

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DURBAN RAMBLERS' CLUB
CONVENED IN THE CAMERA CLUB ROOM, LONDON ASSURANCE CHAMBERS, SMITH
STREET, DURBAN AT 8 P.M. ON THURSDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 1955.

45 Members were present.

The Chairman declared the Meeting open at 8.15 p.m.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 5th February, 1954, were read and moved for adoption by Avalon Gough-Jones and seconded by Les Ryall. Passed.

Matters Arising from Minutes: In answer to queries raised, the Chairman reported that he had contacted the Secretary of the Montclair Durban Ramblers Club, who had assured him that the matter of changing their name would receive prompt attention at their next Annual General Meeting. To date, however, we had not heard anything further from them. The matter would most definitely be followed up by our Club.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: The Chairman read his report on the Club's activities for the year and thanked Committee Members for their loyal support.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The 1953 Financial Accounts had now been signed by the Auditor, with one alteration, namely the Side-boards for the lorry, which were to become the property of the Club, have remained the property of Broadway Cartage, and this item has, accordingly, been deleted from the accounts.

During the year 1954 there was an Excess Expenditure over Income amounting to £28.6.-., which was due to increased costs and also, which is the main cause of the loss, the decrease in attendances at Club functions. There was also an increase in the number of bad debts written off. These were due to members who did not attend Club functions and who failed to pay their subscriptions, in spite of accounts which were periodically sent to them. We have no option but to write these members off, as they apparently have no further interest in the Club. The Treasurer pointed out that the proper thing to do is to resign officially, thus saving time, work and Club's money.

During the year, the Club retained its Fixed Deposit with the S.A. Permanent Building Society, which was earning 4½% interest over periods of 18 months.

The Financial Statement was moved for adoption by John Scott and seconded by Avalon Gough-Jones. Passed.

HONORARIUMS: Honorariums were voted to the Hon. Secretary, Miss Lucy Ramsay, the Treasurer, Mr. Rae Adams, and Miss Jean Dawson, in recognition of her services in respect of the preparation of the Club circulars.

APPOINTMENT OF CLUB AUDITOR FOR 1955: Mr. Dennison (C.A.)(S.A.) was unanimously elected Auditor for 1955.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The Officers of the new Committees were elected by members present.

AMENDMENT TO SUBSCRIPTION FEES: After much discussion, it was decided to amend Clause 6 of the Constitution and Rules to allow for subscription fees to be increased as under.

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| Single Members | £1.-.-. per year. |
| Married Couples | £1.-.-. per year. (per couple) |
| Country Members | £-.5.-. per year. |

LIFE MEMBERSHIP: It was proposed that Ernest (Lindy)Lindhorst be made a Life Member of the Club, in view of his services to the Club. Unanimously carried.

GENERAL:

As the drivers of Broadway Cartage had been speeding lately, it was decided to write a letter asking them to ensure that their drivers did not exceed a speed of 30 miles per hour.

Harry Thorsen suggested that we should see if we could hire other transport at more competitive prices. It was pointed out, however, that Broadway Cartage is definitely the cheapest and it was, therefore, agreed that we should continue to use Broadway Cartage's lorries.

Pierre Wehner suggested that we should try to advertise the Club's activities more, and perhaps get the "Idler" to write a column about hiking. Avalon Gough-Jones said that if one of the members would write a story he would most likely be able to get it into the Newspaper for us. Harry Thorsen undertook to write and story and contact Len Holland with a view to obtaining a photograph to accompany it.

The Meeting closed at 11.10 p.m., with a vote of thanks to Gordon Payne and his Committee for refreshments served.

READ AND VERIFIED:

.....*26th February*..... 1956.

.....*F.C. Woodward*.....
F.C. WOODWARD
CHAIRMAN

OFFICERS OF THE DURBAN RAMBLERS' CLUB FOR THE YEAR 1955

CHAIRMAN: FRANK WOODWARD
Proposed G. Payne, seconded E. Clayton - appointed

VICE CHAIRMAN: DYMOCK PARR
Proposed A. Gough-Jones, seconded W. Botha "

SECRETARY: MARGARET MOORE
Proposed G. Payne, seconded C. Harris "

TREASURER: DUDLEY SAVILLE
Proposed R. Adams, seconded P. Breytenbach "

ORDINARY MEMBERS : MARGE WALKER
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE KATHLEEN HENRY
RAE ADAMS
JOHN SCOTT

LEADERS: E. LINDHORST (CHIEF)
Proposed C. Harris, seconded D. Hay "

LES RYALL (SUB)
Proposed A. Gough-Jones, seconded J. Scott "

COLIN AVENT (SUB)
Proposed G. Payne, seconded W. Botha "

ENTERTAINMENTS:

CHAIRMAN: HEATHER HENRY
Proposed M. Walker, seconded E. Clayton "

ORDINARY: SHIRLEY BOYCE
BRIAN CLARK
KATHLEEN HENRY
JOHN SCOTT
MICKEY THOMAS
COLIN AVENT

CAMP:

CAPTAIN: ROBIN DALTON
Proposed G. Payne, seconded P. Breytenbach "

ORDINARY: MARGE WALKER
SHIRLEY BOYCE
JOHN SCOTT
LES RYALL
PIERRE WEHNER
E. LINDHORST

AUDITOR: MR. C. DENNISON, C.A.(S.A.)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT : 17TH FEBRUARY, 1955:

It gives me great pleasure to address this my first Annual General Meeting, as Chairman of the Club, and I thank you all for your support during the past year.

