



**MINUTES OF THE 24TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE
BRAAMFONTEIN SPRUIT TRUST
HELD AT
THE GIRL GUIDE HEADQUARTERS, TREFOIL PARK
ON
SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2005 AT 10:15 am.**

1 PRESENT:

Mrs. Val Kleyn in the Chair and 20 Members as per the attendance register.

The Chairman, Mrs. Val Kleyn, welcomed all present, especially the visitors, and declared the meeting properly constituted.

2 READING THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The Secretary read the Notice convening the Meeting.

3 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The Chairman requested that the following items be added to the Agenda:

- Item 10: Report from the South African Police "Youth Desks"
- Item 11: Suggested action on bridge at Rothsay Avenue
- Item 12: Suggested action on Darrenwood Dam Heritage Site.

4 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: Dr. Ian Player; Mrs. Flo Bird; Ms. Judith Briggs; Mrs. Gillian Kleyn; Jenny Spencer; Mr. & Mrs. Benkendorff; Mr. & Mrs. Huemer. Apologies and proxies were received from: Deidre Mullen, Tim Hartwright.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the 23rd AGM were approved on the proposal of Mrs. Lucy Taylor seconded by Mrs. Mary Lipnicki.

6 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters for discussion arising from the Minutes.

7 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman presented her report and the heads of the various portfolios presented their reports which were incorporated into the Chairman's report, copy of which is attached to the official copy of these Minutes.

The following comments were made in addition to the Chairman's report

GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION:

The report of Mrs. Annette Bohler, District Commissioner of the Girl Guides Association, was given verbally at the meeting, and will be included in the Chairman's report. The Girl Guides are keen to be more involved in BST activities and projects.

The Chairman added the following:

- The walks hosted by Braamfontein Spruit Trust help to familiarise people with the rivers.
- The Braamfontein Spruit Stakeholders Forum which was initiated by the BST around 2001, asked Councillor Christine Walters to form a stakeholder committee.
- Recently (July 2005), many problems were pointed out to Mr. Celbo Mhlongo of City Parks and the proposed Stakeholder Forum when he was being taken by BST on an orientation tour of the Spruit. To date, BST is still waiting for feedback from him.

8 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Treasurer tabled the financial statements for the year ended 31st March, 2004 and presented her report. She advised, inter alia that BST funds were used for running costs, and additional money was raised when needed for projects that are considered worthwhile by the Trust.

The surplus at the end of the year was R721. Compared with the previous financial year,

subscription income was almost constant. Interest income was roughly halved due to declining interest rates, and income from activities, donations and walks was almost five times higher, thanks mainly to the efforts of Ms. Margaret Boy who block booked theatre tickets.

Expenditure was higher due to catering for an AGM, and legal costs, but individuals shouldered costs incurred by themselves for the Trust helped to curtail expenditure.

Adoption of the financial statements was proposed by Mrs. Val Kleyn and seconded by Ms. Georgina Isaacs.

9 APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Chairman advised that the existing Board members, i.e. Mrs. Kleyn, Mr. Nelson, Mrs. Lipnicki, Mrs. Kingon and Mrs. Boy were all available for re-election. However, Ms. Georgina Isaacs had resigned. Mrs. Kleyn then handed over the Chair to Mr. Peter Nelson. The Meeting proposed the re-election of the existing Board. This was agreed unanimously. Mr. Tim Hartwright, Mr. Colm Burns, and Mrs. Pat de Villiers were then nominated as additional members and joined the Board. Mr. Nelson handed back the Chair to Mrs. Kleyn.

10 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Mrs. Millicent Kingon proposed the re-election of KPMG as auditors for the coming year. This proposal was seconded by Mr. Peter Nelson and carried unanimously. Mrs. Kingon expressed her sincere appreciation to KPMG for their conducting the audit free of charge.

11 REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE (SAP) “YOUTH DESKS”

Constable Juanita Yorke of Linden Police Station said “Youth Desks” mean “Youth Coordinators”. As part of the SAP crime prevention programme, one of the jobs of the 21 youth coordinators in the 25 police stations of the Johannesburg Metro area, is to involve youth (currently 35 000 youth aged 4-35 years) in activities. The activities aim to keep youth occupied, off the streets, developing positive attitudes towards themselves and others, developing leadership, developing youth forums, etc. The activities also educated 150 volunteers who are now employed.

Youth coordinators also try to identify, prevent and solve crimes that youth perpetrate and experience. They talk at schools (including “Captain Crimestop” presentations on crime awareness); liaise with school principals, deal with school fights, act on underage bar visits, and do random drug testing at schools.

Organisations like BST and Girl Guides should consider involving differently-abled people; schools in the area; the youth coordinators of relevant police stations; the police for security. Her contact details: mobile phone 083-959-9742, info@lindensaps.co.za (Linden CPF), or Linden Police Station weekdays 7:00 – 16:00.

12 BRIDGE OVER SPRUIT, ROTHESAY AVE, CRAIGHALL PARK

Mr. Nelson reported that although the bridge was washed away, pedestrians still use that route, and by walking through the Spruit they endangered their lives. He suggested a motion to support Councillor Judy Stockhill in her request to the Mayor to reconstruct the bridge as a matter of urgency, and to give her the reasons why this is important. The motion was supported unanimously.

13 DARRENWOOD DAM HERITAGE SITE

Problems at this site have extended over 25 years. Mrs. Lucy Taylor proposed that BST write to the Minister of Arts and Culture, the relevant Provincial MEC, and to City Parks, requesting urgent action to uphold the status of the site as a declared Heritage area, and also supporting the points in letters from Birdlife and by NORFED. This proposal was unanimously supported. Constable Yorke will also write a letter to Mayor Masondo, and will liaise with Mrs. Kleyn on the letter.

14 GENERAL

Mrs. Fletcher suggested involving the public more in using spruits and open spaces, eg. starting nature clubs in schools.

Mrs. Kleyn requested members to contact Mrs. Kingon on what they want on walks, eg. some walks with historical input, distances they are prepared to travel, paying for some walks. She pointed out that the last walk of the year is for members only.

15 CLOSURE

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and thanked the Girl Guides for the use of their Hall and facilities. She reminded members that the Girl Guide Hall was available to anyone for hiring.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 11.44 a.m.

CONFIRMED THIS

DAY OF

2006

