

**MINUTES OF THE 67TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE DURBAN RAMBLERS' HIKING CLUB  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 1999  
AT THE NEW GERMANY SPORTS CLUB, NEW GERMANY**

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**PRESENT** 47 members signed the attendance register.

**APOLOGIES** Jenny Hewitt, Barry Busby, Marcia Wilde, Marie Gurr, Sue Welbeloved, Tina Paton, Sharon Young, John Kyle, Erica Jacobs, Fatima Govender, Sue Ferguson

The Chairman reported that he was aware of three members/past members who had passed away recently, namely Winnie Jackson, Jack Schafer and Carole de Beer.

At this point the Chairman read a letter received from Sue Ferguson at Londolazi.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 1998 A.G.M.**

These were read and confirmed.

Proposed by Margret Kirsten and seconded by Gerald Hall.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 1998 A.G.M.**

There were no matters arising from the minutes which required discussion.

**CHAIRMAN/COMMITTEE REPORT**

Colin Turner read the Chairman/Committee Report.

Proposed by Margret Kirsten and seconded by Gerald Hall.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

This had been made available to members, and a resume was given by Chris Dobson.

Proposed by Mike White, seconded by Adrian Rowe.

**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

The following office bearers were elected to serve until the next Annual General Meeting :-

Chairman	:	Colin Turner	:	proposed by Pam Podmore seconded by Adrian Rowe
Secretary	:	Pam Podmore	:	proposed by Dianne Hall seconded by Colin Turner
Treasurer	:	Chris Dobson	:	proposed by Pam Podmore seconded by Colin Turner
Day Hike Organiser	:	position vacant		

Adrian Rowe will assist for the three months to June. The matter will be reviewed during this period.

## ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS (CONTINUED)

Weekend/ Berg Hike Organiser	: John van Zyl	: proposed by Cedric Biggs seconded by Colin Turner
Trails Organiser	: Bill Hyslop	: proposed by Celia Vergari seconded by Gretel Hartmann
Entertainment Organiser	: Christine Davies	: proposed by Brian O'Connell seconded by Colin Turner
Magazine Editor	: Grahame Davies	: proposed by Brian O'Connell seconded by Colin Turner
Publicity Organiser	: Margret Kirsten	: proposed by Gerald Hall seconded by Colin Turner
Ordinary Member	: Philip Gatenby	: proposed by Adrian Rowe seconded by Cedric Biggs
Honorary Auditor	: Mary-Lee Arnot	: proposed by George Archibald seconded by Colin Turner

During the course of the election of office bearers, Bill Hyslop addressed the meeting at length. He said that he had not made himself available for the Committee the previous year because of politics and that he was not prepared to serve on the Committee with certain people who had caused him considerable unhappiness in 1997. He advised that he would be leaving on a three-month trip overseas shortly, so would not be available for the position of Day Hike Organiser.

He said that the right calibre of person should be selected to serve on the Committee as that person would ideally be involved in organising/running Kambalala hut if we were to win the tender. He encouraged all present to support our efforts in obtaining the hut. Philip Gatenby suggested that priority should be given to finding a Day Hike Organiser rather than pursuing the lease of Kambalala, as it is only 'pie in the sky' at present and may not come to fruition. Discussion on the matter would continue later in the meeting.

**PRESENTATION OF FLOATING TROPHY**

The floating trophy was presented to George Archibald for his continuing contribution to the Club in arranging and leading trails at his farm, Haven Rock, and for the 'perks' provided for our members when hiking on the farm - e.g. additional water supplies, road transport for those unable to walk further, night game-viewing rides on some weekends.

**GENERAL**

Honorary Life Membership was conferred on the following members with more than thirty years' membership:

Neil Oellerman (present)  
Mick Thomas  
Harry and Amy Tripe  
Robin and Denise Philp  
Mike Hooper

Mr Bunny Smythe was reinstated as an Honorary Life Member.

## GENERAL (CONTINUED)

The Chairman asked all present if they approved the Committee's donation of funds to the Kwa-Zulu Natal Nature Conservation Services for the upkeep of the paths at Hospitalspruit and Krantzklloof. This was accepted by all present.

