

FILE  
SIGNED COPY

DURBAN RAMBLERS HIKING CLUB

**Minutes of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting held on  
Tuesday 8 February 2005 at 18h00 at the Westville North Library**

**Welcome**

Brian welcomed all present and thanked members for their attendance.

**Present**

40 members as per attendance register.

**Apologies**

Audrey Vickers, Dennis Chetty, Jean Elliot, Jill Brooke, John Whittaker, Erica Jacobs, Reg & Lyn Blow, Adele & Phillip Labuschagne, Neville & Marie Gurr, Kim Gibb, Nettie Howard

**Minutes of 2004 A.G.M.**

Confirmed: Proposed - Gerald Hall; Seconded Merel Mc Kenzie

**Matters Arising**

Nothing to discuss

**Chairman's Report**

Hi, Great to see you all here to support Ramblers. We have had an enjoyable year and our thanks to the committee and Ann, Trevor, Janette, Derrick, Mike and the many others who have helped.

We are financially very sound with reserves of about R75000. We now have 252 members.

The hikes on Weekends Saturday and Sundays have gone well as have the social events. Many people have been recharged in an enjoyable atmosphere to better handle life's stresses. We need more people who have six hours to spend walking on Sundays. Please spread the news around.

Large numbers of hikers are staying for the picnic, braais or at a pub after hikes. Here we get to know and interact with one another in a relaxed way. An essential part of living on earth. We also celebrated Xmas with a subsidized dinner that was enjoyed by many.

Our magazine is excellent so why don't more of you read it. Especially to find out what hikes are planned and to let your friends know.

I would like to welcome to our Honorary Members group, Audrey Vickers, Lindsay & Angela Milne.

We are a united club with much to enjoy in the future. Thanks

The report was approved:- Proposed - Philip Gatenby

Seconded - Biff Mags

**Financial Report**

Financial Report was tabled. We are financially sound. Subscriptions collected for 2004 have increased from 2003. Entrance fees collected have been less. Magazine expenses have been less in 2004 than in 2003. Jayne Ferguson at Cane Growers is offered reduced printing costs. Items are listed in detail on the Annual Statement. Income exceeded expenditure by R5000. Subs will remain at R50 for 2005. The Fixed Deposit at the Standard Bank is renewed every 6 months. The interest rates are comparable to other investments offered. As the committee does not claim for all their travelling, phone calls, etc it was felt that the dinner/refreshment costs at committee meetings were justified.

The report was approved: Proposed - Gerald Hall

Seconded - Field Boucher

**Amendments to the Constitution**

Suggested constitution amendments were published in January magazine and were made available at this meeting. As all members have had an opportunity to read them, a written ballot was taken. Ballot forms were handed out. No discussion was entered into. Field Boucher was available for questions, of which there were none. Extra time was made available for late comers. 38 ballots were collected by Mike Serurier and these were to be counted by Biff at a later stage. Biff had prepared counting sheets. The results will be made available in April Magazine. There were no objections to this procedure although some members did ask when counting would be done and results be made available.

Voting was made on the following amendments. Filed with minutes are the amendments as available at the AGM.

1. **Rule 5:** Amend the period from 30 to 15 years. Nothing stops the Honorary life Member making a yearly donation, in lieu of subs, while he is still an active member.
2. **Rule 7:** Entrance Fee : Amend the second sentence to read. The annual contribution and entrance fee shall be confirmed annually at the AGM by a vote of the members. (i.e. Proposed and seconded on a recommendation by the committee.  
Annual subscription: Amend the second sentence to read. Persons joining after 1 July of each year shall pay half subscription fee only for the remaining part of that particular year.
3. **Rule 8:** Amend to read - All subscriptions shall be payable after the close of the AGM in February each year. The subscriptions are non-refundable once paid.

4. **Rule 9:** Amend to read - .... Within two calendar months after the AGM.....
5. **Rule 15: Restructure as follows :**
- (a) Welcome.
  - (j) Apologies.
  - (j) Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous AGM.
  - (j) Matters Arising.
  - (j) Presentation and adoption of the Chairman's report.
  - (j) Presentation and passing of the Financial Statements and Balance Sheet.
  - (j) Election of officers and the Executive Committee for the ensuing year and such sub-committee as may be required.
- New Committee to handle:
- (h) Proposed alterations/additions/deletions to the Constitution and Rules of the Club.
  - (j) Other business.
  - (j) General.
6. **Rule 17:** Amend to read – The committee may at any time, or shall on the .....  
(This amendment will entitle the Committee to act immediately, in its own right, to call an Extraordinary meeting if the matter is serious, i.e splinter groups, etc).
7. **Rule 20:** Add to current wording :  
On request from a member, a copy of the financial statements shall be emailed/faxed before the AGM.
8. **Rule 25:**
- c) Limit borrowing to a maximum of R1 000-00
  - d) For larger amounts, call a Special General Meeting.
9. **Rule 30:** Amend to read – ....shall be typed and in the hands of the Secretary at least fourteen days ...

**Election of Office Bearers**

Brian thanked the committee. Brian, Ann, Roger and Biff have to leave or change portfolios.  
The following office bearers were elected

<u>Office</u>	<u>Elected</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Chairman	Biff Maggs	Steve Watson	Derek Pretorius
Secretary	Ingrid D'Eathe	Ann Olds	Trevor Thompson
Treasurer	Ilona Matthews	Biff Maggs	Johan Ferreira
Day Hike Organiser	Jon Stevens	Ann Olds	Glynnis Bentley
Saturday Hike Organiser	Field Boucher	Werner Vanslebrouck	Colleen Seath
Trails/Berg Organiser	Merle McKenzie	Ann Olds	Werner Vanslebrouck
Socials Organiser			
Magazine Editor	Jayne Ferguson	Ann Olds	Pat Boucher
Publicity Organiser	Erica Jacobs	Biff Maggs	Ann Olds
Ordinary Member	Steve Watson	Ann Olds	Gerald Hall

Off Committee Portfolios: Social :- Mike Serrurier  
Data Base:- Derek & Sandy Pretorius

**In Memoriam**

The meeting stood in silence in memory of:- Fred Kohler and Glenda Baumann

**Honorary Life Membership**

Audrey Vickers, Lindsay & Angela Milne

**Club Trophy**

Presented to Biff Maggs for her support and dedication to the club.

**Appointment of Honorary Auditor**

Colin Turner was appointed auditor for 2005/2006

**General**

Werner thanked Brian and the committee for all the work done during the last year. And wished the new committee success for the future. He suggested a new 'Youth Development' portfolio as we could do with some new young blood in the club!

Merle requested that the next AGM be at 6.30 pm to allow more time for people to arrive. This was voted on and accepted.

Tea and snacks provided by the committee were enjoyed by the members.

The meeting closed at 19h30.

Biff Maggs  
Chairman

16/4/2005  
Date