who took part in activities throughout the year.

Landau in der Pfalz, 30th of June 2025

Gerhard Blumer
recording clerk

Werner Knauf
chairman

3 attachments, consisting of a total of 3 pages