Nevil Walmsley agreed to phone the Ranger at Monk's Cowl to see if he work had been carried out at Hospitalspruit, whilst Margret Kirsten would check, when in that area, that our donation had been properly utilised.

## Kambalala Hut:

Colin Turner and Bill Hyslop addressed the meeting.

It was agreed that a sub-committee should be established to investigate all aspects of the matter and report back to members in due course.


Mike White offered his services to receive all input, be it positive or negative, on behalf of the Club, and promised that if he should be elected to the sub-committee, he would do a full appraisal of the project.

A show of hands was requested for this investigation and report back, and the majority of members present indicated their acceptance and willingness to participate.

Tom de Waal advised the meeting of the improved accommodation and revised costs at Clearwater Camp.

Bill Hyslop told the meeting of his planned Club trip to Corsica later this year.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

  
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SECRETARY  
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CHAIRMAN

DATE: 11-2-2000

# DURBAN RAMBLERS' HIKING CLUB

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The sixty-seven years of our Club's existence has passed into history, and here we are at the dawn of the next millenium. According to our Constitution the main objects of our Club are to encourage walking, camping and social get-togethers, and to procure and assist in the formation of new, and the preservation of existing, tracks and routes. I am sure that these objects have not changed over the years as the Club was formed to encourage the love of outdoor life.

We are indeed fortunate that close to our doorstep we have such a variety of terrain through which to hike, though with development in the rural areas now taking place at a rapid rate, some of our hikes are coming under threat.

A disturbing piece of information was recently passed on to me concerning the Old Baldy hike. It appears that a resident in that area, who states that he represents the local community, is demanding a fee of R15 from each hiker, which monies are for the upliftment of the community. Furthermore, any group walking in that area must advise him in advance so that he can arrange a guide at R15 per group for the day. Is this a sign of what the future holds for us when we hike in the 1,000 hills? Let's hope not.

During the year our day hike leader, Adrian, has not let the grass grow under his feet although I must say the vegetation has grown over our heads. With the local population in the rural areas now having road access to their homes, some of the paths traditionally used by them and by us are almost indiscernible. Adrian and some helpers have done a good job in re-opening some of these paths, but unfortunately it is an exercise which has to be repeated each time the hike is repeated.

A mixture of near and farther afield hikes met the needs of most members with 39 hikes being R17 and less.

Members must realise that we can please some of you on all of the hikes and all of you on some of the hikes, but not all of you on all of the hikes.

It was disturbing for your Committee, and especially our day hike leader, to have a member undertaking alternative hikes on some Sundays and soliciting other members to accompany him.

I feel we should be grateful to Adrian for putting together a full year's programme of Sunday hikes without being given the existing details of many of them.

Adrian has this to report:

### **REPORT OF DAY HIKE ORGANISER 1998/1999**

The year has been relatively successful, with only a small decline of about 11%, in attendance figures. Interestingly, of a membership of 296, at 31 December 1998, 131 of these members hiked on Sundays, at some stage during the year. Brian O'Connell attended 40 Sunday hikes in 1998!

The main reason for the drop in attendance, was as a result of a reduction in the number of visitors by approximately one third. This can be attributed to :-

- (a) the resignation of the Publicity organiser during the year, and
- (b) problems in motivating newspapers to carry our advertising free of charge.

Regrettably, during the course of the year, the cost of hikes has escalated, owing to the need to include hikes further away from town. The reason for this was two-fold. Sadly, Bill Hyslop has elected not to lead any hikes for the Club since April 1998, despite several requests, and secondly, the hike portfolios of the other hike leaders tend to include some more distant hikes, which often do not require bush clearing and, being in the country, are more remote from black settlements. Every effort is being made to encourage new leaders, and to find suitable hikes closer to Durban.

I wish to sincerely thank all the Sunday hike leaders who have supported me and the Club during the year, in particular Steve Nel, without whose assistance, the Sunday hike programme would have had to have been curtailed.

Unfortunately, as previously mentioned, Bill Hyslop has chosen not to offer his services to the Club, apparently owing to his personal dislike for me, owing to certain Committee business, which took place in mid 1997. As he has been leading Sunday hikes, for some members, in opposition to the organised Club ones, he is obviously still keen to be involved and therefore I have decided in the interests of the Club, not to stand for re-election to the Committee, in the hope that the new Day Hike Organiser will receive the support of all the members. I will however be available to lead hikes for the Club, if so required, regardless of who is on the Committee.

