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**10th Annual General Meeting
of the
Österreichisch - Südafrikanische Vereinigung
Austrian - South African Society
„Friends of South Africa“ (FoSA)**

Date: 7 April 2011
Start Time: 18h00
Location: ARCOTEL Kaiserwasser
1220 Wien | Wagramer Straße 8

Minutes

Present: Dick Koekemoer, Interim President
Elaine van Schalkwyk, Secretary
Helena Buss, Treasurer
Bernadine Schneider, Board Member
Dr. Hans Weissenböck, Auditor
Bernhard Appoyer, Auditor

Guest Speakers: H.E. Mr. Xolisa Mfundiso Mabhongo
Jenny Simanowitz

Apologies: Chris Bayne
Stella Richter
Paulette Hendry
Magda Pulk
Andree van Rooy

Agenda item 1 - Quorum

After the quorum was reached the meeting was opened by the interim president Dick Koekemoer. He welcomed Ambassador and Mrs. Mabhongo and all members and friends present. He thanked Brad Knowles for providing the venue. 17 ordinary members attended plus two proxy votes. A total of 12 qualified for voting.

Agenda item 2 - Previous Minutes

The minutes of the 2010 AGM of 1 April 2010 were adopted with 11 votes.

Agenda item 3 – Welcome Address

Ambassador Mabhongo thanked FoSA for the invitation to address the AGM. He reminded everyone of the success of the 2010 World Cup which positioned South Africa as top international venue for tourists and sport and proved it could deliver world class service



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in all areas of transport, stadium management etc. He mentioned that this success had attracted much foreign investment. However, much work is still needed to support social upliftment initiatives, and commended FoSA for its involvement with Humana. He added that the Embassy is fully behind the FoSA Golf Day on 27 August and that Mrs Mabhongo will be assisting at the UN Women's Guild bazaar. Regarding the future he invited FoSA and its members to share ideas for further promoting South Africa in Austria during the Rugby World Cup which will be held in New Zealand. He thanked FoSA for its efforts and the vice president for his interim leadership. Dick Koekemoer thanked him and he received a small gift from FoSA.

Agenda item 4 (a) - The Interim President's Report

Dick Koekemoer reported on events in 2010. The Advent Market and Golf Day were very successful but the braai was negatively affected by bad weather. He thanked Elaine van Schalkwyk for help with catering at the various events and Bernadine Schneider and Magda Pulk for organising the FoSA Mini Olympics at the Braai. He thanked Johan Botha for his support during the year despite his heavy schedule and he thanked all members and friends who had helped at the various events. A special thanks went to Carlien Doevendans and Magda Pulk. Our thoughts go to Magda Pulk who is currently in hospital.

Agenda item 4 (b) - Treasurer's Report (see attachment – "Financial statement of FoSA for 2010")

Helena Buss presented the financial report for 2010. Most notable was that expenses were reduced and income increased, although membership declined. A loss was made at the braai, probably due to the bad weather.

Agenda item 4 (c) - Auditor's Report

Hans Weissenböck and Bernard Appoyer confirmed that all the necessary documents had been prepared and submitted for scrutiny. They commented on the professional standard and accuracy of the records and reports and recommended that the statements be accepted by the AGM. The vice president thanked Helena Buss for her hard work and dedication. Dick Koekemoer thanked the auditors and they received a small gift from FoSA.

Carlien Doevendans proposed that the current board be relieved of all duties and obligations. 7 votes were received.

Agenda item 5 - Election of new FoSA board

The new board was voted in as follows:

President:	Dick Koekemoer	10 votes
Vice President:	Elaine van Schalkwyk	9 votes
Treasurer:	Helena Buss	10 votes
Secretary:	Bernadine Schneider	9 votes
Board member:	Paulette Henry	8 votes

The new president, Dick Koekemoer congratulated and welcomed the new board.



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Agenda item 6 - Proposals

Only one proposal was received. Bernadine Schneider proposed a reduction of annual membership fees as follows:

Single member	€ 25.00
Couple	€ 45.00
Family	€ 60.00

The proposal was seconded by Elaine van Schalkwyk and accepted by the meeting. (7 YES votes and 1 NO vote)

Agenda item 7 - Any Other Business

Nothing further was brought.

Agenda item 8 – Cabaret

Jenny Simanowitz entertained with a 'cabaret performance' sharing her observations of Austrians and South Africans, with a few fun tips on 'cultural communication' and the power of positivity. Her book on social games and communication is currently on the market. The president thanked her and she received a small gift from FoSA.

Agenda item 9

Dick Koekemoer thanked all those present and the meeting was adjourned. He invited everyone to join him and the FoSA board for cheese and wine in the ARCOTEL lobby. Most stayed for a glass of wine and a chat.

A date for the next AGM was not set.

The meeting ended at 19h45

Minutes compiled by Bernadine Schneider
Secretary
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