



Freeme Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre
Est.: 1997

Annual General Meeting

29 June 2013 9:00 to: 11:00

Rietfontein Nature Reserve

138 Holkam Road

Paulshof, Johannesburg

ATTENDEES

Public

Kathy Mc Arthur

Voting Members

Teresa Slacke

Sharon Miller
Di Hall

Beryl Flint

Dawn Coppin

Michelle Watson

Fiona Allenberg
Mary Stuart

Kevin Pearl
Melanie Green
Petra Theron
Anne Reid

3 x proxies

P. McKenzie
Gillian Richard
Michelle Bucher

Staff

Nicci Wright
Pauline

Walker

Penny Morkel

Directors

(Members
serving as
Directors)

Ann Mawer
(Chair)

Helen David

Dirk Engelbrecht

Ros Gerber

Gunda Kwint
(Minutes)

Neville Pillay

Stuart Hancock

Arend van der
Walt

QUORUM AND WELCOME

The number of Member attendees present exceeded the minimum number required for a quorum as per the Articles of Association and the meeting was declared open.

Ann welcomed all attendees.

Minutes of 2012, proposed Ros Gerber, Helen David seconded

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In draft form, still not audited, the auditor is busy, expect the audited financials soon.

Finance Director Stuart Hancock tabled the financial report and noted key points for the attention of the meeting.

Pauline: why are we no longer doing memberships?

We now have supporters, not members, trend for NPC's is not to have members, and we are busy changing the format

The process needs to be put in place when the new format has been decided on by the board. The new MOI needs to be approved first.

We will contact 'old' subscribers.

Send a letter (e-mail) out to previous subscriber (interim message) to inform them that we are changing the process and please continue donating in the meantime.

Membership should become a staff function, with the support of volunteers.

REPORT OF THE BOARD

Ann Mawer presented the report on behalf of the Board and noted key points for the attention of the meeting. The Board report was accepted unanimously.

MOA Rietfontein, still do not have lease agreement

Property at Nooitgedacht, was listed, we had 120 looks on Private Property, 2 interested parties, objection from the neighbours to the business which was proposed. It is going down in value

Zoning was never done, it's not deemed suitable for FM's purpose; there will be no re-zoning other than for agriculture.

Education; A certificate should be handed out to successful participants of the four formal courses

Nicci;

African Otter Advisory Steering committee and pangolin group board

SABS work group, will be accepted nationwide, they no longer give rehab permits until this is completed.

Data:

Nicci has had 4 queries in the last 6 months and data extraction was inaccurate. Dirk has assisted with extracting the required data. Data capturers were not accurate. Nicci asked why we cannot use the WildOne system from Virginia which needs to be adjusted only marginally

Ann and Rolf have looked at quite a few databases; the current is not working according to Nicci.

John Lishman to sort out?

Helen; the forms are still not filled in correctly. Penny will go through all the forms at the end of each day and fill them in correctly. When we get funding, it would be ideal to employ a professional data capturer, such as a hospital receptionist, capture online and make available on our website for people to check themselves what happened to the animal they brought in.

REPORT OF AUDITORS

This is still unqualified.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Finance Director Stuart Hancock proposed the retention of the current auditors and this was approved by Stuart, seconded by Gunda.

The new MOI was approved by the majority, 2 abstentions; Michelle Watson, Mary Stuart

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Ann explained the process for appointing Directors to the meeting as per the Articles of Association

Vote by ballot was the preferred option

Helen David, Stuart Hancock and Ann Mawer having been confirmed by the AGM 2012 did not need to stand this year.

Gunda, Dirk and Ros have been co-opted during 2012 and have been working the past year; they need to be confirmed by members.

Arend and Neville have been co-opted more recently and also need to be confirmed.

New Directors introduced themselves, Ros, Neville, Dirk, Arend, and Gunda

All Directors were elected.

Ann Mawer announced that she was no longer available to serve on the board as she is permanently moving to Plettenberg Bay.

Helen thanked Ann for her valuable contribution to FreeMe and expressed our regret at losing her.

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting was closed with thanks to all for their attendance.