

# Durban Ramblers Annual General Meeting held on

11 February 2017, at  
Palmiet Nature Reserve Hall,  
Start : 11h00 Ended : 12h15

Attendees : Philip Collyer (PC), Mary O'Donnell (MOD), Stella Wells (SW),  
Tina Regnard (TR), Jenny Rooks (JR), Ana Barbosa (AB), Gordon Tomlinson (GT)

Apologies : Marie Gurr, Nevil Walmsley, Mary Furnival, Mark Collier, Sue McMohon, H Holderness,  
Ron Page, Mara Wheeler, Roy Glen, Christine Connolly

No on Register : 42 People

Item No	Item
1	<b>WELCOME</b> PC welcomed everyone to the 84th Annual General Meeting of the Durban Ramblers Club. and past Chairman, Werner Vanslembrouck.
2	<b>CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM HELD ON 6 FEBRUARY 2016</b> Proposed : Janet Elliot Seconded : Colin Turner
3	<b>CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS ARISING</b> The Chairman acknowledged that the Durban Ramblers Club <b>bank account</b> had now been transferred from Standard Bank to Nedbank and that the necessary security with Internet banking had been put into place. Nedbank being the least costly bank charges. The treasurer to load the payment and either Chairman or Secretary to authorise the transaction.
4	<b>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</b> 1 <b>WEEKENDS AWAY</b> : Marie Gurr 2016 A successful year of weekends away in 2016 - Easter 2016 : Berg - 9 camping - 6 in Park Home - 2 'Pipe Dream'. - June : Monk's Cowl - 16. Enjoyed clear paths and socialising - Sept : Glengarry - 21 - Weather not good but made up with socialising. Bike trail on Saturday. - Dec : TO Strand which had to be cancelled as fully booked 2017 going forward - Easter : 14-17 April : Planned for Simes Cottage, Loteni. Booked with campsites. 2 <b>WEDNESDAY MORNINGS</b> : Marie Gurr These mornings have proved to be most successful especially as in the summer starting time is 6h30. Winter 8h00 A special thanks to Colin Turner and Coleen Seath, for spreading the walks between Durban and up the hill. An average of 18 hikers. Being a brilliant year and this group celebrated their Xmas lunch at Giba Gorge. Again, a special thanks to Coleen Seath organising the lunch with the Scrabble group. 3 <b>SATURDAYS</b> : Linda Smith Linda's goals were : - Not to repeat a trail - At least one new trail per quarter : 1st quarter 2017 being Phezulu with a very good turnout. - Introducing Members Only hikes to encourage membership from outsiders. Linda also pointed out with some trails being a distance away it would be necessary to introduce earlier meeting times in order to fit in a 3hr hike and also with winter getting darker earlier. Also, the closing times of Reserve gates. Linda would like to thank people who helping of new trails. A big thank you to the hike leaders. Linda put it to the floor to consider becoming a leader as it is difficult with the same leaders who also may not always be available. 4 <b>SUNDAYS</b> : Stella Wells Stella has been very happy with the Sunday turnouts averaging around 25-28 hikers. The most popular hike being the Gromor hike with 28 hikers. Stella also spoke of the need of new hike leaders to take pressure off the existing leaders, some of whom lead 3 per quarter. This would also help with scheduling.

Stella thanked the Sunday leaders.  
Stella spoke of Jon Stevens injury on a hike and wished him a good recovery.  
Stella also thanked the committee for very vocal but constructive meetings.

## 5 MAGAZINE

The Chairman, thanked Lawrence Bates for his kind contribution of postage stamps which have come in very handy with all necessary postal needs i.e. Magazines to non-email members.  
The Chairman, thanked Gordon Tomlinson for all his hard work as Editor of the Magazine.  
Gordon's three year term has ended.  
The Chairman, spoke on the awareness of First Aid needs and to carry basics in backpacks.  
Nic Evans, has agreed to give the Club a talk on snakes. To be mentioned in the magazine.

