

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

13 May 2023, Mabalingwe

Meeting Chair	Dr. Herman Els	Minutes	Susan Swart
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	Agenda Item
1.	<p>Opening and welcome</p> <p>1.1 Call to order The chair called the meeting to order.</p> <p>1.2 Notice of Meeting The chair confirmed that the notice was duly circulated in terms of the constitution: timeously, and to all known members.</p> <p>1.3. Chairman's Opening Remarks All members, the Parrot Breeders Association, and other guests were welcomed. The Chair noted that since we have done much of the discussions earlier today, the purpose of the meeting was to formally adopt proposals and resolutions.</p>
2.	<p>Attendance and Apologies</p> <p>The following apologies were received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHASA: Tienie Bamberger, Eardley Rudman • SATTA: Yolandi Krause, Katharina Hecker, Ruan Viljoen and Cezanne Smith • SAPA: Seun Griesel and Rodene Lambrecht • PASA: Guy van Zyl • TGA: John Rance • Deon Furstenburg <p>The attendance register is attached.</p>
3.	<p>Establishment of Voting Strength</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was Confirmed that a Quorum was present in terms of the Constitution. It was Confirmed that all member organizations have 1 vote, through their chief delegate
4.	Confirmation of Membership
	<p>An application for membership was received from the Parrots Association of SA (PASA), and after careful consideration fully supported by the EXCO.</p> <p>Proposed by Natshoot Seconded by SATTA The application was unanimously accepted.</p>
5.	Adoption of the Agenda
	<p>5.1 Additions or Deletions SATTA requested that the item "Personalia" be added as 5.3.</p> <p>5.2 Confirmation PHASA seconded that the Agenda may be adopted as proposed.</p> <p>5.3 Personalia Pieter Swart congratulated the Chair with his birthday the previous week and presented him with a gift on behalf of all the members.</p>
6.	Acceptance of the Minutes of the General Assembly held in 2022
	<p>6.1 Confirmation The draft of the minutes was circulated. PHASA proposed and Wingshooters seconded that the Minutes is a true reflection of the meeting held in 2022.</p> <p>6.2 Matters arising The Chair noted that while this is dealt with in his report (Item 6.8) –he wished to highlight that, as a result of the discussions with the African Community Conservation NGO, an MOU was signed between members of Suco-SA and the National People and Parks Community Association.</p>
7.	SUCo-SA Annual Report
	The Vice-President, Stephen Palos, took the chair for this Item.



	<p>7.1 Adoption</p> <p>The Annual Report, that include feedback from all the Portfolios and Projects, was circulated prior to the event, and read at the meeting. The Chair, Herman Els, then tabled the report for adoption, it was seconded by Wingshooters.</p> <p>As there were no objections, consensus was assumed</p> <p>7.2 Recommendations</p> <p>Suggestions from the floor for new Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A marketing and educational project is required around Vulture Restaurants - The details on Dokvault to be circulated <p>Stephen Palos thanked Herman Els for his inspirational leadership, and for being a calm and logical force. He receives a standing ovation.</p> <p>Herman Els resumes the chair.</p>
8.	<p>Financial Report</p>
	<p>8.1 Review of Accounts</p> <p>The Chair invited the Accountant, Robert Young to present his report.</p> <p>It is to be noted that a clean review was received, and that the bank balance is still in the positive. This is thanks to the generous contributions and sponsorships from member bodies, as indicated in the Financial Statements. PHASA gave a special word of thanks to Natshoot for their contribution.</p> <p>8.2 Acceptance of Annual Financial Statements</p> <p>The Annual Financial statements is tabled by the Accountant, seconded by CHASA. The statements are accepted unanimously.</p> <p>Upon a question from the floor, it was noted that the Directors have already signed, per the accepted procedure.</p> <p>8.3 Budget for 2023 and Recommendations</p> <p>Exco has not drafted a budget, but for planning purposes it may be assumed the expenses will be similar to that of the previous year.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the Exco consist of persons who are not only on the Exco of their respective Organizations, but often also has their own businesses to run. In</p>



	<p>time people will be appointed to alleviate the workload in respect of general admin. The chair thanked the members for their patience in this regard.</p> <p>8.4 Membership Fees</p> <p>It was confirmed that the membership fees remain unchanged.</p> <p>8.5 Appointment of Accountants for following financial year</p> <p>Wingshooters proposed and TGA seconded that Robert Young from Robelli be appointed again. The Motion carried unanimously.</p>
9.	Portfolio and Committee Reports
	The Chair confirmed that the Annual Report as tabled earlier included feedback from the full Exco, and all portfolios. This was supplemented by their presentations earlier in the day, and feedback received from the floor will be incorporated in future plans.
10.	Confirmation of Elected, Co-opted, and appointed Positions
	No nominations were received.
	<p>Presentation of Founder Pins</p> <p>Pieter Swart requested the floor to present Founder Pins to those that were not in attendance the previous evening. It was requested that the full list and a description be included in the minutes:</p> <p><i>As the Founding Member Associations are declared in the constitution, Exco thought it prudent to make a once-of special pin for those individuals who can be credited for the establishment and expansion of the coalition. Considerable thought went into this, and it was agreed on capping it on 30. These are the people that rolled up their sleeves, used their private time and often private funds, and put a real tangible effort towards getting SUCCO-SA to where we are:</i></p> <p>Marius Haarhoff CHASA Riaan Meintjes CHASA Stephen Palos CHASA Pieter van Niekerk CHASA Cornel Els Natshoot Hardus Els Natshoot Herman Els Natshoot</p>



