

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE DURBAN RAMBLERS CLUB TO BE HELD ON
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd 1969 AT 7 WEDGE
ROAD, WESTVILLE, at 3.00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Cristleden's Residence, 7 Wedge Road, Westville, on the 18th February 1968.
3. Matters arising therefrom.
4. Chairman's Report
5. Reading and adoption of financial Report and Balance Sheet for 1968
6. Honoraris
7. Appointment of Club Auditor for 1969
8. Election of Officers
9. Correspondence
10. General

Audrey Ralph
Hon. Secretary.

Refreshments will be served.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DURBAN RAMBLERS CLUB,
HELD ON SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 1969 AT 7 WEDGE ROAD, WESTVILLE

Apologies - John Castleden Laurance Piat
 Margaret Moore Viv Pammenter
 Lindy Lindhorst Mary Gatenby
 Marlene Kobus Fred Kohler
 Barbara Evans

The minutes of 1968 Annual General Meeting were read and confirmed.

The minutes of 1967 Annual General Meeting were available and it was proposed and seconded that these be taken as read.

Chairman's Report Mike Castleden said a copy of the Chairman's Report had been sent to all members.

Financial Report Mac Rand asked if there were any queries regarding the balance sheet for the year ending January 1969 which had been handed to all members present.

Ivan Antonowitz enquired about the light-weight tent the Club had proposed buying and Mike referred him to the Chairman's Report in which it was mentioned.

Honoraria The following honoraria were proposed and seconded -

Secretary -	Audrey Ralph	R8
Treasurer -	Mac Rand	R8
Entertainments Chairman -		
	Dave Bennett	R8
Editor -	Mike Wigley	R3
	Mike Castleden	R5
Camp Captain		R6
Auditor		R4

Election of Officers

Chairman	- Neil Oellermann
Vice Chairman	- Ton Vriend
Secretary	- Mary Grant
Treasurer	- Mac Rand
Camp Captain	- Ian Castleden
Entertainment Chairman	
	- Cedric Browne
Photographic Chairman	
	- Harvey Tuckett
Editress	- Lindsay Peasley
Leader	- Lindy Lindhorst
Sub leaders	- Bob Ferns
	- Roy Webb
Ordinary Members	- Dave Bennett
	- Margaret Moore
	- Astrid Ekeland
Auditor	- John Castleden

Editorial Committee - Christine Empson
Victor Claudius
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Angela Drummond

Camp Committee Bob Ferns
Dave Adams
Roy Webb
Ton Vriend
Jill Vriend
Dave Bennett

Entertainments Committee Dave Bennett
Tom Lane
Neil Oellermann
Angela Drummond
Christine Webb
Carol Ground

GENERAL Victor Claudius suggested the Zululand Game Reserve and Giants Castle Game Reserve be considered for camps. Ian Castleden replied that this subject had been discussed on other occasions. It was not very practical to have camps at the reserves, wilderness trails being limited to parties of about 6 or 8 people only.

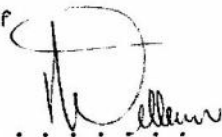
Ton Vriend asked it to be noted that it was unnecessary having six people on the Camp Committee and suggested that the number be reduced to three, Camp Captain, previous Camp Captain and one other. Ian and Bob agreed that six was a large number and suggested that the new committee have the clause in the Constitution and Rules changed at the next Extraordinary General Meeting.

Ton also asked that as the club funds seem affluent, what was the possibility of acquiring land in the Berg area for camps etc. This matter has also been brought up previously and Mike Castleden said he had made enquiries but estate agents were not very interested in land in the Berg area and put him on to a Mr Pearce, who has had dealings in buying land in the Drakensburg. The in-coming committee can make further enquiries should they be interested.

Mike thanked the committee for their help through the year and Neil thanked the Chairman for his excellent work on the committee during his time of office.

The meeting was closed at approximately 5.0 pm and refreshments were served.

READ AND VERIFIED this day of


Chairman

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I am adopting the procedure of giving a written report as I feel all members are entitled to learn in a condensed form of the club's activities over the past year.

At the outset I would like to make it known that I have enjoyed my term as Chairman. This has been made all the more pleasant and easier by the help and co-operation from my Committee and other members who have "volunteered" their assistance from time to time. So to all those of you - a very big "Thank You". Of course, there have been minor differences of opinion from time to time but I am pleased to say that these have been amicably settled.

The Club has continued to grow from strength to strength - albeit there being more of the fairer sex joining our ranks - to be precise 25 girls and 23 fellows swelled our members during the year and at 31st December, 1968 our membership stood as follows:-

Ordinary members:	79 women.
	80 men.
Country members:	9 women
	11 men
Life members:	4 men

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To those of you who are statistically minded, I think some figures are pertinent for various functions held during the year.

Hikes were held with an average of 48 people out on a Sunday, the largest number being 68 on the hike in 25/8/68 to Inanda Falls. Easter camp was a resounding success with 68 people attending. Equally enjoyable was a Berg traverse at the end of May in the Champagne Castle area, with two parties going in opposite directions, and which culminated in awaking to snow on the last morning!! On the Social side, attendances were good too.

Our Spring Ball was patronised by 120 people but unfortunately the catering left a lot to be desired, though through no fault of the Entertainment Chairman or his committee. The year concluded with an informal house social on December 21st, where we had 93 people.

The Annual Amble was once again a victory for Ivan Wirtz, although Beth Lede boer captured the Ladies Trophy from Pietermaritzburg.

We have continued to have a very happy relationship with our Pietermaritzburg counterparts - notwithstanding the remark in the previous sentence - and in July, a member of the Johannesburg Hiking Club joined in our activities.

I would mention at this stage that the committee has seen fit to order a 4-man portable tent, when this arrives it

Before I close, I am sure that the incoming Committee will welcome with open arms any new hikes, new ideas, and suggestions any of you might have. So please don't be shy of bringing these to their attention. If any of you feel like volunteering his or her services for Committee work, again, please make this known before the Annual General Meeting. I am firmly convinced that in a Club such as ours, where the cost to each member is comparatively cheap, the more we help each other in various respects, the more it will benefit the Club itself and accordingly its members.

In a couple of months time I am going to Australia and New Zealand for about a year's stay and as it is doubtful whether I shall see some of you before I leave, I am going to take this opportunity of saying "Sala Kahle". Although being far away, I shall always read with interest of Ramblers' Happenings!

And so in conclusion, I wish the incoming Chairman and his Committee, as well as all members, a successful year and happy hiking in 1969.

Walter Costello

DURBAN RAMBLERS CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING — 23-2-69.

MEMBERS ONLY PLEASE:

J. Castleman.

J. Antonoff

C. E. Gynson.

S. Hinde.

Anthony Castleman.

~~M. Beattie~~

Jenny Welsh

W. M. Pearson

R. Zimm.

Reddy

W. H. A. W.

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J. E. A. W.

Neil Oelmann

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Jay A. A. W.

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