## 6 FINANCIAL

Treasurer : Tina Regnard  
Proposed : Biff Maggs  
Seconded : Werner Vanslebrouck  
Hon Auditor : Colin Turner  
The Chairman thanked Tina for her conscientious efforts on the Financials.  
The deficit was explained with the cost of:  
- Pastel accounting  
- the necessity of recce costs (security in numbers)  
- Club awareness in donations to conservancies.  
Membership fees to be raised to R100 from R80.  
The suggestion of where members pay an entrance fee of R25, non-members pay R50 which will bring in more for the conservancy and encourage membership from non-members.  
Jon Stevens suggested an awareness amongst members that they might leave a donation to the club in their will.  
The cost of the Year end party was justified and the proposal that an 85th celebration be considered in lieu of a 2017 year end party.

## 7 DONATIONS

Aside from the regular donation collected on hikes, R500 was given to the Kloof Conservancy for Springside Conservancy.  
R600 was donated to the Palmiet conservancy for last year's AGM and the hike leaders meeting.  
R500 was donated to the Tanglewood Conservancy, which money was given to Nick Evans.  
A donation of R500 will be given to the Rail Conservancy, Hillcrest in the 2017 year.

## 8 COUNTRY MEMBERSHIP & FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

All agreed that the Constitution should be updated to omit Country Membership.  
Family membership include young adults upto 17. 18 and over are considered Adults.  
18 years and over to make Membership application independantly.

## 9 85TH CELEBRATION

All agreed a sub-committee should be elected to arrange this celebration.  
Although, ideas of picnics and venues were discussed there needed be consideration for the much older non active members who would like to join in.  
Also, this could be an opportunity to create an awareness to attract new members.  
Create some publicity on the 85th.

## 10 PUBLICITY

Committee member : Ana Barbosa  
Many thanks to Ana for her diligent work on for updating the hikes on Facebook (700+ likes) and sending hiking information to all the newspapers.

## 11 PAST MEMBERS

Respects were paid to the following past members who have passed on  
Ken Gillings through a diving accident, Zinele Gwala was a green corridor guide (33), Barry Busby,  
Colin Howarth, Sabrina Porritt

## 12 SERVICE TROPHY

The trophy was presented to **Colin Turner, for his hike leading on Wednesday (he Colin started the Wednesday hikes) and for continuously auditing the Ramblers financials.**  
Colin replied with a thank you and how much he has enjoyed the club.

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### AGM - OUTGOING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Portfolio	Member	2017/18	Proposed / Seconded
Chairman	Philip Colyer	3	Ana / Linda
Secretary	Mary O'Donnell	2	Philip / Marge
Treasurer	Tina Regnard	2	Biff / Werner
Sunday Hike Organiser	Stella Wells	3	Jon / Ilona
Saturday Hike Organiser	Linda Smith	3	Sandra / Ana
Weekend Organiser	Marie Gurr	3	Werner / Biff
Wednesday Morning	Marie Gurr	3	
Publicity	Ana Barbosa	2	Ilona / Alan
Ordinary Member	Jenny Rooks	2	Dath / Linada
Social Event Organiser	Michelle Moodley	1	Ishmail / Anne Olds
Magazine	Ilona Lamprecht	1	Ralf / Linda
Website Organiser	Abdullah Dada	Ongoing	
Honorary Auditor	Colin Turner	Ongoing	Colleen / Biff

The Social Event Organiser post, which has not been filled for a couple of years. Michelle Moodley has been nominated.

Honorary Auditor being nominated by Colleen and Biff

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### GENERAL

- 1 Biff Maggs commented on the **archives** which were 10 years out of date and the necessity of the archives being updated regularly.

A plan needs to be put into place on the website for easy updating.

Concern was raised that the rules were separate from the Constitution and that they should all be included in the constitution. The Chairman said that the rules had been separate on the website even before his time, the Constitution would then be updated to include all the club rules/terms and conditions.

- 2 Discussion arose around the question of **firearms** on hikes. This was strongly opposed.

Consideration to have this noted in the constitution and added to the hiking rules. Fire Arm free.

PC mentioned that most Conservancies disallow Firearms.

Changes to the constitution will be proposed before the next AGM.

- 3 Hike leaders to have necessary **paperwork** with them at hikes : Membership forms, lanyards etc

Janet Elliot gave a **vote of thanks** to the Committee.

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### FINAL

- 1 The Annual General Meeting finished at 12h30