

MINUTES OF THE 46th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ZWARTKOPS CONSERVANCY

Held on 29 July, 2015 at the Redhouse Village Hall, Redhouse at 18:00

Hon Secretary Arthur Rump welcomed everyone to the Zwartkops Conservancy's 46th AGM. A quorum was present and the meeting declared to be properly constituted.

Chairman Mike Spearpoint welcomed everyone present and extended a special welcome to Prof Roux van der Merwe, one of our founding members.

1. ATTENDANCE : As per attendance list of members attached.

2. APOLOGIES :

Sherry Lochhead, George Summers, David Hayes, Lynn and Dave Nash, Beth and Nigel Forbes, Vaughan and Judy Giles, Shona Senn, Alan Barrow, Margie Newton, Len Porter, Mike Lincey, Geoff & Ann Booth & Kathleen Rabe, Marjorie Malkin, Rhona Clark, John & Dallas Carter, EnviroServ – Sue Alcock, Prof Janine Adams, Denise Walton, Dudley de Vaux, Ross & Leonora van Breda, R. Pearson & David Bligh from DWS.

3. GUEST SPEAKER : Arthur Rump welcomed Edward Truter, conservationist, naturalist, and fishing expert who proceeded to educate and entertain the floor with his presentation " Fishing and fishing responsibly". He said in SA we have excellent laws controlling fishing but as usual, the implementation thereof is sorely lacking. In addition, we have various cultures whose norms and practices often clash with our efforts to maintain and protect the environment. He went on to explain that our laws allow large fish to be caught although paradoxically larger fish produce more eggs than smaller fish. Therefore we do a lot of harm to the ecology by catching larger fish.

We should conduct our lives and teach others around us to live responsibly iro of our commitment to the environment, eg recycling, taking care not to pollute or litter, protecting our fisheries against over-fishing and our spawning areas (mudbanks) from being vandalized by subsistence fishers. It is our responsibility to educate those around us and spread the message. Social media is a powerful way to reach vast numbers of people with messages and pictures and to name and shame wrong doers in order to spread awareness. Let's clean up our acts personally and influence those around us to do the same.

Deputy chairman Frank Collier thanked the speaker and presented him with a small gift.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA was proposed by Frank Collier and seconded by Dr Paul Martin.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 43rd AGM held on 13 August, 2014

These had been circulated and the chairman invited comments or corrections from the floor. None were raised. Confirmation thereof was proposed by Frank Collier and seconded by Richard Stephenson.

5. MATTERS ARISING : None

6. MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH UNDER GENERAL

6.1 Special Resolution

6.2 JR: Awareness of the nature reserves.

6.3 Wandisile Lukwe: Report on inspections in Motherwell and Nature Reserves

7. CHAIRMAN'S EXECUTIVE REPORT : This was included in the 46th AGM notice sent out to members mainly by email but also hard copies. The chairman invited comments or questions from the floor. There being none, acceptance of the executive report was proposed by FC and seconded by AR. FC thanked the chairman for an excellent report.

8. CONSIDERATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2015

The chairman reported that, thanks to our generous sponsors and donors, our financial position is sound. He especially mentioned the Metro and SPAR whose donations made all the difference. He thanked Alan Barrow, our Honorary Treasurer for his comprehensive financial report for the year. There being no questions from the floor, acceptance of the financial report was proposed by FC and seconded by TDJ.

9. ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

9.1. **Chairman**: AR proposed the current vice chairman, Frank Collier who accepted this appointment. Seconded by Tim Douglas-Jones. FC thanked Mike Spearpoint for his many attributes and dedicated service as chairman for many years and said his was going to be a hard act to follow. He proceeded to hand MS a gift as appreciation by all amid loud applause.

9.2. **Vice Chairman**: AR proposed Dale Clayton who accepted this post. Seconded by FC.

9.3. **Honorary Secretary**: Arthur Rump was proposed by FC and was seconded by Dr Paul Martin.

9.4. **Honorary Treasurer**: Alan Barrow was proposed by Frank Collier and seconded by Arthur Rump.

