

MINUTES OF THE TRANSVAAL FLY FISHERS CLUB

32nd ANNUAL MEETING

HELD AT SANDTON FIELD & STUDY CENTRE

AT 12H00 ON 26 OCTOBER 2008

Attendance: 26 Members/Family, Shareholders and Waiting List Members

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Roy Bengis, Graham Crossley, Hugh Dean, Vic Dean, Graham Rogoff, Selwyn Rogoff, Sean Ryan, Johann van Huyssteen.

2. Meeting

2.1 Matters arising from the last Annual Meeting on 14 October 2007.

The Minutes were read through by Kevin Knight. There being no matters arising, the Minutes were then accepted and proposed by Stephen Meyer and seconded by Mark Blamire.

3. Annual Report

3.1 Kevin Knight was pleased to report that in excess of 50% of the members had completed and Questionnaire which enabled the shareholders and the Committee to gauge what was required by the members in order to improve the facilities at Middelpunt. He advised that the Committee would discuss the results and work through the comments. However, most respondents advised that they were more than happy with the standard of the house, the accommodation and the ablutions.

A detailed Fishing Report was attached to the Annual report and Kevin Knight thanked Peter Arderne for his efforts in providing the excellent fishing enjoyed by everybody.

3.2 Kevin Knight advised that the membership had been retained at 110 with 6 on the Waiting List. The Committee believed that based on the utilization of the farm and the fact that members did not raise availability as an issue in the recent survey, the Committee proposed to maintain the current level of membership.

3.3 As far as the Club House is concerned, Kevin Knight advised that the shareholders had installed electric geysers in the house at a cost of approximately R50000.00 and had replaced the coal stove with another gas stove. He thanked the shareholders on behalf of the members. He advised that during the course of the year, only minor general repairs had been required and that the Committee regularly assessed the condition of the furniture, beds and equipment and replaced them when the need arose. Items of expenditure during the year had been mattress covers and kitchen utensils totaling R4158.82

- 3.4 Kevin Knight advised the members that the TFFC 'Kitty' amounted to R50500.00 and suggested that it continue to be placed under the control of the Committee who were authorized to spend such monies as seen fit for the benefit of the members. This was proposed by Clive Arrandale and seconded by Dave Thurlow.
- 3.5 Stephen Meyer and Hugh Dean were thanked for their efforts in producing and e-mailing the News-letter and Kevin Knight asked the members to please help by contributing any items of interest or photographs etc. He also thanked Hugh Dean for the wonderful job he has done with the website and urged members to log on and see it for themselves.
4. Kevin Knight advised that the increase in respect of the subscriptions had been kept to a minimum of 3.1% and would be raised from R320.00 to R330.00. It was further proposed to maintain the Club levy at R20.00 thereby giving a total subscription of R350.00 per month. Proposed by Mark Blamire and seconded by Peter Beyeler.
5. After extensive discussion, it had been decided to increase the guest fees to R500.00 per weekend which covered 1 or 2 nights, a maximum of 2 guest rods, a room if required and a maximum of 4 people in a guest party.
- Alastair Williamson felt that R500.00 was too high should the guest/s be sharing the member's room and that a singles supplement might be considered. Kevin Knight advised that this would be reviewed at the next Committee meeting.
6. On the basis of the members survey, it was unanimously agreed that smoking will be banned anywhere within the house. It was however agreed that an alternative arrangement will be decided upon for those members who did smoke.
7. Kevin Knight advised that the Committee had all agreed to stand for re-election. He asked whether anybody would like to join the Committee or help in any way and offers were received from Cameron Steele and Mark Blamire. The re-election of the current Committee was proposed by Trevor Knight and seconded by Cameron Steele.

8. General

- 8.1 Alastair Williamson raised the issue of members booking to go to the farm but then not arriving and not having the courtesy of canceling their booking. This point has been raised on numerous occasions and discussed at great length but a decision has never yet been reached as to appropriate action to be taken against the perpetrators. It was suggested that they be banned from going to Middelpunt for 3 or so months but Sheila Brittain pointed out that as she doesn't get feedback from the Weekend Warden, she is unaware of when this happens otherwise she could contact the perpetrators and ascertain as to why they did not take up their booking.
- 8.2 Kevin Knight confirmed yet again that only 2 family rooms were allowed per member and that any members children over the age of 21 were to become members in their own right or pay guest fees.

- 8.3 Andre Horn reported that there had been a power overload at Middelpunt but Charl van Deventer confirmed that the problem had been sorted out.
- 8.4 John Carter advised that there had been around 14 members who showed an interest in the proposed building of cottages at Middelpunt and that further discussion would take place in this regard.

He also thanked Kevin Knight for his position as Chairman over the past 10 years and advised that the shareholders had decided to grant him free membership in perpetuity.

John Carter advised that it had been decided to join FOSAF as a corporate member at a cost of R100.00 per month which would be paid out of the TFFC Levy. To this effect, a wooden/brass plaque would be installed in the members club house.

Kevin Knight extended thanks to the shareholders for their attitude to running the farm and to the Committee for their hard work during the past year.

9. Raffle

Cap – Lizelle Makovini, Kerry Knight, Gail Meyer
Fly Box – Chas Newman, Ann (Dave Thurlow), Alain Coombe
Scale – Dean Metcalfe
Priest – Steve Damster, Leanne Coombe
Maglite – Brett Drake, Cherylee Powell, Lizelle Makovini
T-Shirt – Lizelle Makovini, Cameron Steele
Wooden Net – Gail Meyer x 2
Extension Net – Joyce Williamson, Mandy Shepherd
Vest Pack – Tim Shepherd
Cooler Bag – Alain Coombe, Steve Damster
Tackle Bag – Charl van Deventer
Kick Boat – Tim Shepherd
9'3" 5 weight Rod & Reel – Mark Blamire
9'6" 3 piece 6 weight Rod & Reel – Jan Booysen
8'6" 4 piece 3-4 weight Rod & Reel – Dave Thurlow
Biltong Hamper donated by Clive Arrandale – Gail Meyer

Wes Makovini won the draw from the shareholders of a one year free membership subscription.

R4840.00 was raised from the raffle.

There being no further business, the meeting closed.

Kevin Knight
Chairman
October 2008