



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

16th February 2019

Palmiet Nature Reserve @ 14h00

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Attendees	Office Bearers	Portfolios
<i>See Attached Members Attendance List</i>		
Nicolette Forbes	Acting Chair	70 th Anniversary Event
Lesley Frescura	Vice-chair	Indoor meetings: Speakers; Membership; Education; Calendar distribution
Frankie Berghorst	Treasurer	Finances, Calendar: Sponsors
John Bremner		Activities Co-ordinator
Nicolette Forbes	Secretary	
Rob Jamieson		Indoor Meetings: Venue; Conservation Habitat & Corridor Restoration (including BMCG)
Arnia van Vuuren		Conservation and Education
Apologies	Office Bearers	Portfolios
Chris Flannery		WhatsApp/Youth
Flick McKenzie		Media (2018)
Apologies	Members	
Murrie Slotar		
John Hinck		
Marion Spence		
John Day		
Heather Wood		
Kay Nixon		

1 WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND APOLOGIES

David Allan, BLPN Honorary President Officiating. David welcomed everyone to the meeting

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 17TH FEBRUARY 2018 AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The minutes of the previous meeting of 17th January 2018 were skimmed through by David on the presentation screen with all the members present and approved. Steve proposed the minutes and Pat Long.

3 MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising from the previous minutes except for a query as to whether the suggestion that Dr Marlies Craig is invited to speak to the club had been acted on. This was confirmed by Lesley who said that Dr Craig had been invited but her schedule had not allowed her to be able to do this during 2018. A repeat invitation would be issued in 2019 [see item raised under General which linked to this].

4 TREASURERS REPORT

Frankie Berghorst provided the meeting with a summary of the club's financial status.

Finances of the club were quite healthy at the moment with a balance of R85,000.00 in the current account. Calendar sponsorship were the highest we have ever had this year with a total of seven sponsors and a total of 800 calendars printed. The money from the calendar sales was still rolling out. KZN Birds will be electronic going forward which will be a saving of R15,000 for the club. Donations made included R3,000 to BirdLasser, and R4,000.00 Crowned Eagle Research (Shane McPherson) and R2,000 to the Wagtail Conservation Festival.

5 CHAIRS REPORT

Nicky Forbes as Acting Chair delivered the Chair's report which is attached.

6 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

David Allan called out the nominated office bearers and each of those nominated accepted their nominations and were in turn accepted by the members assembled.

Outgoing committee members, Flick McKenzie, John Brennan and Chris Flannery were thanked for their efforts by a round of applause. The incoming committee members, Rob Jamieson, Rosemary Cooke, Jane Morris, Virginia Cameron, Lesley Frescura, Adam Cruickshank and Nicolette Forbes were accepted by applause. The committee would be assuming committee roles and portfolios at the first committee meeting scheduled for the 11th March 2019.

7 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Diane McArthur's appointment was accepted.

8 GENERAL

- a. Insect declines – Herman asked whether the committee could prioritise some awareness raising regarding the significant alarm from scientist regarding insect declines. It was suggested that a longer evening meeting should be organised with Dr Craig to address the members concerns and talk about ways in which we could advocate ways to foster good behaviours and also raise awareness.
- b. KZN Birds email list server – a member requested if it was possible to make the attachments readable as he was unable to read any of the attachments. This was echoed by many members in the audience. A suggestion from the floor was to look at Google Groups rather than Yahoo.

- c. Awards – A Lifetime Membership Award was presented to Lesley Frescura on behalf of the members for her service to the club. A citation was given and is attached.

David thanked all for their attendance. The meeting was officially ended at 14h55 and the members were invited to stay for the braai and get together.

Signed: _____(Chair) Date:_____