

OUTDSHOORN BUSINESS CHAMBER
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
17 FEBRUARY 2010

1. **WELCOME (Hennie Davel)**

Hennie Davel welcomed all present, with a special welcome to Wessel Rabbets, the Municipal Manager of the Oudtshoorn Municipality.

2. **APOLOGIES**

Professor Olivier Brett Pyper
Rhodé Snyman

Hennie Davel thanked Turnberry Lodge for the use of their conference facility.

3. **OPENING**

The meeting was opened with a short prayer.

4. **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The minutes from the Annual General Meeting held in 2009 will be available on the Chamber's website on 18 February 2010. The Matters Arising will be dealt with during the Chairman's report.

5. **FINANCES (Jacobus Maloney)**

- The financial statement is available on the Chamber's website.
- Income: R82 720 – mainly from membership fees. These fees had not been increased for the last three years.
- Helen Butler was thanked for the effort she had put in to increase the membership.
- Salaries and network evenings make up the bulk of the Chamber's expenses.
- The Investment account was discussed as well as the Alphen Reserve Fund.
- The financial statements were offered for acceptance.
PROPOSED: Leon Coetzee SECONDED: Hennie Davel

6. **VOTING PROCESS - MANAGEMENT**

Melcus Nel discussed the method of nominations and indicated that 15 management members are elected traditionally. Seventeen nominations had been received. It was unanimously agreed to appoint all seventeen nominees to the Business Chamber Management committee.

They are:

Melcus Nel Jacobus Maloney
Alfonso Sauls Christo Vermaak
Geoff Wilck Bennie de Wet
Nic Barrow Susan White
Dirk du Toit Charmaine Bekker
Hennie Davel Liesel le Roux
Sandra Africa Leon Coetzee
Drewan Baird André Stuurman
André Van Greunen

7. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Melcus Nel)**

- Die Burger was thanked for their sponsorship.
- A presentation was made and he accentuated the main goal of the Chamber being to aim towards being the voice of business in Oudtshoorn.
- The Chamber is associated with both SACCI and the AHI.
- The golf days and newsletter were also mentioned.
- Tourism, Agri Klein Karoo and the Business Chamber had acquired a

MATTERS ARISING

• **Mr. Otto to talk to Members**

This was not followed through as Mr. Otto felt that as he was contractually engaged by the Municipality it would not be the right thing to do to enter into discussions with the members of the Chamber.

• **Assistance offered to the Mayoral Committee**

The Chamber had offered assistance to the Municipality. This offer was rejected by Mrs. De Jager. Venete Kleyn had been contacted (AHI) and the options had been discussed with her. The AHI were going to send a delegation to Oudtshoorn to deal with the issues. This did however not take place as it would have been a duplication of an already existing forum, namely the OEF.

• **Minister Bredell**

The Business Chamber had conducted discussions with Minister Bredell.

• **Auditor Officer General**

The Auditor Officer General refused our request. The level of communication between the Chamber and the Municipality was discussed.

- The Mayor and Municipal Manager attend all management meetings.
- A monthly meeting is held between the Business Chamber and the Municipal Manager.
- A "Breakfast with Wessel" will be held on the first Wednesday of every month. The first breakfast will be held on 3 March 2010. Only members of the Chamber may attend at a cost of R60 per person. It was requested that questions for the Municipal Manager be sent to Helen Butler ahead of time in order for him to arrive prepared.
- The Business Chamber had received wonderful cooperation from the Municipality regarding the new offices.

• **OEF/LED Forum**

- The Mayoral Committee and two representatives of various organisations attend the meetings of this forum.
- We must ensure that the LED Plan is reviewed.

• **Golf Development**

- The Business Chamber will monitor the project.
- The contract stipulates that 70% of the contractors must be from Oudtshoorn.
- The training done at the Centre of Hope was discussed as well as the funding from Alphen.
- Plumbers and masons will be trained.

- **KKNK**
 - Business Chamber no longer has representation on the Board of Directors of the KKNK.
 - The reasons why this occurred was discussed.

- **Local Organising Committee**
 - This process was explained.

- **South Cape College Bursaries**
 - This is a wonderful opportunity for those who do not have personal means of financing their studies.
 - 18 out of 19 students passed their final exams.
 - The Chamber is looking at assisting 25 students in 2010.
 - Members of the Chamber will be contacted regarding the bursaries.

- **Car Guards (Hennie Davel)**
 - The process of selection was outlined.
 - 25 car guards had passed their training exams.
 - Guards would be given hats in order to make them identifiable.
 - Candidate guards would not be given hats until they had proven their loyalty. They would only be issued with identity cards.
 - A fee of R50 would be paid by each car guard for the streets that they serviced.

- **Business Personality of the Year – 2009**
 - Nominations that had been received:
Liesel le Roux for Die Hoorn
Nic Barrow for the Klein Karoo Klassique
Danie du Plessis for Moooi (amphitheatre)

 - The winner was: Nic Barrow for the Klein Karoo Klassique
 - Melcus Nel congratulated Nic Barrow on his achievement.
 - Nic Barrow donated the R2500.00 gift voucher to Hennie Davel for the Car Guard project.

- **General**
 - **KKNK**
Nic Barrow explained how the decision had been reached to not include a representative from the Business Chamber on the Board of Directors. He will do his best to ensure that this is rectified.

 - *Melcus Nel* said that the Business Chamber had funded Sandra Africa's trips and accommodation to the KKNK meetings.

 - **PROMOTION CD – 2010 SOCCER**
Nic Barrow discussed a CD that had been made for the 2010 Soccer World Cup. His concern was that only one specific hotel was featured on the CD and that it appeared to have been funded by the Oudtshoorn Municipality. He said that this was not acceptable and that the situation should be investigated.

 - *Wessel Rabbets* commented that the reason that the CD had been made was because hotels had been permitted to make presentations

on becoming a base for the 2010 soccer and that this was the reason for only one hotel being featured.

- INVOLVEMENT OF LOCAL BUILDERS

Roy Butler discussed the builders in Oudtshoorn and asked if the Chamber could get involved in getting builders involved locally with projects.

Melcus Nel stated that 8 out of 26 builders qualified for additional training in order for them to acquire qualification papers. He said that the problem was that they were not properly qualified. He said that he would ask Alfonso Sauls to organise a meeting with the Construction sector. He referred to the building project at the Police College and stated that the previously disadvantaged builders should become organised.

- JOB CREATION PROJECTS

Kaye Koekemoer discussed various job creation projects and asked whether De Rust and Dysselsdorp would be included in the planning. She stated that communication from Oudtshoorn regarding training was very poor.

Melcus Nel stated that the plan was to organise a Roadshow and that if *Kaye Koekemoer* felt that this was possible she could contact Helen Butler to assist with the planning.

Wessel Rabbets suggested that a database be created for all the builders and service providers.

7. CLOSE

Melcus Nel thanked all for being present.

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting was closed.