



Minutes of the 75th Annual General Meeting of the Cape Bird Club held at 18.00 on 09th March 2023 at Nassau Centre, Newlands

Meeting Chair: Michael Buckham

Meeting Secretary: Gillian Barnes

Register of Members Present: A total of 49 members registered their attendance and a quorum (40) was declared. The attendees are listed below.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Peter Steyn, Daryl de Beer, Jane Doherty, Marilyn Metcalf, Anne McLeod, Otto and Sandy Schmidt, Andrew and Heather Hodgson, Helga Hill, Cathy Jenkins and Nick Fordyce.

1. **Welcome:**

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the 75th AGM of the CBC. He thanked all who were present for attending.

2. **Confirmation of Minutes:**

The Minutes of the AGM dated 24th March 2022 were made available on the CBC webpage. They were accepted as correct.

Proposed: Priscilla Beeton. Seconded: Joy Fish.

3. **Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising from the 2022 AGM minutes.

4. **Chairperson's Report:**

Mike Buckham presented highlights from his report, which will be uploaded onto the CBC website after the meeting, with a link to the report being provided in the e-Newsletter. The report will also be published in the July 2023 issue of Promerops. The Conservation report will also be made available in due course.

Mike mentioned that before he took on the role of Chairman he thought that the Cape Bird Club ran like clockwork but has realised that there is an enormous amount of work that happens behind the scenes. A part of the content of his report is to thank everyone involved.

Thanks were extended to Priscilla Beeton, who handed the role of Chairman in such good shape and continues to do amazing work in the club.

The Committee members were thanked individually for their support during the past year.

Daryl and Lynette de Beer were thanked for the work that they did in organising the monthly mid-week and Sunday outings. They have stepped down from this role. Kathy Sutton will co-ordinate the Sunday outings programme and Gillian Mathews the mid-week outings programme.

Fiona Jones and Cheryl Leslie were thanked for their work in producing Promerops and the e-Newsletter respectfully.

Preparations for the 75th Anniversary commenced in 2022 and those involved were thanked.

5. Financial Report

Joy Fish presented the Treasurer's report for the period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022. She reported that the club's financial situation is good. She advised that copies of the Financial Report were available at the welcome desk in the foyer.

Income has been generated by members' fees (R 101,379), proceeds of the sale of second hand books (R 3,500) and donations (R 59,630).

A small decrease in member numbers year on year is evident but in spite of another difficult year members number 566. Sixty six (66) new members joined the Club in the period under review.

Our youth education programme was activated again and several outings were possible during the year.

Donations amounting to R 62,706 were given out. The main recipients were:-

SANCCOB: R 10,000 plus R 3,200 for membership,

BLSA - Mouse Free Marion Project: R 10,000

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Overberg Renosterveld Conservation Trust: R 25,000 for a tracker to be fitted on a Black Harrier

Keurboom Park: R 2,000 towards a fence to be erected around a tree where Spotted Eagle Owls had a nest

Dieter Oschadleus: R 2,000

Joy thanked Mary Debrick for book-keeping services until May when she retired and Paul Slack and Angela Wilson from Fast Track who are our auditors.

It was proposed that we appoint Fast Track to continue as auditor for 2023. The proposal was accepted by the members present.

There being no queries and questions raised the Financial Report was accepted and adopted by the members present.

6. Election of new committee.

Resignations: Gillian Barnes.

New Nominations: There were no new nominations.

Nominations of previous committee members: Dave Whitelaw, Joy Fish, Linda Merrett, Mike Buckham, Penny Dichmont, Jane Doherty and Joel Radue have accepted their nominations.

The meeting unanimously approved the appointment of the nominated members to the CBC Committee for 2023.

Mike made an appeal for a volunteer to join the Committee as Club Secretary.

7. Promerops Awards:

Mike asked Penny Dichmont, Joel Radue, Dave Whitelaw and Priscilla Beeton to join him on the stage as they had been tasked to read the Promerops Award citations.

Awards were given to:

- Daryl and Lynette de Beer for their organisation of the outings schedules.
- Gillian Barnes for services on the Committee.
- Linda Hibbin for organising the monthly Kirstenbosch outings.
- John Magner for conducting monthly bird counts at Kirstenbosch and leading outings when required.

There being no further business the AGM was declared closed at 18.45, whereafter Mike gave an excellent and entertaining presentation on the remarkable story of an Osprey that was ringed as a chick in Russia and has spent the summer months at Cape St Francis.

Record of attendance:

Gillian Barnes, Priscilla Beeton, Mike Buckham, Glynis Coetzee, Graham Craig, Merle Craig, Barbara Currin, Lynette de Beer, Irene de la Harpe, Penny Dichmont, Jill Eksteen, Joy Fish, Simon Fogarty, Gill Ford, Alison Gilbert, Phillip Green, Anne Greig, Gavin Greig, Janet Hallett, Jonathan Hemp, Marje Hemp, Linda Hibbin, Klaus Hoffmann, Marilyn Hoole, Fiona Jones, Dennis Laidler, Gigi Laidler, Zoe Lunau-Johns, Jane Magner, John Magner, Oliver Main, Linda Merrett, Peter Moon, Rosemary Nathan, Nikki Nupen, Peter Nupen, Graham Pringle, Joel Radue, Beryl Riley, Patrick Riley, Brigitte Robertson, Graham Robertson, Garret Skead, Kathy Sutton, Mel Tripp, Dave Whitelaw, Anne Whitelock, Colleen Williams and Karin Wilson.