In conclusion, our thanks to those members who participated in the organised Sunday hikes and particularly to those who "went the extra mile" and assisted with recces. Also our thanks to Joe Strayton and Jean Foster for their efforts in ensuring that the "tea bag" was always at the hikes. Last, but not least, thank you to the drivers who have generously used their vehicles to transport others, at a cost often in excess of the compensation they receive.

Our other weekly activity is our Saturday afternoon walks which are organised by Philip. Up to the beginning of the year these "Aspirant Members" paid a nominal sum of R1 (apart from the normal subscription) towards the income of the Club. In view of their not receiving any benefit from this fee and the Club not incurring any costs, it was decided to waive this charge. These walks continue to meet the needs of a number of members and visitors, and a good turnout is experienced every Saturday.

Philip reports as follows :

The Saturday afternoon hikes have stabilised in a most satisfactory manner with several groups in the high thirties. The hikes are now mostly led by purely 'Saturday' hikers and the parties comprise largely 'Saturday' people, so a self-supporting hikers nursery has been formed.

A simple format where three or four leaders know each hike is favoured by the organisers, and minimises, but has not entirely solved, the problem of getting everyone to the start.

The turnover of people is quite large, with some people graduating to Sunday hiking and one going on to a four day 'berg trip, race walking and finally a successful Comrades Marathon at the first attempt. Others fall by the wayside because we do not meet their needs (it is rumoured that the lack of handsome eligible men is a problem).

Gavin took sabbatical leave during the year to take part in more walking races. We wish him success and will welcome him back when he is ready to rejoin us.

#### BERG TRIPS AND WEEKEND HIKES

Cedric was almost pressganged into this portfolio at our last Annual General Meeting but he rose to the occasion, until for a while he could no longer arise due to a hip operation. Fortunately he is now almost back to normal. A real interest was shown by him in arranging a variety of Berg trips, etc., with many different leaders, but as usual some were well supported whilst others were not, leading to some being cancelled.

Cedric comments as follows :

I would like to begin by thanking all those people who did not hesitate to assist me to organise the first hikes at the beginning of the Club year as well as during the year while I was in hospital and away overseas. Mary Lee Arnot was particularly helpful in supplying the names of some leaders and in organising and leading several trips herself, and Philip Gatenby and other members of the Committee assisted in many ways and took over completely while I was absent.

I would also like, on behalf of the Club as well as myself, to thank all the Hike Leaders who gave up so much of their time to make all the arrangements for the trips and to lead them so willingly and so well. There is a lot of work in organising and leading hiking trips and we could not have managed anything without them.

A total of 28 weekend hikes were organised for the Club this year and 25 different leaders contributed their time and expertise towards them.

We tried to provide a broad range of hikes, including very easy to very strenuous, with accommodation, caves, tents and backpacking, and many different parts of this country.

The number of applicants for these trips varied considerably and ranged from zero to eighteen. In general the response was disappointing. It looks as if there might finally be a total of about 9 hikes with 10 hikers or more, about 6 hikes with 5 to 9 hikers, and about 13 hikes with less than 5 hikers.

Sadly I have to report that 4 hikes had to be cancelled through lack of support. We had truly excellent, well-experienced leaders for these hikes and they went to considerable trouble to book the hikes and suitable accommodation which they then had to cancel. You may imagine their disappointment. Some are popular leaders in the Wild Life Society and Mountain Backpackers Club and they may not be prepared to lead hikes for us in the future.

The more adventurous hikes have not been as well supported as they used to be.

In this respect it also seems that the cost of the weekend is definitely not a major factor because backpacking would be considerably cheaper than camping or staying in cottages, etc.

Hikers also seem to consistently favour certain leaders and ignore others, which may not be a good policy for the future growth of our Club.

It seems that socialising is more important than backpacking, comfort more important than adventure, over weekends in our Club.

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It is obvious from Cedric's comments and our own realisation that we do not have nor are we attracting the dedicated regular week-end berger to the extent experienced in the past. It was encouraging to hear that Mike White had 16 people on his cathedral camping weekend, which provided for first-time bergers. More trips of this nature may draw new members into the net for more serious walking in the berg in the future.

