

OUDTSHOORN BUSINESS CHAMBER
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
17 FEBRUARY 2011

MINUTES

1. OPENING & WELCOME

Hennie Davel welcomed all present. He presented a special welcome to the media and Lampies Lamprecht.

Melcus Nel mentioned that an email had been received from the municipality announcing that none of the municipal council members would be attending the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Mayor Gordon April
Dianne de Jager
Geoff Wilck
Greg Wotherspoon
Alice le Roux
Hillie Schultz
Jurgens Meyer

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The previous minutes for the AGM held on 17 February 2010 was approved by Melcus Nel and seconded by Bennie de Wet.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- This has been a year of many challenges and we look forward to 2011.
- Jacobus Maloney welcomed all present and stressed that the members are responsible for the success of the Business Chamber.
- He mentioned the cooperation between Agri Klein Karoo, Business Chamber and the Tourism Bureau.
- The increase in membership over the last 3 years was discussed and Helen Butler was thanked for her contribution to the substantial membership increase.
- The goal of the Business Chamber is to create an environment for business to flourish in Oudtshoorn through cooperation and working together towards our goal.
- The correspondence from SACCI and AHI is also an important benefit of being part of the chamber.
- The Centre of Hope and Alphen aan den Rijn's involvement was mentioned.
- Jacobus Maloney explained how the bursaries had provided opportunities for the lesser privileged and that this was done

with the cooperation between The Oudtshoorn Municipality, Oudtshoorn Business Chamber and Alphen aan den Rijn.

- He discussed the network evenings that were held on a regular basis where high profile guest speakers like Neren Rau and Roelof Botha had been our guests.
- He thanked Die Burger for their involvement in sponsoring various events, such as the golf prizes for the Chamber golf day and the prizes for the Business Leader of the Year.
- He thanked André van Greunen for arranging the monthly golf days and Hennie Davel for his ongoing work with the car guards.
- He discussed the financial report for 2010 and said that a copy of the financial report would be available on the Chamber's website.
- He completed his report by discussing the office costs and infrastructure.

5. **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2011**

The nominations for the management committee were as follows:

Alfonso Sauls
André Stuurman
André van Greunen
Bennie de Wet
Charmaine Bekker
Christo Vermaak
Geoff Wilck
Hennie Davel
Jacobus Maloney
Schalk le Roux
Melcus Nel
Susan White
Attie Philander
Peter Lodder
Pieter van Eck
Petri van Zyl
Jurgens Meyer

A call was made for any other nominations- none were offered.

All nominations were accepted and approved unanimously.

6. **CERTIFICATES AWARDED TO BUILDERS**

Elsie Harmse explained how these builder learners had attended a course to enable them to get an accredited qualification as an artisan.

André van Greunen presented the attendance certificates and Business Chamber awards to the builders that had successfully completed their trade tests. Their official certificates would be presented at a later stage.

7. **BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR**

The nominations for Business Leader of the year were:
André van Greunen (PennyPinchers)

Martin Bekker Motors Petrol Jockeys
Klein Karoo Toyota

The winner was: Martin Bekker Motors Petrol Jockeys

Jacobus Maloney congratulated them on their award and handed them a voucher to the value of R2 500.00.

8. GENERAL

(a) ABSA KKNK

Melcus Nel discussed the board of directors of the KKNK and stated that the Business Chamber was not represented on that board. He said that the KKNK had approached him to assist with the process of the appointment of the board of directors. He stated that it was important that there was representation from Oudtshoorn. He welcomed any questions or comments and encouraged the members to contact the office should they have any suggestions or contributions.

(b) LEARNERSHIP ARTISAN CERTIFICATES

Bennie de Wet enquired how the acquisition of the said certificates benefitted the artisans.

Jacobus Maloney explained that the conclusion of the learnership process meant that the artisans now had an official qualification to work as a sub-contractor and that this enabled them to tender for work at the municipality.

Melcus Nel stressed that all would be done to give these artisans the necessary assistance. They would be given complimentary membership with the chamber for 2011 and they would be listed on the chambers website as well as on the Oudtshoorn Info website. They would also be given the opportunity to place a once-off advert in the monthly chamber newsletter which would further enhance their visibility.

9. CLOSE

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting was closed. *Hennie Davel* thanked all for being present and invited them to join the management committee for snacks in the adjoining premises.