

MOUNTAIN CLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA – TYGERBERG DIVISION

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT DU TOIT'S KLOOF HUT ON SATURDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2009 AT 17H00

1. WELCOME

Nineteen fully paid up members were present and a quorum was duly constituted.

The Chairman, Christo Dippenaar welcomed all members and visitors present to the meeting.

2. AGENDA AND APOLOGIES

2.1 The agenda, as distributed, was unanimously approved.

2.2 The following apologies were received:-

Dalene Stamper	Febe Nieuwoudt	Verwey Wiese
Owen Spalding	Hanlie Spalding	Deon Moller
Suna Louw	Mariana Rabie	Marguerite Holzhausen
Susanne Strydom	Rudi Herre	Hannes Truter
Jasper van Breda	Wouter Thom	Ferdie Botha
Linda Naude	Adriaan Haupt	Kobus Marais
Irene Vermeulen	Andy Vermeulen	Maretha Kruger
Liza Schlebusch	Ron Jacques	Yusuf Gamieldien
Johann Benkenstein	Erica Benkenstein	Johan Botha
Elmien Botha		

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting 9 February 2008 were accepted as a correct record.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman noted that the year end membership figures were as follows:-

Adults.....	91
Juniors	12
Honorary members	2
Postal member	1
Resignations during the year.....	3

Membership remained fairly constant. It was good to see some younger members in the club and membership amongst the youth needed to be encouraged. To this end, Hannes Truter, the Hiking Co-Ordinator, took five Grade 7 boys to Limietberg hut. He taught them about the mountains, how to tie various knots, about climbing, how to destroy alien plants and gave them tips on climbing. He hid Coca Cola cans in various places and the boys had to hunt for these using GPS co-ordinates. The outing was a great success and further outings of this nature needed to be encouraged.

Of the 28 walks on the programme, 25 took place. The Chairman thanked the hike leaders who spend a lot of time arranging the various hikes.

The club evenings were well supported and special thanks was given to Ferdie Botha, who went to a lot of effort to arrange a very successful slide show of various photographs taken by club members on hikes.

The potjiekos and braaivleis events were again very popular and club members were thanked for hosting these events.

Due to ill health, Ferdie Botha resigned as editor of the Bergnuus and Mariana Rabie took over from him and the Chairman thanked her for her input and for placing advertisements in the Buite Burger that appeared every Tuesday.

The Chairman thanked the committee for their support during the year and advised that he would not be available for re-election as Chairman and was resigning as a member.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer, Evelyn Gates, spoke to the financial statements as distributed and thanked Verwey Wiese for reviewing and auditing the accounts.

The total income for the year was R30 503 and expenses totalled R15 219, resulting in a net profit of R15 284.

The current account balance as at year end was R6 117 and the investment account balance was healthy at R172 133.

The Treasurer requested that members present at the AGM encourage other club members to pay their annual subscriptions timeously as only about 50% had renewed their membership to date.

Acceptance of the financial statements as presented was proposed by Charlie Buckle and seconded by Frik van Manen.

The Chairman requested that the committee be advised of any worthwhile donations or contributions that members were aware of.

6. **ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE FOR 2009**

The existing committee members were Christo Dippenaar (Chairman), Liza Schlebusch (Secretary), Hannes Truter (Hiking Co-Ordinator), Mariana Rabie (Marketing and Newsletter) and Evelyn Gates (Treasurer).

Both Christo Dippenaar and Liza Schlebusch were not available for re-election.

After some discussion, Altus de Wet was nominated as the new Chairman. This was proposed by Anita Stemmet and seconded by Claude Steenkamp.

Ludi Basson was nominated as Vice Chairman, but he requested that this be held over until the full committee had been elected, as he was interested in another portfolio.

Gerhard Kritzinger proposed that the remainder of the existing committee be re-elected in their current portfolios and this was unanimously accepted.

Altus de Wet proposed that Brigitte Visagie be elected Secretary and this was seconded by Erna Kritzinger.

Ludi Basson referred to the previous proposal that he be elected Vice Chairman and agreed to take up this portfolio as the position of Hiking Co-ordinator, in which he was interested, had been filled. His election was seconded by Charlie Buckle.

Gerhard Kritzinger suggested that Ludi Basson assist Hannes Truter in his portfolio.

7. **NEW MATTERS ARISING**

- 7.1 Several members raised the issue of communication within the club being mainly via the electronic medium. This resulted in a breakdown in communication as some members do not have access to internet. Outdated member contact details were another reason for non-receipt of communication by some members.

It was decided that the existing database be updated by the committee and that members would indicate their preferred method of communication. It was also mentioned that the committee were looking into a bulk SMS package as another means of convenient communication.

- 7.2 Claude Steenkamp asked whether anyone had information on money that had been promised to the Cape Town section about 4 years ago for a servitude at either Klein Winterhoek or Sneeuat. Gerhard Kritzinger suggested that, as Cape Town never asked for the money, the venture had probably been abandoned.
- 7.3 The Chairman again thanked the existing committee for all their hard work and for the often thankless task that they carried out. He also thanked the new committee in advance for their efforts and wished them well.
- 7.4 Erna Kritzinger invited the outgoing Chairman to all future club evenings, despite his resignation as club and committee member.

8. **HIKING PROGRAM – SUNDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2009**

Gerhard Kritzinger, hike leader of the Elandskloof hike the following day, was in possession of the necessary permits, but advised that the hike would not take place if the extremely hot conditions persisted the following day.

9. **CONCLUSION**

- 9.1 The rules for braaing at the hut were communicated to all present.
- 9.2 Members and/or visitors sleeping in the hut were requested to write their names in the book at the entrance to the hut and to pay the requisite fee.
- 9.3 Altus thanked everyone for their confidence in electing him Chairman and said that the club members should make every effort to grow the membership, but stated that the emphasis was on quality rather than quantity.

The meeting ended at 17h40