9.5. **Committee Members** (minimum of 6): FC proposed the following committee members seconded en bloc: Phyllis Magda Minute Secretary, Jenny Rump Environmental Officer, Betty Bala, Peter Senn, David Hayes, Richard Stephenson, Dale Clayton, Rod Lochhead, Edie Dore, Tim Douglas-Jones, Angelo Dashwood, Ralph Hodgen. Rev Damon Labans, Mike Spearpoint (proposed by JR and seconded by TDJ). Mark Watts (Proposed by JR and seconded by FC). MS

invited nominations from the floor to act as Executive members or as members of one of the sub committees. No one was nominated.

9.6. MS suggested Nelmarie Smuts to be appointment as auditor for the next year. This appointment was proposed by FC and seconded by AR.

10. GENERAL:

10.1 SPECIAL RESOLUTION: AR proposed a Special Resolution as follows:

1. It was resolved that the physical address of the Zwartkops Conservancy should be recorded as its office at 17 Nautilus Drive, Bluewater Bay, Port Elizabeth.
2. It was resolved that Mr Alan Barrow (ID number 4706105101081) be appointed as the representative tax payer of Zwartkops Conservancy. Mr Barrow is given authority to act on the behalf of Zwartkops Conservancy with regard to all matters required by the South African Revenue Service.
3. It was further resolved that Mr Alan Barrow, in his capacity of Hon. Treasurer of the Zwartkops Conservancy also be responsible for the bookkeeping and accounting of the Conservancy, the preparation of the Annual Accounts and their submission to the auditors and communication with the auditors, in addition to the preparation and submission of the tax returns for the Conservancy.

Proposed by AR and seconded by MS. The resolution was passed unanimously.

10.2 TWO NATURE RESERVES. JR pleaded for more public activity in the reserves. We need to foster more awareness of the nature reserves and asked for names of people prepared to walk the Aloes NR with their dogs on a lead to get feet through the reserves so that we justify protection and maintenance of the nature reserves by the Metro as well as keeping an eye on unwanted activities.

10.3 REPORT ON INSPECTIONS SEWERAGE CONDITIONS MOTHERWELL and NATURE RESERVES by Wandisile Lukwe : WL reported huge sewerage spillages which end up in the MW stormwater canal which then end up in the Swartkops river. He explained how according to the culture of the Xhosa people initiations take place in the NR where they pitch tents and then burn them down. Residents throw dead animals as well as stones and tyres into the canal. This practice causes major blockages which result in spillages. He also mentioned illegal dog hunting in the nature reserves as well as the "no man's land" between MW and the reserves . Solutions: Spreading awareness and educating people. We should target the youth. Prof Roux van der Merwe congratulated people like JR, AR, WL, the committee and chairman of ZC for their continued dedication. We are in a crisis situation and a very unsettled society and we therefore need people like the Conservancy. Prof Nadine Strydom from NMMU called for community leaders and ministers of religion to take an active part and spreading the message to conserve our precious resources to their followers

11. Sponsor Awards: The chairman proceeded to hand out the following certificates to

our major sponsors and benefactors.

11.1. GOLD CERTIFICATES: Donations of R50 000 upwards.

11.2. NMBM Grant in Aid:

11.3 SPAR Eastern Cape

11.4. HENK VAN DE WATER and LANCE HENEGAN each accepted this prestigious certificate awarded to them for invaluable work as HMCO's and their constant dedication and availability often under difficult circumstances and hours.

11.5. SILVER CERTIFICATES: Donations of R10 000 – R50 000.

11.6 Orion Engineered Carbons.

11.7 African Hide

11.8 EnviroServe

11.9 Algoa Bus

11.10 Rob McWilliams

11.11 Francois Swanepoel

11.12 Alan Withers

11.13 Ray Marsh

11.14 BRONZE CERTIFICATES: Donations of R1000 – R10 000

11.15 Zipski Twenty Three - accepted by Dale Clayton

11.16 Vicky Cliff

11.17 Len Porter

11.18 Riverside Lodge Guest House

The chairman thanked all for attending and invited everyone to partake of the snacks and announced that the cash bar was open for business.

The meeting finished at 19:15.

CHAIRMAN: DATE:

VICE CHAIRMAN DATE:

HON. SECRETARY DATE:

TREASURER: DATE:

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