

MINUTES OF THE 60TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE DURBAN RAMBERS' HIKING CLUB HELD ON 18 FEBRUARY 1992

PRESENT: 52 members and 8 visitors as per Register

1. APOLOGIES: Henny Constant, Phil Caws, Dave Coward, Adolf & Anna Diegel
2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Proposed by Margret Kirsten, seconded by Vic Conrad
3. MATTERS ARISING: Once again the use of Club funds was discussed, and the incoming Committee would be asked to go into the matter. Names of various individuals and organisations were submitted whom we may approach, but they were either unable to offer permanent facilities, or alternately the Club funds were insufficient to purchase a piece of ground.
4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: This was presented to the Meeting. The outgoing Chairman appealed for more members to offer their services as leaders.
5. FINANCIAL REPORT: The balance sheet and income and expenditure statement were circulated prior to the commencement of the Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer drew attention to the fact that the Club income does not cover the running of the Club, and that in fact it was only through the interest received on our investments that we have been able to remain fluid.

Tom de Waal then noted that there had been no substantial increase in Club profits and suggested that multiple recci costs were responsible for this situation. He commented that in the past it had not been necessary to make so many trips to establish a trail. This resulted in a heated and lengthy discussion with the Day Hike Leader. Margret Kirsten suggested that as many changes had taken place over recent years, i.e. property development, construction of fences and spreading of rural population, additional recci's had become necessary as we have had to change to alternative routes/areas; it was then queried why paths or hikes were always sought where bushcutting or lantana removal was necessary. The point was also made that if more people were willing to assist with recci's a lot more could be accomplished on any one trip, thus saving on multiple recci claims.

It was agreed, however, that recci's and bushclearing differ and that the costs involved should not be confused. The incoming Committee would be asked to take a closer look at the cost of recci's for Day Hikes.

Berg Hikes were also running at a loss at times as huts, etc. had to be booked and payment made, and bookings were not being taken up. It was suggested that the costing system be changed to cover this loss.

Leaders are to keep records of each hike/trail, together with a breakdown of expenses involved. These are to be submitted to the Treasurer.

The Auditor expressed satisfaction with the expenditure as reflected on the statement.

Acceptance of the Balance Sheet was proposed by Tom de Waal and seconded by Sue Ferguson.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

CHAIRMAN	Bill Hyslop	Proposed by S. Watson Seconded by M. Oliver
SECRETARY	Pam Podmore	Proposed by R. Billiet Seconded by G. Hammond
TREASURER	Irene Coward	Proposed by R. Billiet Seconded by M. Gurr
DAY HIKE LEADER	Dave Easton	Proposed by Bill Hyslop Seconded by Sue Ferguson
BERG HIKE LEADER	Ian Stewart - in absentia; however he declined the position when approached.	
TRAILS	Philip Gatenby	Proposed by Dick Billiet Seconded by Regina Billiet
PHOTOGRAPHIC	Chris Haywood	Proposed by Di Hall Seconded by Regina Billiet
ENTERTAINMENT	Marie Gurr	Proposed by Regina Billiet Seconded by Philip Gatenby
EDITOR	Belinda Eisenhauer	Proposed by Irene Coward Seconded by Di Hall
CAMP CAPTAIN	Melvyn Oliver	Proposed by Bill Hyslop Seconded by Vic Conrad
ORDINARY MEMBER	Sue Ferguson	Proposed by Dave Easton Seconded by Philip Gatenby

7. CORRESPONDENCE: Nil

8. HONORARY MEMBERS: Honorary Life Membership was awarded to Jo Strayton for his services to the Club over many years.
Life Membership was awarded to Vic Conrad and C.L. Clark.
Proposed by Tom de Waal and seconded by Regina Billiet.

9. ELECTION OF AUDITOR: Colin Turner Proposed by Jack Aumord
Seconded by Jo Strayton

10. GENERAL: Tom de Waal recommended that the media be provided with the name of a member who is willing to supply information on all Club activities.
It was mentioned that some hikers are very concerned about the safety aspect of hiking through rural areas.
Those attending the meeting were reminded that carrying of firearms into African territory is against the law.
Thanks were expressed to the members of the Committee for their contribution to the Club during their year of office, and to all members who had assisted with Club activities in 1991.
Jack Aumord brought up the subject of obtaining a centrally situated venue for photographic and other functions. To this end the incoming Committee would investigate various possibilities.
Margret Kirsten has arranged production of commemorative hats for the Anniversary Year. A sample was shown at the Meeting.

10. General (contd)

Joe Strayton was again thanked for providing the best cup of tea or coffee of the week.

Gerald Hall kindly donated a kettle for the Club's use.

A member commented that the normal Sunday hikes no longer accommodated the slower walkers as they had in the past. In response it was said that hikers would always separate into faster, medium and slow groups, but that should not have been a problem.

The necessity of arranging slower, easier hikes for those who are older/less fit was stressed. Saturday afternoon hikes should be planned on a more regular basis to fill this need. These hikes do not necessarily qualify one for membership, but would serve as a public relations exercise and could also attract the fitter participants to standard Sunday hikes.

An appeal was made for volunteers to lead Saturday hikes.

