

DURBAN RAMBLERS CLUB

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED

31ST DECEMBER, 1979

INCOME FROM

Subscriptions	517
Entrance	27
Donations & Interest	205
Day Hikes	53
Berg Trips	23
Photographic Section	10
Socials	24
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EXPENDITURE ON

Magazine	363
Camping	50
Federation of Hiking Clubs	126
Repairs & Maintenance of Club Equip.	86
General Running Expenses	136
Depreciation of Assets	175
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Which indicates an excess of Expenditure of (77)
over Income - Transferred to Accumulated
Fund

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D U R B A N R A M B L E R S C L U B

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held on Sunday, 25 February 1979 at the home of Roger & Lynne Warwick, 36 Romsey Grove, Ellis Park, Durban North, at 2pm.

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes of last Annual General Meeting
4. Matters arising from previous Minutes
5. Chairman's Report - and adoption of Report for 1978
6. Financial Report & Balance Sheet - and adoption thereof
 - 6.1. Subscription increase
 - 6.1a R1 for single members
 - 6.1b R1 for country members
 - 6.1c R2 for married couples
7. Honoraria
8. Federation of Hiking & Rambling Clubs of South Africa
9. Election of Officers
10. Appointment of Club Auditor for 1979
11. Correspondence
12. General

NOTE

Before the meeting a braai will be held - from 12 noon - please bring your meat, and costumes for a swim

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DURBAN RAMBLERS CLUB HELD ON
SUNDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY 1979 AT THE HOME OF LYNNE & ROGER WARWICK, 38 ROMSEY
GROVE, ELLIS PARK, DURBAN NORTH, AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT: See attached Register.

APOLOGIES: Mike Kirby, Stan and Joan Christian, John Kippin, Derek Gordon, Dorianne Hornby, Ken and Heather Gillings, Liz Bourne, Glenda Baumann, Joy Beswick, Marje Blake, Jenny Hunter, Jenny and Norman Hall, Joan Morpuss.

WELCOME: The Chairman, Mike Gill, welcomed all those present.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING:

The subject of acquiring a trailer was broached and after much discussion it was felt that this was urgently needed, particularly for storing the tents which had become damp and mildewed and the poles severely attacked and damaged by white ants. It would also be of great value in transporting all the necessary equipment plus food supplies on camping trips. It was finally decided that it should be left to the Committee to act in this matter.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

As copies of the Report had been circulated with the last Magazine, it was taken as read. Margaret Moore proposed its adoption and Gerald Hall seconded.

FINANCE: All present had received a copy of the Financial Report. Adoption of this was proposed by David Barnes and seconded by Gerald Hall.

Les reported that the Club had had several fairly heavy expenses during the year, particularly with regard to the purchasing and repairing of tents. We had, however, also acquired a further tent in excellent condition at a cost of R50.

Les also reported that since the Gestetner had given much trouble it was definitely time to consider the acquisition of another in better condition and it was decided that the Committee should follow this up.

In view of current inflation, Les expressed the wish that there should be a further increase in subs and that this should come into effect in 1980. It was proposed that single members' subs should be raised to R5, country members from R2 to R3, and married couples from R4 to R6. This proposal was carried unanimously.

HONORARIA: Mike Gill reported that the Executive Committee for 1978 had agreed to forego receiving payment for their services. John Castleden said that since the decision had been made by the Committee themselves, members should accept gratefully. Carried unanimously.

FEDERATION OF HIKING & RAMBLING CLUBS OF S.A.:

Mike and George reported that two years had elapsed since the decision to award Mountain Leadership Course Certificates had been made, but as yet these had not been received from the Federation.

Members wishing to hike in Lesotho should contact George Carr who is able to furnish them with the necessary permission granted by Chief Jonathan; the only exception being Rhodesians who are disallowed in Lesotho. The cost is 50c per day per person and the data to be furnished are Passport number, name and address.

John Castleden thanked George and Mike on behalf of the members for all the work they had done in this regard. Mike also thanked George.

George stated that as Mike Gill, John Castleden, Margaret Moore and he had the most knowledge about this project it would be wise for any new Committee to draw information from one or other of them.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

CHAIRMAN: Bruce Medway, proposed Les Petzer, seconded Cheryl Gill. Unanimous.
 SECRETARY: Denise Esprey, proposed Mike Gill, seconded Cheryl Gill. Unanimous.
 TREASURER: Les Petzer, proposed John Castleden, seconded Roger Warwick. Unanimous.
 EDITRESS: Anne Mitchell - Unanimous.
 CHIEF LEADER: Lawrence Bates - Unanimous.
 CAMP CAPTAIN: Gerald Hall - Unanimous.
 HIKE CAPTAIN: Peter Allen - Unanimous.
 ENTERTAINMENT: Bruce Medway - Unanimous.
 PHOTOGRAPHIC: Gerald Hall - Unanimous.
 ORDINARY MEMBERS: David Barnes, Fred Kohler, Richard Tanner.
 SUB-LEADERS: Fred Kohler, David Barnes, Peter Allen.
 ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE: Derek Gordon, Yvonne Jardine, Lindsay Milne, Angela Milne.
 EDITORIAL COMMITTEE: Lindsay Milne, Mike Hooper, Ria van Dam, Peter Allen.
 CAMP COMMITTEE: Bruce Medway, Di Hall, Jack van Reenen, Fred Kohler.
 HIKE COMMITTEE: Pip Gatenby, George Carr, Lawrence Bates, Sally Root.
 WILDLIFE COMMITTEE: John Castleden, Peter Allen, Lorraine Lawes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from University of Natal/Natal Parks Board Research Fund requesting contribution to Joint Research Fund. Much discussion ensued as to the best way of dealing with this. Final decision to be made by the Executive Committee.

