

## Insights

News from your HTG No. 40

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*Hopefully soon possible again: Diving with like-minded people in the old outfit.*

Dear friends of the Historical Diving Society e.V.

Only a few weeks ago we had the justified hope that everything would get better and that we would be able to meet again soon. What can I say? The virus was creative and unfortunately put a spoke in our wheel. More details about our further plans on the following pages.

At the last general meeting a change of the statutes was made by vote. Unfortunately, the confirmation by the district court dragged on, but now we can publish it. More information on page 3.

We hope to meet you again soon "in person". Would a meeting online be interesting for you until then? I ask for many feedbacks!

With diving greetings

Frank Werthwein

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## The International Classic Diver Meeting 2021

For a long time we have been looking forward to welcoming you to the next big diving meeting. Unfortunately, the virus epidemic has so far put a spoke in our wheel. We already had to cancel our 2020 meeting, which is why we want to carry out this year's meeting as far as possible.

Since the health and well-being of our diving friends are our top priority, it was important for us not to take any risks during the deliberations about the meeting.

We had the following options to choose from:

- Conduct the event as planned
- Postponing the event until autumn
- Cancel the event

Since the situation for 2021 is not yet foreseeable, we cannot plan for overnight stays or indoor events. For outdoor events, we have to follow the legal requirements.

The bottom line is that we came to the following conclusion:

The event cannot be held as planned. Overnight stays as well as gatherings are currently not feasible and will probably not be possible by the deadline. A postponement to the fall is incalculable due to the unstable weather outdoors - we do not want to take the financial or health risk for an indoor event.

But we have not quite given up hope yet: In order to make at least a little meeting possible, we are planning with a one-day meeting in the middle of Germany. This is to be carried out at short notice, if the situation allows it. We have deliberately decided on a meeting in the middle, so that as many members as possible can be enthusiastic about a one-day meeting with as little effort as possible.

We would also have another membership meeting with elections scheduled for this year. Since many of our members are already of advanced age, we do not want to exclude them with an online membership meeting. Due to the situation described above, we therefore want to take the opportunity to postpone the members' meeting to next year's big meeting. Since invitations to the members' meeting have to be issued in compliance with deadlines, we are unfortunately unable to react at short notice here.

We hope for your understanding and wish you all the best health!



## Statutes of the HTG

Dear members of HTG! We are pleased to finally provide you with the currently valid statutes of the association. Some members have already asked us to send them to you. Since the statutes are only valid with the confirmation of the district court, we had to wait for this. Unfortunately, this was not so easy, but after much correspondence we have finally received the confirmation.

At our last general meeting, various changes to the association's statutes were discussed and approved. This concerned the paragraphs

### **§ 3 Acquisition of membership**

The appointment of honorary members was newly regulated

New version:

3.1 Any natural person can become a member of the association. In the case of minors, the consent of their legal representatives is required.

To acquire membership, an application must be submitted to the Board. Membership becomes effective upon notification of the board's decision to the person concerned.

There is no right to admission.

3.2 Members of the Association who have rendered outstanding services to the Association or its goals may be appointed honorary members. In exceptional cases, non-members who have rendered outstanding services to the Association or its goals, or who have rendered outstanding services to the development of diving through their life's work, may also be appointed honorary members.

Honorary members shall be proposed by the Board and elected by the General Assembly.

3.3 The Association has as members

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- active members
- passive members
- honorary members

### **§ 4 Termination of membership**

Paragraphs 4 and 5 have been combined.

New version:

4.1 Membership is terminated by resignation, death, exclusion or by dissolution of the association. The declaration of resignation must be sent in writing to the board. Resignation is only permitted at the end of a calendar year, subject to a notice period of four weeks (30.11).

4.2 A member may be expelled from the Association by the Board after prior hearing for failure to fulfill obligations according to the statutes or gross disregard of the organs of the Association, failure to pay dues according to the statutes despite two written reminders, a serious violation of the interests of the Association, grossly unsportsmanlike or dishonorable conduct.

### **§ 5 Penal and order measures (integrated in §4 as 4.2)**

### **§ 6 Legal remedies**

Due to the introduction of the Council of Elders, this paragraph had to be adapted.

