



# SOUTHERN AFRICA ARMS & AMMUNITION COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: KZN CHAPTER

**DATE** : 8 October 2022

**VENUE** : "Musketees" Barham Road Westville

- 1) **Welcome** : The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm with a welcome by the Chairman.
- 2) **Attendance**: The meeting was attended by 49 Members who signed the register confirming their presence. Also present were visitors Mrs P Uys, Mr C Mead and Mr De Kock.

**Apologies received** : 1. A. Clarke, 2 T. Nelson, 3 D. Airton, 4 P. Walsh, 5 Geoff Isacks, 6 D. Gould, 7 L. Jardim, 8 B. Shaw, 9 A. MacLeod, 10 K. Bohmer, 11 J. Clewlow 12, T. Saulez, 13 L. Van Shaik, 14 D. Soobramoney, 15 A. Soobrmoney, 16 Jun. Soobrmoney, 17 A. Benting, 18 N. Benting, 19 I. Nel, 20 W. Hitge, 21 T. Redlinger, 22 J. Bezuidenhout, 23 P. Lombard, 24 A. Mynhardt, 25 D. Morrison, 26 D. Davidson, 27 J. Wilken, 28 D. Corbishley, 29 H. Tunmer, 30 A. Apostolides, 31 C. De Jager, 32 J. Dickinson, 33 A. Boshoff, 34 K. Bentley, 35 J. Thorley, 36 A. Bux, 37 J. Acutt, 38 R. Khan, 39 G. Cooper, 40 A. McMillan, 41 P. Rodrigues, 42 A. Norton, 43 E. Niewoudt, 44 R. Van Rooyen 45 G. Niebuhr, 46 L Van Schaik, 47 D. Harmsworth, 48 S. Fanie Steyn, 49 A. Desai, 50 K. Hartley, 51 S. Coleman, 52 S. Hattingh, 53 L. Vorster, 54 A. MacLeod, 55 A. Le Roux, 56 C. Gathmann, 57 M. Gathmann, 58 P. Gathmann, 59 D. Preiss, 60 M. Platt, 61 F. Khan, 62 R. Van Rooyen, 63 G. Galbraith.

- 3) **Acceptance of previous minutes** : The Minutes for 2021 having previously been circulated were also read out by the Secretary and received without comment by the meeting. Acceptance proposed by W. Wiid and Seconded by P. Smith
- 4) **Chairman's Report** : This had previously been circulated to the Members and was also read out to the Meeting. The main points were :
  - 5.a) Developments with the 2021 Firearms Amendment Bill which had been sent back to parliamentary committee last year but will probably re appear sometime in the near future in a revised form. Present indications are that the government still seeks to ban Section 17 collecting.



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5b) SAAACA KZN's status as an accredited collector's association needs to be maintained under these adverse conditions and KZN's Exco is working towards a high standard of compliance with national requirements. This includes training and workshops directed at a better understanding of "Fields of Interest" and the "collectability" of Member's firearms.

5c) Membership : This had reduced somewhat to 176 members overall against 194 reported last year. The reduction was partly due to deaths among the Membership and some resignations but largely from Members in default who had not paid the subscriptions from over two years and have had their membership terminated. Set against that five new Members have joined since this time last year.

5d) Other than that SAAACA had not been able to hold any shooting opportunities as the April rains put many ranges out of action for many months. In addition no educational functions were held as Exco's focus as stated above was focussed on overhauling our Certification procedures.

The Chairman noted that the Fields of Interest presentation later in the meeting would answer many of the queries raised by the Members.

Acceptance of the report P. Acutt, seconded G. Morrison

5) **Treasurer's Report:** This was read out by the Treasurer based on the documentation previously circulated. The main points were :

6.a) That the total amount of the funds available had increased from **R216 400 to R365 227 ie 68%**.

6.b) This was partly due to an increase in revenue from **R161 303 to R179 992** an increase of **11.8%** which came from the backlog of outstanding subscriptions being caught up.

6.c) There had also been a dramatic decrease in expenditure. The significant item in this being a payment to the previous Chairman of R 89 105.00, this sum being comprised of outstanding COC fees and the outstanding monthly honorarium which had not been previously drawn by him. This function is now being carried out by unpaid volunteers. An additional saving has come from only one KZN delegate attending the National meeting in November last year.