	<p>Robert Young Natshoot Antonie Meiring PASA Jess De Klerk PHASA Ben Heystek PHASA Pieter Potgieter PHASA Eardley Rudman PHASA Dries van Coller PHASA Barry York PHASA Trevor Oertel SAFA Hannes Wessels SAPA Pieter Swart SATT Susan Swart SATT André van der Westhuizen SA Wingshooters Elma Britz TGA Annie Sprag TGA Ron Thomson TGA Colin Engelbrecht WRSA Gerhard Heyneke WRSA Melt Heyneke WRSA Richard York WRSA Christopher Palos</p> <p>There are many others who encouraged us, lended a helping hand, gave advise, donated funds – to them we are eternally grateful and trust that we will continue to have their support in future.</p>
11.	Consideration of Motions and Proposals (where due notice has been given)
	None received.
12.	Constitutional Review
	It was confirmed that for those proposals that were circulated timeously a 2/3rds majority vote was required. Where no prior notice was given for proposed



	constitutional amendments, such changes may only be brought by a four fifth (4/5) majority vote.
	It was agreed that the proposed changes to the Objectives and Membership as discussed during the morning session, will be formulated by Exco during a special meeting for this purpose, and then be circulated for ratification via Postal Ballot.
	It was noted that there are several typing, numbering, punctuation, and spacing errors, which may be rectified without running each by General Assembly, <i>as long as the fundamental meaning of the paragraph is not changed.</i> Bruce Grant (via SATTA) is a Copy-editor / Proof-reader and offered his services at no cost to assist with this and other SUCo documents.
	The following proposals were circulated in advance, and as each was discussed and in principle settled earlier in the day, it was agreed that the meeting will finalize each item, and then vote them in together – unless a specific item warrant a separate vote: (Text in blue is to be inserted)
	To insert Memorandum of Incorporation as an Organisation under the Document title (Heading) that reads: FOUNDING STATEMENT AND CONSTITUTION
	1.1.3 In recognition of their foresight and initiative taken in forming this Coalition, we record here for posterity our Founding Members: (list)
	Insertion of upgraded logo. 1.2.3 The emblem of the Coalition may only be reproduced as below, or in the formats as stipulated in the attached Corporate Identity Policy Document. 1.2.4 This is the official logo of the Coalition to be depicted on all official SUCo-SA documentation. The “circle of life” part of the emblem with the word, “SUCo-SA”, below the emblem, may be used in other SUCo-SA promotion items. 1.2.7 The reproduction of the emblem must be approved by the Executive Committee before such items or articles may be produced or offered for sale by Members.
	ARTICLE 1.6 NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION (NPO and ARTICLE 1.7 MEMORANDUM OF INCORPORATION) is replaced in their entirety with the terms



	<i>required by law since registration as a Non-Profit Company (NPC) and a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO).</i>
	<p>3.1.1.1 Membership is on a voluntary, own risk basis, and open to any member-based organisation representing appropriate interests which subscribes to the doctrine of sustainable use and habitat conservation; who is prepared to align fully with the objectives of the Coalition, and subject to rules as described in the policy manual on membership.</p> <p>3.2.1 VOTING MEMBERS: Any member-based organisation representing appropriate interests which subscribes to the doctrine of sustainable use and habitat conservation; who is prepared to align fully with the objectives of the Coalition, and stands in support of the various niche elements which the individual members of the Coalition represent in their own capacities, may apply for membership in the prescribed manner, subject to rules as described in the policy manual on membership.</p>
	<p>3.3.1 APPLICATION TO BECOME A VOTING MEMBER</p> <p>3.3.1.1 An application for voting membership must be completed on the prescribed form and be accompanied by a copy of the applicant's constitution and a statement indicating full support for the core activity and constituencies of all other Coalition members. The member application and policy are attached as an Addendum to the constitution.</p> <p>3.3.2.1 Application to become a voting member will be considered by the Executive Committee in terms of the rules in this Constitution and in the membership policy document and must thereafter be approved by two-thirds majority of voting members, by way of a secret ballot, at a properly constituted meeting of the Coalition. <i>(It was noted in the meeting that this may be by postal ballot)</i></p>
	6.3.2.1 The Coalition will hold at least one (1) General Assembly meeting per annum/ (operational year) in person.
	7.8.7.1 The Executive Committee must authorize or ratify all expenses incurred which falls outside the approved budget.



	It was noted that the Exco has not yet drawn up a budget, but may do so for ratification via postal ballot if required. Expenses are expected to be similar to that of the previous financial year.
	7.11.2 The Treasurer must annually arrange insurance for Public Liability and Contingent Liability, if applicable .
	This adoption of all the above-mentioned amendments to the constitution for adoption was Proposed by: SATTA and Seconded by Wingshooters. The motion carried unanimously, and the changes are adopted.
13.	General/ New Business
	PHASA announced that their Foundation has decided to make a R 50 000 donation towards SUCo-SA. The Chair thanked them for this generous contribution.
14.	Closing
	Presentations: The Chair requested Stephen Palos to present the first ever Honorary Life membership and Special Legacy Award to Founding Member Ron Thomson in recognition for a lifetime dedicated to the practice and promotion of the wise management, utilization and conservation, of natural biological resources. Ron received a standing ovation.
	Announcements The Chair again thanked the following sponsors who supported the event in cash, subsidy or in kind: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afrikan Tanning and Taxidermy, • Mabalingwe • Natshoot • SSG Cases
	Closure the Chair declared the meeting closed at 16:59.