CLUB AUDITOR: Jo Morris - Unanimous.

GENERAL:

Margaret Moore reported having received a letter from the Pearce's granting permission for members to make use of their ground for camping. It was decided that the Committee should elect someone to handle negotiations in this regard.

Jack van Reenen requested a relaxed Berg trip. Mike Gill said the Camp Committee would deal with this. Jack also made the suggestion that a Fête be held at the next A.G.M. for the purpose of fund raising.

Mike stated that the funds raised from this years' Big Walk would be divided between Umgani Valley Ranch, Natal Hiking Way and Learn.

George asked the Meeting if they did in fact wish to have a Big Walk again this year. It was unanimously agreed that there should be a Walk organised for 1979. The final arrangements will be left to the Committee.

Margaret Moore proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Mike Gill, for his work.

Mike proposed a vote of thanks to Lynne and Roger Warwick for hosting the Meeting and for the use of their pool.

The Meeting closed at 4.15 p.m.

READ AND CONFIRMED THISDAY OF1980.

SIGNED

CHAIRMAN.

Mike Gill
H.B. Barnes

Lyn Warwick
Roger Warwick
Cheryl Gill

Ave Barnes
Dennis Essey
Pete Allen

Lorraine Lawes

W. Oar.

Louise Rott

John Mastleider

William Knight

Andrew Vickers

Simon

Frank, Alvin Calhoun

Margaret Moore

Inne Mitchell

Joanne Gardner

B.B. Robinson

Liberty Bell

Jim Prall

Ed

Gerald Hall

Dianne Ball

H.C. Van Reenen

Loe B. Moore

Jackie Barten

Les. Pitzer

R.F. Foster

Blind Saturday

Mike Hooper

Ria. van Dam

Fred Kohler

Chris Hodges

Laurie Coughlan

John D. Wright

R.H.

Tom Eschinger

Lindsay Milne

Margaret Haynes

Jo Morris

Angela Milne

F. Rott

Peggy Latta

D U R B A N R A M B L E R S C L U B

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 1978/79

Once again another year has come to an end. It has been a pleasure being chairman this past year, though I have not been as active on hikes as I would have wished.

I would like to thank the hardworking Executive Committee, their sub-committees and all the other members who have helped to make this a very successful year of rambling.

With 47 new members swelling our numbers to 273, the committee has not only worked to introduce new members, but also organised the numerous hikes, Berg trips, camps and social entertainments, and there has been an upsurge in attendance at all events.

The Club has been fortunate in having such an enthusiastic Chief Leader as Lawrence Bates. He has always been on the look out for new hikes, and reviving old ones. We have held a total of 38 hikes during the year, with the introduction of Saturday hikes, night hikes and braai/hikes, which have all been very popular.

Hikes for school children were organised towards the end of the year, and it is hoped that these will pick up in the coming year.

Although more activities were organised during each month, it was noted that the numbers on hikes had also increased.

Camps & Hikes As you know, over the last two years we have split the Berg trips into two sections, namely the base camps and the hiking section, each run by its own sub-committee.

There were three base camps, run by Bruce Medway and his merry band; all were well supported, with Easter Camp drawing 58 people.

George Carr and his sub-committee organised 10 trips, including a two-week trip from Bushman's Nek to Royal National. With a number of our members having completed the Basic Mountain Leadership Course, more members were able to come forward to lead trips.

The Executive Committee had the opportunity to buy a framed tent at a reasonable price, so giving the Club two framed tents for base camps. The Andre Jamet tents have been modified to be better suited for top Berg trips. This now gives us 5 light weight tents.

Entertainments Again a big thank-you to Bruce and his merry followers for the many successful functions: cheese and wine, hotel weekends, car rallys and other social events, averaging 50 people per event.

Photographic Mike Morillion kept the photographic section running smoothly. There has been keen competition and a lot of interesting subjects shown.

Editorial Sally Root and her finger typing and handle turning committee have kept all the members in touch with the forthcoming functions and interesting write-ups of hikes which had been done.

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Now for a quick look at some of the other functions the Club has held this year:

The Annual Amble & Scramble Here our speed man Alan Petzer decided that winning the Amble only was not enough and proceeded to win the Scramble as well. For the ladies, Irene Owen took the honours in the Amble, and Audrey Vickers in the Scramble.

The Big Walk was a success, but the weather did not bring out the crowds we would have liked. Because of our large contributions to the Umgeni Valley Ranch (we are one of the largest contributors) the Club was asked to plant a tree at the Ranch; this was done by Bruce.

The Club Hut was burned to the ground in September, but Mr Pearse has kindly agreed to allow us continued use of the ground for camping.

Before I close, I am sure the incoming committee will welcome any new ideas you might have. If you would like to volunteer your services on the committee, or if you would like to help in leading any day hikes or Berg trips, please do not be shy.

I would like to wish the new Chairman and his committee a very successful year, and to all our members happy hiking for 1979.

MIKE GILL

Chairman

February 1979

