DURBAN RAMBLERS' CLUB

1969 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 70

The Club has experienced a quiet but nevertheless successful year. Financially we are on top, especially if one considers that we are now the owners of an Itisa tent (which is available for hire to members).

Various details and statistics of interest are as follows:-

Members

Ordinary members - Women 77
Men 75

Country members - Women 13
Men 14

Life members - Men 3

TOTAL 182

(Includes 32 new members)

Hikes

Number of hikes - 18
Highest attendance - 51 (Itshe-lika-Ndikimba - 14th September, 1969)
Lowest attendance - 8 (Nqutu Valley - 11th May, 1969)
Average overall attendance - 34
(26% of persons attending hikes were visitors).

Camps

Number of functions - 5 (Easter Camp, 3 Berg trips and 1 combined camp with the Johannesburg Ramblers' in Swaziland).

Entertainments

Number of functions - 9 (2 Farm weekends, Spring Ball and 6 Social Functions).

Photographic Section

Number of functions - 11 (10 monthly meetings, 1 Annual Slide Show)

Other Functions

Annual amble at Crestholme Circuit. Historical weekend at Spioenkop, Ladysmith. From the above information, I am sure members will realise the amount of time and effort which is spent by Executive Committee and sub-Committee members and their friends in keeping the Club as active as possible. I would like to voice my thanks to all those who have actually helped in this organisation - some being involved more than others.

The magazine has really "done us proud" and I personally have heard compliments from persons as far afield as Cape Town, Johannesburg and Australia. Publishing the Rumbler's Magazine is a frustrating job and our Editress won through most successfully.

Hikes have not been as popular this year as they were last year for no obvious reasons. Variety can be no complaint as out of the 18 hikes only 1 was a repeat - there were dry hikes, wet hikes, a beach hike, high hikes and valley hikes as well as a hike with historical interest (Bambata Rebellion). Transport costs are joining the price spiral, but nevertheless no overall financial losses were experienced.

What more can I say?

Camps and Entertainments experienced a successful year $\boldsymbol{\tau}$ as all of you who attended well know. The functions you missed were well reported in the magazine (join the armchair Ramblers).

Photographic suffered from organisational problems but nevertheless held a successful Annual Show and has held together well. In fact, the latest meetings have been quite crowded.

The Annual Amble was again, for the second year, successful for us, with Jean Carter carrying off the Ladies Trophy and Ivan Wirtz the Mens. Pietermaritzburg Ramblers may be coming back with a vengeance next year, so keep fit!

Relations with the P. M. B. Ramblers have remained good - we now have friends in the Johannesburg Hiking Club. In the coming year, we will, no doubt, combine with these Clubs in various functions - an exercise which widens our horizons, and most pleasantly too.

Willing personnel to help administer the Club on the Executive and sub-Committee levels are needed. If you or your friends would like to try, please notify me or any other member of the outgoing Executive Committee before or at the Annual General Meeting. Of course every Committee or Committee member is subjected to praise and/or (most usually) criticism, so now is your chance to influence the filling of the vacancy in question. Attend the A. G. M. to give your opinions and cast your vote.

As I will be standing down from the position of Chairman this year, I would like to wish the incoming Chairman and his Committee, as well as all members, a successful and happy hiking year in 1970.

NEIL G. OELLERMANN.

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE DURBAN RAMBLERS' CLUB

The following alterations/additions have been recommended by the Executive Committee for effect from January 1971 (see Rule 32).

ALTERATIONS - Given in brackets

RULE 6 - COUNTRY MEMBERSHIP

At the discretion of the Committee, any person who resides at a distance from Durban which normally precludes his/her attendance at Club functions, may be elected to Country Membership. The annual subscription for a Country Member shall be 50 cents (R1.00).

RULE 7 - ENTRANCE FEE AND SUBSCRIPTION

An entrance fee of R1.00 shall be payble by all persons on admission to the Club.

An annual subscription of R2.00 (R3.00) shall be levied on members which shall be payable in advance on or before January 1st of each year. Persons joining in the second half of the year are still liable for the full subscription, but shall be credited with R1.00 (R1.50) for the following year.