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Welcome to Durban and I hope we will have a long and profitable relationship both ways (I believe they will give us a discount of 10%?)

Hiking is definitely still on the increase and therefore have no worry that we will survive long into the 21st century.

Yours in hiking - Margret Kirsten

#### ENTERTAINMENT/SOCIALS

A varied programme of social gatherings, talks, bridge and scrabble evenings, map-reading, braai's and a slide show were put together by Denise for the benefit of members. The Christmas luncheon and the New Year party were both well attended, and I would still encourage members or their friends to let us see their interesting slides from time to time.

Denise reports :

Social events at Point Yacht Club, The Deck and Thatchers were well supported. Scrabble was enjoyed by a small group. Harbour hikes and braai's were enjoyed by those who attended. The talk by Greg McKenzie on sports injuries was very interesting. Cedric gave us an informative talk on map reading at Stella Sports Club.

Our Christmas lunch at Mykonos was attended by fifty members.

Thanks for everyone's support. Denise

#### MAGAZINE

Our quarterly magazine was well presented during the year although gremlins crept in now and again. Jenny was able to fit in the production of the magazine between her demanding schedule until the last one for the year, when Grahame Davies took over the reins. The production of the magazine is not an easy task and last-minute changes to certain of the contents often causes grey hairs. In fact Grahame has already lost some of his hair. We hope to see Grahame continuing in this role in 1999.

#### FINANCES

The surplus for the year, although not as much as recent years, was still at R7565, a substantial amount, and equal to 50% of our total income.

With higher interest rates this income increased and we now have investments worth R61000.

Chris reports as follows on our financials:-

#### GENERAL

As usual we held our annual get-together of both new and older members at the delightful home of Mick and Gloria McConnell and fitted in a morning hike close by. Though all who attended had a most enjoyable day, the numbers were disappointing and the thought goes out as to whether Club members prefer their normal Sunday hike or many, not knowing Mick and Gloria from years gone by, do not feel part of the camaraderie in meeting with members from the past. Thanks must go to Mick and Gloria for their hospitality and joyfulness in hosting us each year.

As mentioned under finance, much time was spent by Adrian in researching information on members' dates of joining the Club as some of the records had been destroyed by previous committee members. The exercise is almost complete. Between Chris, Gerry and Adrian we now have computer systems up and running so this should make it easier for future committees to keep our records up to date. Many thanks to all three of you.

Your Club was again represented at Hiking and Mountaineering Liaison meetings with the Kwa-Zulu Natal Nature Conservation Services, as well as the new Federation of Drakensberg User Groups. Nevil Walmsley, Bill Hyslop, Philip Gatenby and Cedric Biggs joined me at many of these meetings. One of the main topics has been the appointment of Club guides for entry through the Didima Gorge. This course for our Club was held in February this year and certain members will now be given the necessary accreditation. I have tried in my 'Chairman's Chatter' to keep members informed on what has transpired at these meetings as well as other happenings behind the scenes.

The Chairman's report would not be complete without thanking those members who unselfishly attended to matters outside of the scope of your Committee. Here we raise a glass of the best to Joe Strayton and Jean Foster for undertaking the task of ensuring that we always had our hot beverages on our Sunday hikes; Philip for cluttering up his garage with backpacks, sleeping mats, etc, and Gerald Hall for storing all the Club's large tents and other camping equipment which takes up all of his outbuildings. I must also thank those members whose homes were made available for social functions and the owners of Habitat Real Estate for the use of their premises for most of our Committee meetings. To the leaders of all our outings goes a special bouquet - as without you we would be in the ditch, so please don't ditch us in the coming year.

To my fellow Committee members who gave not only of their time for our meetings but also for all the time spent in planning and organising our programme during the year I say your sweat and blood has not been in vain. Well done.

Finally to our secretary, Pam Podmore, who faithfully records the goings-on at our meetings and attends to our correspondence, new member letters and many other matters.

HAPPY HIKING IN 1999 TO ALL MEMBERS.