6.d) It was also noted as an expense that the "Office" computer had finally expired and had been replaced. Approval for this replacement had been given by the Membership at the AGM two years ago. As it happens, the "Admin" computer had also expired recently and will also have to be replaced.

6.e) In that EXCO foresaw a need to maintain our reserves at the present high level because of the expected legal cost to come in defending ourselves against the expected 2021 Act, it was proposed that our ongoing costs be financed by a small



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increase in annual subscriptions ie up to R 570 for ordinary member and pensioners up to R 450. There were no objections from the floor against these measures.

Acceptance proposed T. Mackenzie, seconded K. Morrison

**7) Election of new Committee:** Nominations were asked for before the meeting. Only one nomination was received ie Mr Paul Smith. In a post meeting note Mr Smith was interviewed by Exco and the nomination was accepted.

The Executive committee for 2022 – 2023 is therefore comprised of :

Malcolm Cobb, Keith Brink, Rod Meikle, Pat Acutt, Warren Burgess, Graham Morrison, Keith Morrison, Markus Korporaal and Paul Smith.

In the Exco meeting immediately after the AGM, it was agreed that the workload for the coming year is not fully established, so the actual allocation of duties to Exco members will be reviewed after the NASAACSA meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and announced thereafter. In the meantime all Exco members will carry on with their present duties.

**8) Amendments to Constitution :** These were circulated before the meeting and concerned the payment of subscriptions on time. The Chairman outlined the process and explained the need to set cut-off dates for these payments as we had to pay subscriptions onwards to the national body NAACCSA in October of any year and also submit lists of Members no longer in Good Standing to the CFR by the end of the year.

Payments which straggled out into the New Year therefore placed Member's Good Standing in jeopardy, added to which many Members thought that payments at that time applied to the whole calendar year instead of being in fact a very late payment for the previous year.

It was therefore deemed wise to clearly set out these payment dates and the consequences for non-payment in the Constitution.

The Amendments were accepted by the meeting with no comments being raised and are as attached to these minutes.

Acceptance proposed G. Morrison, seconded M. Korporaal.

**9) General :** This comprised a short presentation by the Chairman on the legal requirements for Approved Fields of Interest and submissions for Certificates of Collectability (COC's). While this was a repetition of the remarks made in the Chairman's report, the important consideration was that the members must be aware of the actual documents involved, ie the 2012 regulations, the NAACSA guidelines, the NAACSA certificate confirming our accreditation and examples of Fields of interest, both unacceptable and unacceptable.

Questions from the floor were then answered which clarified the situation.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 4:15 approximately with the offer of a round of drinks for the Members.



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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AS ACCEPTED BY THE MEETING :

ARTICLE 6 : New Section 4 : *All membership fees are due for payment on the 1st July every year. Payments must be made by the end of August (within two months) in order for SAAACA KZN to pay the equivalent fees to NAAACCSA our national body to maintain our own Good Standing and accreditation as a certifying body.*

*Payments made after 31 August must include a R100 late payment administrative fee. This fee and any increases to this fee, are to be confirmed at each AGM. Any cash payments made into the SAAACAKZN bank account must include R100 for bank charges.*

ARTICLE 6: New Section 5 : *Members who have not paid their Fees or submitted their Annual Declarations within this two month time period in Section 4 above will therefore lose their Good Standing and their right to vote at the Annual General Meeting.*

ARTICLE 6 : New Section 6 : *It is the duty of each member to keep his or her contact details up to date with the SAAACA KZN Secretary. While every reasonable effort will be made to contact members regarding the payment of Fees or any developments regarding their membership status, SAASCA KZN cannot be held responsible for the consequences to the Member for failure to comply with this provision.*

ARTICLE 6 : New Section 7 : *Included the consequences noted in Section 6 above, it is a legal requirement that SAAACA KZN must report Members who have lost their "Good Standing" status to the Central Firearms Registry on a yearly basis, at which time the Member may lose his or her Section 17 privileges with all of its consequences.*

Minutes by

Malcolm Cobb

CHAIRMAN KZN