

# Durban Ramblers Annual General Meeting held on

17 February 2018, at  
 Palmiet Nature Reserve Hall, Westville  
 Start : 12h15 Ended : 13h15

Attendees : Philip Collyer (PC), Mary O'Donnell (MOD), Stella Wells (SW), Marie Gurr (MG)  
 Committee Tina Regnard (TR), Jenny Rooks (JR), Ana Barbosa (AB), Ilona Lamprecht (IL)

Apologies : Anna Kapp, Gordon Tomlinson, James Allen, Linsey McGarry, Merle Mackenzie,  
 Morag Wade-Lehman, Ron Page, Rosmarie Ziep, Trevor Gaymans, Cheryl Sol,  
 Judith Conlin, Linda Smith

Register : 35 Members

Item No	Item	ACTION taken	
		By Who	By When
1	<p><b>WELCOME</b></p> <p>PC welcomed everyone to the 85th Annual General Meeting of the Durban Ramblers Club. and past Chairman, Werner Vanlembrouck.</p>		
2	<p><b>CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM HELD ON 11 FEBRUARY 2017</b></p> <p>Proposed : Werner Vanlembrouck                      Seconded : Jenny Rooks</p>		
3	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p>The Chairman thanked Biff Maggs for her work on the archiving of Ramblers history as well as her time in having necessary items laminated. Also, mentioned the necessity of cost involved for the laminating to preserve said items for use of in the future.</p> <p>The Chairman made special thanks to Linda Smith for achieving her goal of not repeating any Saturday hikes.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Jenny Rooks as an Ordinary Committee member for her valued input.</p>		
4	<p><b>CHAIRMANS REPORT</b></p> <p>1 <b>WEEKENDS AWAY</b> : Marie Gurr</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Easter 2017: Simes Cottage, Loteni</li> <li>- June : Rocky Bay, South Coast</li> <li>- July : Cumberland near Pietermaritzburg</li> <li>- Sept : Shawswood, Karkloof : The most popular with 23 members</li> <li>- Nov : Umlalazi Nature Reserve, North Coast</li> <li>- Jan : Oribi, South Coast</li> </ul> <p>2018 going forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Easter : Loteni, Drakensberg</li> </ul> <p>2 <b>WEDNESDAY MORNINGS</b> : Marie Gurr</p> <p>Wednesday morning hikes are getting more and more popular.                      Average : 22 members</p> <p>Hikes are a mix of reserves and beach front. Areas as Summerveld, Shongweni, Tongaat Sugar Estates, Crestholm, Kloof, Nqutu Gorge, Giba and Inchanga.</p> <p>Hikers who have expert knowledge on wild flowers and birds are now visiting these grasslands as an independent group.</p> <p>3 <b>SATURDAYS</b> : Linda Smith</p> <p>As an outgoing Committee member Linda wished to express her thanks to Philip in his support and encouragement of her during her three years.</p> <p>Linda also thanked Ana in the publicity of Ramblers which contributed in making her Saturday hikes being a success. She was pleased to report that she achieved her goal in introducing new routes in her time.</p>		

4 **SUNDAYS** : Stella Wells

Stella at the end of her term as Sunday Hike Leader, would like to make special thanks to to her Sunday leaders in being so constant and supportive  
To Anne Wilson for her finding hikes on the South Coast.  
To Sharon Miller for opening her home for Christmas get togethers  
To Francois Marais and Keith Ashton for agreeing to combine hikes with their respective clubs.


5 **MAGAZINE**

Thank you to Ilona Lamprecht for her excellent newsletter and presentation.  
Also, to the members who are on email which in turn reduces postage costs.


6 **FINANCIAL**

Treasurer : Tina Regnard  
Proposed : Stella Wells  
Seconded : Christine Connolly  
Hon Auditor : Colin Turner  
The Chairman thanked Tina for her conscientious efforts on the Financials.  
General comments on Expenditure:  
Bank Charges were higher due to closing of Standard Bank Account. Loading of beneficiaries on the Nedbank system attracted charges which Tina has rearranged.  
Scanning Archives : The Committee agreed that it was necessary to try and preserve the archives as best one can therefore laminating was an option and also for future displays.  
Web Hosting : The Chairman wished to remind members how fortunate the club was to have the kind services of Abdullah Dada.  
Magazine : The Chairman thanked Ilona for her creative work on the magazine and keeping cost down. Members receiving the magazine by email.  
No increase in fees this year. The joining fee for new members to be increased from R30 to R50.


7 **85TH CELEBRATION**

82 members attended.  
A great success being held at Phezulu Game Reserve, 8 July 2017.  
Articles and photos of various events over the years were on display.


8 **YEAR END**

60 plus members attended the function held at Shongweni Club, which proved to be the most cost effective of venues.  
Members were asked to put their ideas forward for 2018 year end function.  
Members raised that they would like to see some dancing/live music as this is a tradition, if it is financially viable.


9 **CHANGES TO RULES / CONSTITUTION**

It was agreed by the majority present that the hiking rules be updated on the website and would not need to be incorporated into the constitution as it was legally binding.  
The majority at the AGM ruled that no firearms would be allowed on the hike and this is to be added to the hiking rules to be published on the website.  
Noted that Country Membership was still in the constitution and this was voted to be removed at the last AGM. Members who were country members would still remain.


10 **PAST MEMBERS**

The Chairman was pleased to report that there were no passing of members this year.

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11 **SERVICE TROPHY**

The trophy was presented to Werner Vanlembrouck for his contribution to the club.  
Werner and Lois providing the catering for many Year End Functions, Chairing many Committees and being an inspirational leader of both Saturday and Wednesday hikes.


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**AGM - OUTGOING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Portfolio	Member	2018 / 19	Candidate	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Philip Colyer	3	Werner Vanslebrouck	Jenny Rooks	Biff Maggs
Secretary	Mary O'Donnell	2	Coleen Seath	Biff Maggs	Jenny Rooks
Treasurer	Tina Regnard	2			
Sunday Hike Organiser	Stella Wells	3	Jill Dunstone	Stella Wells	Coleen Seath
Saturday Hike Organiser	Linda Smith	3	Ann Olds	Colin Turner	Philip Collyer
Weekend Organiser	Marie Gurr	3	Biff Maggs	Coleen Seath	Colin Turner
Wednesday Morning	Marie Gurr	3	Coleen Seath		
Publicity	Ana Barbosa	2			
Ordinary Member	Jenny Rooks	2			
Social Event Organiser		1			
Magazine	Ilona Lamprecht	1			
Website Organiser	Abdullah Dada	Ongoing			
Honorary Auditor	Colin Turner	Ongoing			

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**GENERAL**

- 1 A proposal was made that First Aid awareness should be considered seriously for leaders in the coming year.
- 2 Nick Evans gave a talk on snake awareness together with a display of live snakes, before the AGM for the members interest. A donation was paid to Nick Evans.


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**FINAL**

- 1 The Annual General Meeting closed at 13h15

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