### **Treasurers Report 1998**

**Income -** Subscriptions increased this year mainly due to increased membership during the previous year. 31 new members have joined, compared to 71 in 1997, and 17 have been deleted for non-payment. Saturday Hikes no longer incur a Club fee and income will diminish completely in the next financial year. Sunday hike income also reduced due to smaller numbers walking. Sunday hike expenses are about equally split between recce expenses and cost of entrance fees and refreshments. Again a fall off in Berg trips and a poor response against the effort to organize these weekends. For the amount of equipment carried by the Club, a return of R144 in Hire Charges is low, but this can be ascribed to the fall off in weekends away.

It was generally agreed earlier this year that a percentage of Club Funds be allocated to a Unit Trust, and as certain Fixed Deposits matured they were placed in a Money Market account, pending reallocation. However with the demise of most stock market related investments, about 80% of the Clubs funds were kept in the Money Market deposit, and the balance in a short term fixed deposit. The problem of this form of investment will have to be addressed to reduce the possibility of Tax implications.

**Expenditure -** The cost of producing the magazine has increased by about 20%. General expenses, Committee sustenance, bank charges, stationery, telephone and postage have all remained on levels with the previous year. Additional travel expenses were incurred on meetings with KZNNCS. Two separate donations were given to KZNNCS for path maintenance in specific areas of the Berg, and the Krantzkloof Nature Reserve.

All members details are now compiled in a computerized DataBase, and hence the importance of returning the Subscription Notice along with your Subs, to facilitate updating.

Please ensure that if cash is tendered to pay for subscriptions for instance on a hike or social gathering, that adequate means of identifying the donor is given, as the Treasurer wishes to keep whatever hair he has.

Our thanks to Tony Livingstone for auditing the books, and hope that we were not responsible for his double hernia, but nevertheless wish him well in his recovery.

It was generally agreed that the Club was in a strong financial position, and that no increase in income, say from subscriptions would be necessary during this financial year.

We would however wish to receive constructive comments on how the Clubs funds could be utilized in the future to promote the Clubs objectives.

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Secretary				
Treasurer				
Day Hike Organiser				
Berg Hike Organiser				
Trails Organiser	SYLL			
Entertainment Organiser	MRS CHRISTINE DAVIES	CHRIS DOBSON	<i>Christine</i>	<i>Chris Dobson</i>
Magazine Editor	MR GRAHAM DAVIES	CHRIS DOBSON	<i>G.D.</i>	<i>Chris Dobson</i>
Publicity Organiser				
Ordinary Member / Sat Hike Organiser				

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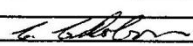

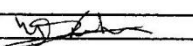
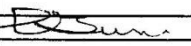
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SIGNATURE

*3/2/99*  
DATE

# **DURBAN RAMBLERS' HIKING CLUB**

## **NOMINATION FORM**

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This form must be returned to the Secretary, Durban Ramblers' Hiking Club, P.O. Box 50563, Musgrave Road, 4062 as soon as possible but not later than 31 January 1999.

Committee position	Person proposed (Print name)	By whom proposed (Print name)	Nominee's signature of acceptance	Signature of seconder
Chairman	CHLES DOBSON	GERALD HALL		
Secretary	PAM PODMORE	" "		
Treasurer	EDNA FOLMER	" "		
Day Hike Organiser	ADRIAN LOWE	" "		
Berg Hike Organiser	RODIE BIGGS	" "		
Trails Organiser	PHILIP GATREBY	" "		
Entertainment Organiser	DEANNE WILKINSON	" "		
Magazine Editor	JENNY HEWITT	" "		
Publicity Organiser	MALCALET KIRSTEN	" "		
Ordinary Member / Sat Hike Organiser	CONNOR FOLMER	" "		

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Berg Hike Organiser				
Trails Organiser				
Entertainment Organiser	MRS. CHRISTINE DAVIES	CHRIS DOBSON	<i>Christine Davies</i>	<i>Chris Dobson</i>
Magazine Editor	MR. GRAHAM DAVIES	CHRIS DOBSON	<i>G.D.</i>	<i>Chris Dobson</i>
Publicity Organiser				
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*18/12/98.*  
DATE

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - DURBAN RAMBLERS HIKING CLUB