As you have already observed, from the 1954 Balance Sheet, details of which will be explained to you by our Treasurer, Rae Adams, we have shown a loss over all our activities during the year. This was partly due to the falling off in attendance at most of our functions, and the increase in costs of all Hikes, Camps and Socials. This loss is unfortunate and only goes to emphasize the necessity for increasing this year's subscriptions. I, therefore, appeal to all members present to pay their subscriptions to the Treasurer before leaving this evening.

The membership of the Club now stands as follows :-

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| Ordinary Members | 149 |
| Country Members | 16 |
| Life Members | 5 |
| Grand Total | 170 |

The membership has dropped considerably. We have written off a number of members who have not paid subscriptions and who appear to be no longer interested in the Club.

HIKES: The Club held 20 Hikes over the past year, with an average attendance of 40-45 members. We also held a picnic in December at Reunion Beach, which was fairly well attended. Unfortunately our hiking activities have been restricted of late, due to the fact that the Native Affairs Department has imposed a fee of 2/6d. per person per day on all persons entering Native Reserves.

The Committee, however, has made strong representations to the Secretary for Native Affairs in Pretoria, both in writing and through Dr. Vernon Shearer, M.P. A meeting of the Pietermaritzburg Ramblers, The Canoe Club and our Club (represented by Dymock Parr) was held recently and Dr. Shearer is now negotiating, on behalf of the three Clubs, to have this 2/6d. fee dropped, or, alternatively, for us to pay a nominal annual fee to the Dept. of Native Affairs, covering all hikes in the Reserves.

We have also written to the Director of Physical Education at Pretoria, asking him to appeal, on our behalf, against this fee.

CAMPS: We held three Camps during the year. The main one was at Giants' Castle, with 53 people in attendance. This was the outstanding camp of the year, the weather being perfect during the whole four days.

The May Camp at Willard Beach proved to be quite successful too, with 30 members attending.

Our October Camp at Nzuze was, unfortunately, washed out from the start, but, due to the kindness of the local Sergeant of Police, who threw open the Police Station to the 21 people attending, quite an enjoyable time was had by all.

Our long weekend at Qunu Falls Hotel proved to be a real success, in spite of the shortage of transport available, and 52 members thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Our annual visit to Pietermaritzburg in November, when 42 members and friends stayed at the Camden Hotel, was a complete success.

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winning cups going to Dudley Saville and Dorothy Hay of our Club.

SOCIALS: Our Entertainments Committee worked very hard during the year, organising six Socials. The highlights of the year proved to be the three Socials at the Westville Hotel, where attendances were very good. The Christmas Social was outstanding, with everyone entering into the spirit of the festivities.

Our Annual Spring Ball, although not as well attended as the previous year, was a great success, with 46 couples present. Ernie Keevil and his band were in attendance and the music was to the complete satisfaction of all.

We took the Cripple Children from the Open Air School down to Amanzimtoti in November, and they all had a most enjoyable day, thanks to the members who came along and assisted.

Three very successful Film Shows were held during the year, in June, October and December and our thanks go to Pierre Wehner, Des Watkins, Edgar West, Alf Sifrig and the Ferns Brothers and others, who all worked very hard to bring us some very fine entertainment with films and slides.

Finally, in closing, I would like, on behalf of the Club, to thank all the Committees for their work during the past year and, particularly, I wish to thank both Lucy and Rae, our Secretary and Treasurer respectively, for their untiring efforts and support during 1954.

I thank you.

F.C. WOODWARD.
CHAIRMAN.

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BAIANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1954

ED FUND

- 1st January, 1954 145.18. 8.

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er Income transferred
om Income and Expendi-
re Account 28. 6. --

117.12. 8.

LIABILITIES

Creditors

85.16. 5.

28. 3. 9.

11. 5. 9.

FIXED ASSETS

At cost less depreciation

Tents 7.12. --
Camp Equipment 9. 6. --

At cost

Badge Die 11. 5. 9.

FIXED DEPOSIT

S.A. Permanent Mutual
Building and Investment
Society

110. --. --.

CURRENT ASSETS

Badges - at cost 22. 1. --
Members Control 1.17. 6.
Sundry Debtors 1.15. --
Cash at Standard Bank 43.11.10.

69. 5. 4.

F. Woodward Chairman

L. Ramsay Secretary

£ 207. 9. 1.

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C. DENNISON C.A. (S.A.)

AUDITOR

17th February, 1955

THE DURBAN RAMBLERS CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1954

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| | 3.19. 3. | <u>BADGE SALES PROFIT</u> | -13. 6. |
| t, Catering, etc. eipts | 356.14.11. <u>356. 1. 4.</u> | <u>DONATIONS</u> | 6. 5. 6. |
| and Expenses eipts | 209.17.10. <u>202.13. 7.</u> | <u>INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS</u> | 3. 8. -- |
| <u>REVENUE</u> | | <u>SUBSCRIPTIONS</u> | 95. 5. 6. |
| and Expenses eipts | 140.10. 9. <u>129. 4. 5.</u> | <u>EXCESS EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME IF BALANCED TO ACCOUNTED FUND</u> | 28. 6. -- |
| all Loss | 11. 6. 4. <u>2.14. --</u> | | |
| <u>CHILDRENS OUTING</u> | 14. --. 4. | | |
| ations | 7. 7. -- <u>3. 2. --</u> | | |
| <u>TRIP EXPENSES</u> | | | |
| 5 | 18.15. -- | | |
| rges | 3.19. 9. | | |
| Expenses | 2.13. 2. | | |
| all | 15.15. -- | | |
| ter Prize | 1. 1. -- | | |
| and Stationery | 11.19. 5. | | |
| tion Expenses | 37.14. 3. | | |
| tion Fee | 10.16. -- | | |
| | <u>103. 3. 7.</u> | | |
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