The subscription rate for married couples shall be R2.00 (R3.00) per couple per annum.

ADDITIONS

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N. Oellermann - Chairman

- Treasurer

A. M. Rand

JOHN L. CASTLEDEN Hon. Auditor FCA CA(SA)

my opinion, the above Balance Sheet and supporting Accounts reflect a true and fair view

of the financial position of the Club as at 31st December, 1969.

I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the DURBAN RAMBLERS' CLUB as produced by the Treasurer and satisfied myself as to the existence of the Securities. In

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D.N. BENNETT - Treasurer

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DURBAN RAMBLERS CLUB TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd 1970, AT 7 WEDGE ROAD WESTVILLE at 2.30 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies
- Confirmation at the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Castleden's residence, 7 Wedge Road, Westville on the 23rd February 1969.
- Matters arising therefrom.
- 4. Chairman's Report.
- 5. Reading and adoption of Financial Report and Balance Sheet for 1969.
- 6. Honoraris.
- ?. Alterations and amendments to the Constitution.
- 8. Appointment of Club Auditor for 1970.
- 9. Election of Officers.
- 10. Correspondence.
- 11. General.

Mary Grant. Honorary Secretary. APOLOGIES:

Mike Castleden

Hazel Lewis

Alan Patr

MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

John Castleden enquired about the position of land in the Berg. Tom Lane suggested that we look elsewhere, perhaps the South Coast, for this site. This will again be pursued.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Neil Oellermann reported that all members had received a copy.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mac Rand reported that during 1969 fewer people had joined the Club and due to the fact that there were fewer hikes, less money had been received.

It was felt generally that the Club members should be made more aware of the financial obligations of the Club through the magazine. After some discussion, the following recommendation was put forward by John Castleden:-

"That the incoming Committee be requested to publish in the magazine brief details of the transactions and that such information shall be inserted at the discretion of the Executive Committee."

The motion was seconded by Rob Booker and, after a show of hands, was carried.

HONORARIAS

The following honoraria were proposed and seconded:-

Secretary	-	Mary Grant	R8
Treasurer	_	Mac Rand	R8
Entertainments Chairman	-	Cedric Browne	R6
Editress	-	Lindsay Peasley	R8
Camp Captain	-	Ian Castleden	R6
Auditor	-	John Castleden	R4

ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

It was agreed to change the country membership to R1.00 and R3.00 shall be levied on ordinary members.

APPOINTMENT OF CLUB AUDITOR FOR 1970

The Executive Committee will appoint the Auditor for 1970.

/ELECTION ...

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman John Castleden

Vice-Chairman Neil Oellermann

Secretary Audrey Ralph

Treasurer Dave Bennett

Camp Captain Bob Ferns

Entertainment Chairman Ken Gillings

Photographic Chairman Mary Gatenby

Editress Hazel Lewis

Leader Lindy Lindhorst

Sub leaders Mike Castleden

Margaret Moore

Ordinary Members Marge Parr

Astrid Ekeland Lindsay Peasley

Auditor Still to be elected

Editorial Committee Victor Claudius

Lindsay Peasley Felicity Scott Bruce Medway

Camp Committee Anthony Castleden

Mike Castleden
Pip Gatenby
Jean Donaldson
Ken Gillings
Neil Oellermann

Entertainments Committee Anthony Castleden

Cedric Browne Astrid Ekeland Felicity Scott Mary Gatenby Veronica Morrison

CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

GENERAL.

Mac Rand asked about the venue for the Easter Camp. This was likely to be at Loteni.

Veterans Club: Mr. Cossey reported that they would like six months trial before actually joining the Ramblers' Club. A suggestion was made that the name "Veteran" be changed. This would be discussed amongst themselves.

Mt /Annual ...

Annual Amble: Apparently there are no written rules about this event and it was felt that stipulation should be made as to how many times a person could win. The Executive Committee would look into this and bring it up again at the next Annual General Meeting.

Neil thanked the Castledens for their hospitality to the Club during the year and for the use of their home for the meeting.

The meeting closed at approximately 5 p.m. and refreshments were served.

READ and VERIFIED this 21 day of February 1971

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Chairman

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