New version:

Against the refusal of admission (§3) and against all punitive and disciplinary measures an appeal is allowed. This must be submitted in writing to the chairperson within one month of receipt of the decision. The decision on the appeal shall be made by the entire Executive Board, the Council of Elders/Council of Honor. Until the final decision, the membership rights of the member concerned shall be suspended insofar as they are affected by the decision of the Board of Elders/Council of Honor.

### § 11.1 Executive Board

The aim here was to decouple the function of 2nd Vice-Chairman from that of Treasurer. The district court did not accept the adopted amendment, whereby the election of Uwe Gläser was retroactively revoked.

### § 15 Honorary chairman

New version:

The general meeting may elect a former chairman of the association as honorary chairman upon motion of the board. This does not give rise to any further rights or obligations.

### § 16 (new) Council of Elders/Council of Honor

The district court was opposed to this amendment, since the term "oldest members" can refer to both age and membership of the association. Possible manipulation by new members with high age was pointed out.

If necessary, a Council of Elders/Council of Honor will be convened by the Executive Board. It consists of three members who are not members of the board of the association. The Council of Elders/Honorary Council must be composed of the oldest members who make themselves available for this office.

In the course of the necessary and intensive work with the statutes, some paragraphs that no longer make sense have come up and still need to be discussed intensively.

The new version of the statutes can be found at

[Forum der Historischen Tauchergesellschaft e.V. • Forum anzeigen - Satzung \(historische-tauchergesellschaft.de\)](http://forum.der.historische.tauchergesellschaft.e.v.)

## HTG internal

### Board of Directors:

Uwe Gläser has resigned from the position of second vice chair for personal reasons. We owe Uwe a debt of gratitude for his commitment to the board. With his calm manner he was a very pleasant enrichment in the work of the association. Thank you for this and to you, dear Uwe, further much joy in the HTG!

### Helmet diving:

The helmet diving division under Ulf Barthel is currently in the process of building up its own complete helmet diving equipment for the helmet diving division. Until now, the club had to rely on rental equipment from club members for events. A great, but for the equipment of the lenders not quite harmless approach - because always something can break and wear is inevitable with use. Therefore Ulf is eagerly soliciting donations and has already been quite successful. Various donations in kind and money have already reached us. Ulf will inform the helmet divers directly.

Many thanks to the generous donors of material and money!

### Various club articles

In the last newsletter we already presented you the different pieces of clothing as well as mugs, patches, stickers and pins. Enclosed you will find an order form. If you have any questions, please contact Udo at [ul@htg-th.eu](mailto:ul@htg-th.eu). Everything is still available!

102 Folien-Aufkleber 95 mm 101

103 148 mm

201 textiler Aufnäher 70 mm

401 Tasse mit 2 Logos

302 Alu-Pins 18 mm Steckachse

Verschiedene Kleidungsstücke mit diesen 3 Stickmotiven

The advertisement displays a collection of merchandise for the Historische Tauchergesellschaft (HTG). At the top, three circular stickers are shown: one in blue with a white border, one in white with a blue border, and one in blue with a white border. Below them are two white mugs, each featuring a circular logo. In the center, there is a circular textile patch. To the left, three aluminum pins are shown. At the bottom, three dark blue hoodies are displayed, each with a different embroidered design: a diving helmet, a diving tank, and a blue circular logo. The background is a blue gradient with a subtle pattern of water ripples.

## Schedule

The International Classic Diver Meeting of 2021 can unfortunately not take place as planned - More information will follow. We are looking forward to active participation!

The event of the magazine "wetnotes" by Jens Höner (10th anniversary) is to be made up in 2021. We are also invited and want to be represented with a booth. More details as soon as we receive information.

Hopefully, the annual Retro Diving meeting of the Czech HTG will take place in Borena Hora in autumn. It is not yet clear if and how this will be possible. This nice meeting with diving opportunity is definitely a recommendation!

For 2022 we have marked the International Meeting with General Assembly in Leipzig. Date will follow. Due to the current Corona situation there may still be changes.



### Please follow!

You can also find current information about the HTG at



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Forum der HTG and

the HTG-Webpage

and the page to our magazine  
TauchHistorie

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