60th Anniversary Year Activities:

It was agreed that some funds should benefit members directly during the Anniversary year. For this purpose a maximum amount of R5000,00 would be made available for 1992.


Proposed by Neville Walmsley and seconded by Regina Billiet.

Following activities were discussed :-

- (a) Establishment of an Anniversary Trail - possibly at Mgwumbe
- (b) Anniversary Camp
- (c) Anniversary Dance - for which arrangements are well under way

Any shortfall would have to be made up by fundraising activities.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.


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SECRETARY


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CHAIRMAN

DATE:.....17/2/93.....

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT : 1991

1991 has been an active year for your Committee, with all its members doing their share in promoting the interests of the Club. The venue for our monthly meeting was changed from the Scout Hall to members' homes in order to work in a more congenial atmosphere.

The Sunday hikes have been well supported, and thanks go to Bill and his band of workers for their endless task of cutting through the undergrowth to provide you with a reasonable trail.

The support for Berg hikes has been discouraging at times, with hikes having to be cancelled. Leaders are urgently required and I urge members to volunteer their services.

Your Club was represented at the Natal Parks Board Mountain Liaison meeting held in August, and our point of view concerning this delicate area was strongly presented.

In order to offer the members a varied programme, a number of very successful Socials was organised. These Socials form an integral part of our Club's activities, and help to create a venue for all members to meet each other.

Various trails were undertaken to enable members to visit other areas of our beautiful country.

Your Committee investigated the possibility of providing some sort of insurance cover for vehicles used on Club outings. Unfortunately the implications and costs were beyond the scope of the Club.

As you have noticed, there has been a dramatic change in the format of our magazine. After some teething problems we now feel that we have a magazine that does justice to our Club. I would like to thank Mr. Hayden du Plessis of Bay Club Publishers for offering this opportunity to us.

1992 is our 60th Anniversary, and I ask all members to support the functions being organised during the course of the year.

In conclusion I would like to thank every member of the Committee for their support and for the time they have devoted for the benefit of our Club.

DURBAN RAMBLERS HIKING CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : 18 FEBRUARY 1992

MEMBERS

#7 + 5.92 REGISTER

VISITORS

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Dennis Lethy
 Bill Hyslop
 Steve Jackson
 Jane Franco
 Reg Blow
 R.B. Lynnes
 Graham Hammonds
 Margaret Perhouse
 Berinda Eisenhower
 L. Belmes.
 H. Gwynne
 J. Downie
 G. R. R. R.
 Jenny Mootist.
 Rene Jure
 D. J. G. G.
 Gretel Hartmann
 Audrey Vicker
 Margaret Roberts
 Vic. O'Connell
 Margaret Kirsten
 Bolin Turner
 R. B. B.
 P. J. Easton
 J. de Vries
 Selley Fynn
 Melvyn Oliver
 Denise Warburton

KARIN REMKEN
 Keith Timm
 Janette Walker
 June Andersen
 HENRY THOMPSON
 S. J. C. C.
 John van Nieuwen

MEMBERS (contd)

Stanley Strickland
 Jan Kristian
 J. W. Dittaker
 K. B. B.
 Audrey Ralph
 Pat Riversoge
 Jean Foster
 J. Straylan
 Neil Walsley
 Sue Ferguson
 D. Hall
 C. HAYWARD
 G. R. D.
 Irene Conrad
 David W. J.
 Sandy Gaultier
 Allan Smith

~~Members~~

Jacqui Barker

Ang Young

x. Bill T

H. L. L.

M. J. L.

DURBAN RAMBLERS HIKING CLUB

BALANCE SHEET

for the year ending 31 December 1991

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

Balance as at 31 December 1990
excess of income current year

1991	1990
13524.83	12521.00
1515.50	1003.83
15040.33	13524.83
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REPRESENTED BY ASSETS

Mountain Tents & Rucksacks
Office equipment
Camping equipment
Duplicator
Slide projector
Accounts receivable
Fixed Deposits
Savings account
Cash at Bank
Stocks of T shirts
Float Editor

1991	1990
100.00	100.00
130.00	130.00
50.00	50.00
25.00	25.00
20.00	20.00
504.10	870.34
13756.00	11756.00
1295.98	2031.10
513.68	-343.08
596.40	994.00
75.00	75.00
17066.16	15708.36

Less LIABILITIES

Prov. for repl. of equipment
Accounts payable

1991	1990
2000.00	2000.00
25.83	183.53
2025.83	2183.53

1991	1990
15040.33	13524.83
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DURBAN RAMBLERS HIKING CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

for the year ended 31 December 1991

INCOME

Subscriptions
Interest, Donation etc.
Day hikes
Entrance fee
Equipment hire
Trails
Berg hikes
Camps
Photographic

1991	1990
3321.50	2412.00
2288.01	2223.39
520.55	484.12
391.50	265.00
342.10	185.00
(50.00)	115.07
(62.12)	271.29
22.51	-
6.19	-
6790.24	5935.87

LESS EXPENDITURE

General Expenses
Magazine Costs
Equipment
Socials

1991	1990
2581.56	1926.37
1954.69	2182.06
458.37	754.30
280.12	89.31
5274.74	4932.04

Excess of Income over Expenditure
transferred to Accumulated Funds

1991	1990
1515.50	1003.83
6790.24	5935.87
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