

DURBAN RAMBLERS' HIKING CLUB

MINUTES OF 69TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2001 AT 7.30 P.M. AT NEW GERMANY SPORTS CLUB.

- PRESENT** 48 members as per attendance register. Of this number, two were aspirant members.
- WELCOME** The Chairman welcomed all those present. She requested that matters be dealt with speedily as much had to be discussed at the meeting.
- APOLOGIES** Margaret Pershouse, Adele and Phillip Labuschagne, Rob and Cathy Smith, Gretel Hartmann, Margaret Robberts, Marge Blake, Barry Busby, Ann Gerachty, June and Sharon Young, Dora Tharratt, Lee and Ingrid D'Eathe
- CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 2000 A.G.M.**
Accepted. Proposed by Tom de Waal and seconded by Gerald Hall.
- MATTERS ARISING** Philip Gatenby referred to our earlier interest in obtaining the lease for Cambalala "2". He advised that he had recently discussed the matter with the Deputy Director, who was unaware that we were interested in tendering for the lease. The Chairman reported that the lease has not as yet even been drawn up and the matter was still in the hands of the attorneys.
Philip then advised that two good new venues have now become available. These are reasonably close to Durban, and no Club upkeep/investment is required.

Philip Gatenby also queried the Club's 1998 donation to Kwa-Zulu Natal Nature Conservation Services, which was not utilised as we had instructed. The Chairman explained that due to changes in management, the wrong repairs were effected. However she has been assured that the repairs specified would be undertaken shortly.
- CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
The Chairman presented her report.
Reports from Committee members were made available to members prior to the meeting.
- FINANCIAL REPORT** The Treasurer reported that our expenses had exceeded our income, and the difference had been made up from interest earned on our investment.
Sunday hikes had received better financial returns, whereas Berg/weekend hikes had shown a lower return, due to the waiving of Club fees and the absorption of certain of the costs involved in arranging the trips.
Equipment hire was non-existent; magazine costs had decreased thanks to Grahame Davies' efforts.
The Treasurer queried the non-receipt of monies taken for Saturday hikes during December 2000 and January 2001. Bill Hyslop said that these monies were in the possession of the Saturday Hike Organiser.
Chris Dobson explained the various expenses shown on the balance sheet.
He also proposed that subscriptions be increased by R5 over the board for the year 2002 as was minuted previously.
Treasurer's report accepted - proposed by Adrian Rowe and seconded by Celia Vergari.

AMENDMENT TO CLUB CONSTITUTION

The proposed change to our Constitution was accepted.
 The portfolios of Berg Hike Organiser and Trails Organiser are to be amalgamated,
 and a portfolio of Saturday Hike Organiser to be created.
 Proposed by Mike White and seconded by Tom de Waal.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Before the election took place, a letter was read to those present. This letter covered problems experienced as a result of Bill Hyslop's attitude towards certain Committee members, which affected the satisfactory running of Club affairs.
 A lengthy discussion followed. It was finally agreed that the Club's interests are our top priority, and personal differences should be kept away from Club matters, and sorted out at Committee level.

The following office bearers have been appointed :-

Chairman	:	Philip Gatenby	proposed: Celia Vergari seconded: Colleen Seath
Secretary	:	Mary Perry	proposed: Margret Kirsten seconded: Pam Podmore
Treasurer	:	Vacant : Chris Dobson to act in this position until a suitable replacement is found	
Day Hike Organiser	:	Bill Hyslop	proposed: Jean Foster seconded: Celia Vergari
Berg / Trails Organiser	:	Vacant : Bill Hyslop to assist	
Saturday Hike Organiser	:	Celia Vergari	proposed: Margret Kirsten seconded: Grahame Davies
Entertainment Organiser	:	Sally Brown	proposed: Mike White seconded: Celia Vergari
Magazine Editor	:	Grahame Davies	proposed: Margret Kirsten seconded: Bill Hyslop
Publicity	:	Margret Kirsten	proposed: Pam Podmore seconded: Chris Dobson
Ordinary Member	:	Clive Siepman	proposed: Margot Barraclough seconded: Margret Kirsten
Hon. Auditor	:	Colin Turner	proposed: Margret Kirsten seconded: Chris Dobson

CLUB TROPHY

The Club floating trophy was awarded to Adrian Rowe for his outstanding services as Day Hike Organiser. He had compiled an excellent portfolio of day hikes, and achieved a great deal during his term of office.

At this point Mary Perry thanked Adrian for the lovely hikes he had arranged.

GENERAL

Honorary Life Membership:

This was granted to Jean Foster, Steve Nel and Pam Podmore for services to the Club. There were no members of 'thirty years' standing eligible for Honorary Life Membership this year.

Old Trophies: The members were asked to decide what should be done with old trophies belonging to the Club. The Chairman submitted various ideas which had been put forward by long-standing members. It was agreed that the trophies should be given/sold at a nominal sum to interested parties (i.e. those who were earlier winners of the cups), and the remainder to be sold/donated. The incoming Committee to attend.

Club Hats: Colin Turner requested that the hats be "written off" in the accounts. There is still a large stock of the larger size hat, and the members discussed means of disposing of them.

Ray van Reenen asked about Club tee-shirts. He was advised that the Club no longer has tee-shirts printed.

John Dawson commented on the enjoyable map-reading evening presented by Cedric Biggs and asked if more similar lectures could be arranged.

In this regard it was suggested that map-reading and orientation should be introduced during hikes to offer hands-on experience to those undertaking the hikes.

Marcia Wilde thanked the outgoing Committee for the work undertaken during their past year of office.

The Chairman thanked all those present for attending the meeting.
There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20h55.

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CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY

DATE:.....

