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Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on 24 October 2020 commencing at 10h00 and held at Robin Hills Scout Hall, Oorbietjie Street, Robin Hills, Randburg.

1. PRESENT

47 members present, including the committee.

2. APOLOGIES

Lesley Pursey
Sue Temple
Alison Moolman
Alma Le Roux
Riaan Koekemoer
Fern Van De Pol
Richard Turnbull and Bronwyn Fell
Mac and Amanda Mc Menamin
Kevin Smith
Ken Loveland
Mark and Judy Viljoen
Bill Beer
Remco Van Aalst
Jeremy Anderson

3. NOTICE OF THE MEETING

The notice of the meeting having been given in the prescribed manner and there is a quorum present, the meeting was declared duly constituted.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 19 October 2019 were confirmed as a correct representation of the proceedings. A motion to confirm the minutes was proposed by Roland White and seconded by Lucy Lowther

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Warren Best tabled the chairman's report. See attached dated 24 October 2020.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Lampies Lamprecht tabled the finance report, dated 31 July 2020. An audit was conducted by Lloyd Viljoen and Associates
- Lloyd Viljoen and Associates officially thanked for once again providing their services, almost paperless, and free of charge to FOPS
- Lloyd Viljoen and associates were adopted as auditors for the coming year
- Membership income decreased this year due to new processes being introduced in July 2019. This led to membership fees being paid for 2019/20 during July 2019 (R21 995), while R25 000 was also collected during the 1st quarter of 2018/19 (August 2018- October 2018) for 2018/19 membership fees. The average annual membership income should be around R50-55 000 - membership renewals are also now staggered, with fewer accounts requiring catch-up payments
- Tent income decreased from the current year to the previous year, not unexpected considering the COVID crisis.
- In spite of around R100 000 spent on Batlhako, the account balance is only R18 000 down- a factor of generous donations, membership fee payments and tent bookings. Roland challenged to spend more in the coming year
- Lampies gave an explanation of the interest rates on different account types held by FOPS and explained the trends in income since 2007
- Tent bookings require membership fees to be up to date, however, members may attend work parties even if they have fees outstanding

7. WORK PARTIES: PILANESBERG

- Paddy Coombe – Heath presented. See attached dated 24 October 2020.

8. SPECIAL PROJECTS/ FUNDRAISING/ PUBLIC RELATIONS

- Roland presented on the outcome of Bathlako Hide Rebuild. The hide was officially reopened by Piet Nel and Johnson Maoka of NWPB in February 2020
- Various sponsors contributed-
 - AfriSam and Gripseal provided services at cost
 - Rustenburg Wildlife Trust gave a cash donation to cover decking materials R 14 000
 - Light Fibre gave a cash donation of R 20 000 towards timber
 - Macsteel, who also assisted with Mankwe Hide, donated roofing materials
- Work parties and special work parties were always oversubscribed with members wishing to help- huge thanks to the members for their commitment
- Challenge to spend more accepted!
- Hides requiring substantial attention include Ruighoek, Rathlogo and Malatse- Malatse bridge rebuild to begin in November

9. MOTIONS:

- Lucy Lowther proposed that minutes and finance reports be paperless for the 2021 AGM. Accepted.

10. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS & SECONDS FOR COMMITTEE POSITIONS

- All current committee members agreed to stand for the upcoming year

Kerry-Anne Hare was re-elected as secretary

Lampies Lamprecht continues in his role as treasurer/ compliance officer

Paddy Coombe-Heath was re-elected as work party co-ordinator

Lauren Gunn has agreed to continue writing our Sediba Newsletter

Debbi Adcock will continue to manage our social media profile

Roland White will keep his role in fundraising and special project co-ordination

Warren Best was re-elected to the position of chairman

11. OTHER BUSINESS/GENERAL

- Request for follow up on minutes for a 4th tent in Manyane. Response by Paddy that this would not be allowed by Golden Leopard Resorts
- Query about minutes on tent improvements- Paddy re-iterated challenges regarding items requiring maintenance eg. Fridges. Cupboards to be discussed further at the committee meeting
- Query regarding the request for 2 new chainsaws- Roland in discussion with Stihl and Honeydew Lawnmowers regarding sponsorship of a brush-cutter and one new chainsaw
- Tighter controls to be implemented for people using power tools, to avoid accidents

Certified a correct record of the proceedings:

CHAIRMAN

DATE
