



**7th Annual General Meeting
of the
Österreichisch-Südafrikanische Vereinigung
Austrian-South African Society
„Friends of South Africa“ (FoSA)**

Date: February 20th, 2008
Start Time: 19h00
Location: English Speaking United Methodist Church
Sechshauserstrasse 56
A1150, Vienna

Minutes

Present: Hans Werner Autz, President
Hester Wyhlidal, Vice-President
Margaretha Pospech, Secretary
Paulette Hendry
Andree van Rooy
Elisabeth Pean
Carlien Doevendans
Helena Buss

Guest Speaker: Captain J P Combrink

Apologies: Helen Robinson
Monica du Toit, Treasurer
Dr. Hans Weissenböck

Agenda item 1 – Now quorum reached, but half of the paid up members were present at 19h30 - this was members with voting rights.

Agenda item 2 - The minutes of the 6th AGM, held on May 29, 2007, were adopted. (13 votes).

Agenda item 3 - The meeting was opened by the South African Counsellor Mr Graham Anderson, and he relayed good wishes from Ambassador Gumbi. Mr Mashudubele Mamabolo from the SA Embassy also joined the AGM.

Agenda item 4 (a) - The President Werner Autz welcomed the members and made his report on the activities for the first half of 2007 as well as the planned activities for the current year. The status of new and old board was explained. Werner Autz handed over to Hester Wyhlidal, who reported on the second half of 2007. After these presentations the 7th AGM was officially opened.

Agenda item 4 (b) - Captain JP Combrink, of the Organised Crime, Substance abuse & drugs Department, South Africa made a speech on the situation in South Africa with substance abuse among young children in South Africa who start experimenting with drugs as young as 7/8 years. Austria is introducing the same programme as in South Africa. It has been proven that 99 % of children that start using drugs have been rejected by their families. This was a very informative session His contact details, www.saps-drugs.com He also offered to assist FoSA in South Africa where possible.

Agenda item 4 (c) On behalf of the treasurer Monica du Toit who was absent, Werner Autz, delivered the Financial Report for 2007 (see attachment – “Financial statement of FoSA for 2007”). The report was unanimously accepted. (13 votes)

Agenda item 4 (d) The auditors, Hans Weissenböck and Barnhard Appoyer, audited the accounts of FoSA on 31 January 2007. Bernhard Appoyer expressed their sincere thanks to the treasurer, Monica du Toit, who kept all documents in an orderly manner. The auditors believe that the accounts, as they are kept, give a clear overview of the financial situation of FoSA. (13votes).

Agenda item 5 – Bernhard Appoyer proposed that the board be relieved of the 2007 duties (12 votes).

Agenda item 6 – Status of the Board

A brief explanation of the members who resigned in 2007:

Werner Autz – President

Margaretha Pospech – Secretary

Monica du Toit – Treasurer

Helen Robinson – Ordinary Board Member

The following board members who were co-opted during the year were elected to the board as office bearers:

Hester Wyhlidal, President (8 votes)

Carlien Doevendans, Secretary (8 votes)

Helena Buss, Treasurer (8 votes)

Paulette Hendry, Vice President (8 votes)

Andree van Rooy (8 votes)

Elisabeth Pean (8 votes)

The president introduced the newly elected board members and welcomed them in the team.

Agenda item 7 - Presentations of the following charities were made:

- SOS Children's Villages in SA (presented by Elisabeth Pean) and it was proposed that we continue to support this activity in 2008.
- HIV Negative (Werner Autz) and it was proposed to support the project with minimum €500 per annum.
- The Blaauwskop Primary School (presented by Werner Autz) was paid an amount of €5500 for the sanitation project. This project is now closed.

These were accepted by all the present members. (14 votes)

Agenda item 8 – Proposal of new projects for 2008

a – Oeboentoe Safe House, Rietondale, Pretoria, South Africa, Carlien Doevendans (14 votes)

b – SOS Children's Villages, Cape Town, South Africa, Elisabeth Pean (14 votes)

Agenda item 9 - New proposal, Helena Buss – Proposed a selection process for electing new board members to the FoSA Board. (See attached proposal on website) (14 votes)

Agenda item 10 - Open discussion for members

Team building exercise proposed by Kati Grasher

Support promised Dick Koekemoer

Get the ambassador's wife more involved.

Show films, invite people to info sessions

Start a positive campaign about South Africa in Austria, pro actively support the reputation of South Africa

Set a goal, and then work together to get ideas to achieve this goal.

Proposal – that people present at AGM come together at later stage and discuss new ideas, (Dick Koekemoer) proposal for online shop for FoSA

Helena - questionnaire - out to members, marketing for FoSA

Use FoSA funds to get/invite/host more members.

Vote 14. Arranging of event to get new members, set date. A FoSA "Kick off" meeting for 2008

Agenda item 11 - The President Hester Wyhlidal made a closing statement and thanked the members for their support and urged them to give feedback, their opinions and make suggestions regarding the activities that the board was undertaking.

Agenda item 12 - Date of the next AGM was not agreed.

The meeting closed at 21.45

After the meeting a buffet and wine was offered to the audience. Most of the people stayed for a snack and a glass of wine, had interesting discussions and got to know each other in a very informal and social way.

Created by Carlien Doevendans

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