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1998

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>		
Balance as at 1 January 1998	54496	44747
Add excess income over expenditure	7565	9749
	<u>62061</u>	<u>54496</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>		
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b> at depreciated value	300	300
Tents & Backpacks	100	100
Office equipment	130	130
Camping equipment	50	50
Slide projector	20	20
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	63761	56501
Float - Secretary	-	100
Stock - Hats	1522	1594
Sundry debtors	32	227
Cash at Bank	708	1934
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>	61484	52631
32 Day Notice	8060	7000
Money Market	53424	40641
Interest accrued	-	4990
Key Deposit	15	15
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	64061	56801
<b>LESS LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS</b>	2000	2305
Provision for equipment replacement	2000	2000
Subscriptions in advance	-	146
Sundry creditors	-	159
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>62061</u>	<u>54496</u>

  
C. TURNER - Chairman

  
C.C. DOBSON - Treasurer

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Club, and according to these records and information given to me, I am satisfied that proper records have been kept and the financial statements reflect the financial position of the Club.

  
A. Livingstone - Hon. Auditor

13/2/99  
Date

# **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - DURBAN RAMBLERS HIKING CLUB**

## **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR** **ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1998**

		<b>1998</b>	<b>1997</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		<b>15567</b>	<b>15907</b>
Subscriptions		4909	4749
Entrance Fees		310	710
Saturday Hikes		214	1087
Sunday Hikes		790	1092
Income	2513	3033	
Less Expenses	1723	1941	
Berg Trips/trails	( 222 less expenses 163)	59	564
Equipment Hire		144	313
Donations		nil	29
Advertising		225	150
Interest		8909	7188
Profit on sale of hats		7	11
Sundry Income		nil	14
<b>LESS EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>8002</b>	<b>6158</b>
Magazine Costs		2568	2163
General Expenses		266	247
Committee Dinner and Refreshments		849	828
Bank Charges		421	460
Stationery, Photocopying, Faxes		337	545
A.G.M. Refreshments		240	265
Telephone and Postage		783	848
Equipment Acquired and Hired		120	nil
Travelling Expenses - N.P.B. Meetings		388	135
Loss on Trail Deposits		nil	22
Christmas Party Costs		140	nil
Weekend at Roselands for Berg/Trail leaders		nil	224
Financial Assistance N.P.B. - path maintenance			
Berg and Krantzkloof		1500	421
Computer Expenses		390	nil
Excess income over expenditure		<b>7565</b>	<b>9749</b>
Transferred to accumulated funds			

# DURBAN RAMBLERS' HIKING CLUB

ATTENDANCE REGISTER : ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 1999

(47)

Robin Turner	Glenys Bantley
R J Gorges	Michael E. White
June Young	John Van Zyl
Gean Foster	Denise Warburton
Pam Redman	GRAHAM DAVIES
Jo Siraylan	CHRISTINE DAVIES
Adrian Powe	ANN GERAGHTY
Opdyke	PHILIP GATEWAY
R. Lubbe	BILL HYSLOP
JOHN DAWSON	Tom de Waal
CELA VERGARI	REG BLOW
Denise Leary	LYNN BLOW
Joan McLean	Neel Winkler
Shirley Rutherford	REE D'EATHE
Norman Rutherford	GEOFF FOSTER
Dennis Betty	McIntosh (MONICA)
Lynette Holmes	
Sietal Hartman	
Wainie Hall	
Dysald Hall	
Erica Thomas	
Margaret Krusten	
Neil Ollman	
Aracé Parmentier	
Jenny Parmentier	
Jedric Pegg	
W. P. Pegg	
W. P. Pegg	
Gerry Tolson	
Paula Butler	
Peter Kaiser	

**DURBAN RAMBLERS' HIKING CLUB**

**NOTICE OF THE 1999 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place at the **New Germany Sports Club**, Harvey Road, New Germany on **Wednesday 17 February 1999 at 7.30 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

1. To read the notice convening the meeting.
2. To receive apologies.
3. To confirm the minutes of the 1998 Annual General Meeting.
4. Matters arising from the minutes of the 1998 AGM.
5. To receive and approve the 1998 Chairman's and Committee's report.
6. To receive and approve the financial report.
7. To elect office bearers for the committee.
8. To elect an honorary auditor.
9. To present the floating trophy.
10. General.

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