

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MOTORHOMECLUB OF SOUTH AFRICA
NORTHVAAL REGION HELD AT KOPPISOL CARAVAN PARK ON SATURDAY 21ST OF OCTOBER 2017

1. Welcome to Members:

The chairman, Tony Thurman welcomed all to the meeting, members, honorary members, other regions and visitors. Notice of meeting is read and confirmed.

2. Attendance Register:

Attendance register signed by all as per attachment 1. Apologies as per attachment 2.

3. Establishment, quorum and opening of Meeting:

After confirming that due notice of the meeting had been given and that a quorum was present, the chairman declared the meeting open.

4. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Koppisol on Saturday, the 22nd of October 2016:

These minutes had been circulated to all members and were accepted without amendment.

Proposed: Robert Jackson

Second: Hendrik Blom

5. Matters arising from these Minutes:

None.

6. Financial Statements:

In Gert Prinsloo's absence Ari Korver reported on his behalf. The financial position was presented with income of R12 800 received by way of capitation, sale of meat packs (R661) and R498 interest. Funds were used for briquettes for braais at the rallies (R2 389), functions (R9 550), gift to E Cape (R1 280) and bank charges of R1 525 leaving a shortfall for the year of R3 198. The region had a closing bank balance of R22 419 as per year end.

Tony thanked Gert in his absence for his hard work.

Proposed: Jim Williams

Second: Philip Theron

7. Chairman's Report:

Chairman's Report for the Year 2016/2017, presented at the Fourteenth Annual General Meeting of the Northvaal Region of the Motorhome Club of South Africa, held at 11h00 on Saturday 21 October 2017 at Koppisol.

Ladies and gentlemen

When I was re-elected as chairman again at this time last year I stressed that not only would I be a rally-only chairman, but that this would definitely be my last year in the chair.

2017 has been a very fast and very full year. The world out there has gone on as usual, as it has throughout human history. In our motorhome havens, however, we have by and large enjoyed a year of wonderful relaxation and restoration, enjoying rallies and get-togethers with like-minded people of similar interests, and for the lucky ones with time, leisure, (and money) at their disposal, exploring this wonderful country of ours in a very special way.

We are however, like it or not, all getting older, and this has also been a very sad year for our region. There were five funerals in the first five months, and we had to say goodbye to those five members far too soon – to Shirley McCormick, Sylvie Hodgkinson, Johan Claassens, Gert Duvenage, and Vaughan Hadfield, all as a result of ill-health of one sort or another. Our hearts were and are very sore for their loved ones left behind, and many of us were grateful to be able to show support for them by attending the funeral services.

In addition three of our families tragically lost adult children to cancer – something none of us as parents ever anticipate. In this too we had the opportunity to draw alongside the parents in their grief. This is all a part of what we speak about so frequently – that our fellow motorhomers become an extension to our families, added at this fairly late stage of our lives.

To all those of our number who have suffered in these and other ways we wish the strength and the courage required to do battle with all your adversities. So many of you have shown the rest of us the way forward in the way you have coped or are coping with your challenges.

But we have as a club also had much to celebrate. This has included congratulating the following members on achieving significant milestones on their rallying journey:

25 Fouries, Sauers, Bouchers, Mosterts, Derham;
50 van Vuurens, Prinsloos;
75 Hodgkinsons;
100 Therons, Thurmans;
125 Duvenages;
150 O'Reillys, Swanepoels;
and the extraordinary accomplishment of Hansie Joubert with 250!

A few more stats you may find interesting are these:
Average number of motorhomes at rallies this year – 32;
Average distance to venues – 71 kms;
Average cost of rallies (two nights) – R429;
Number of first -time ralliers – 15.

Thanks to all of you present today as members of the club – to mention individuals is always invidious, because all contribute in their own unique way to the quality of our motorhoming club life, but I must mention specifically again the input and support of the committee, and especially Herma.

Then there are several people whose regular contribution in various ways, such as writing for and producing the club magazine and website, providing for and making the braai and “kuier” fires, leading Sunday devotions, or setting out teas, is always appreciated and never taken for granted. Also those who have volunteered to collect park fees at rallies and in doing so to take the pressure off our treasurer. And those who have (not always voluntarily) written the rally reports. And of course those who have done those special somethings at rallies because of birthdays or other celebrations or for any other reason which have enriched those rallies for all those attending.

We have a wonderful range of people and backgrounds in our Northvaal motorhoming community - “a community of communities” as someone so admirably expressed it – and managing such a community of independently-minded people is not always easy. One has to accept at the outset that one cannot please all the people all the time, and that one's job as chairman, as the old saying has it, is to look to the greatest good of the greatest number. Having said that, I am regularly surprised to discover that in exploring proposed new alternatives we find ourselves time after time in the end just revisiting old territory where the club has been before.

The greatest challenge for the current committee remains finding 12 suitable venues for the rallies each year. Thank you to those of you who helped to start the search for next year by completing the survey forms handed out at the last rally and this one.

It is my understanding that the club's fundamental aim is to provide a broad framework within which individuals can “do their own thing”. This certainly suits my personal philosophy, and Bets and I have found a home and special friends in the motorhoming fraternity, for which we have both been extremely grateful.

Thank you to all members just for being members and yourselves, and for all you do to contribute to the wellbeing of the club we all get so much out of.

That, ladies and gentlemen, concludes my report for 2016/2017.

Tony Thurman

8. Election of Regional Committee for 2018:
 - a. Chairman : Don Hodgkinson

Proposed: Bets Thurman

Second: Ari Korver

b. Secretary : Herma Korver

Proposed: Gerald Levey

Second: Ron McCormick

c. Treasurer : Gert Prinsloo

Proposed: Gerald Levey

Second: Ron McCormick

d. Co-opted Members :

Zarel and Renee Henning

Nowell and Marsha Griffin

Ari Korver

Danie and Marcelle van Vuuren

Dawn Prinsloo

Proposed: Gerald Levey

Second: Ron McCormick

9. Appointment of Auditor for 2018:

Tony confirmed that M.D. McAusland Taxation and Financial Services are still prepared to do our auditing for 2018. Recommended that we continue to make use of this service.

Proposed: Ari Korver

Second: Gert Kleinhans

10. Any other business:

Jim Williams raised the matter of Northvaal's whatsapp group. He requested that we keep to business on the group and not use it as a chat group. After a discussion the decision was made to create two groups. One group strictly for club business and one for social matters. Members must inform Herma so she can add them to the group they prefer.

Proposed: Gerald Levey

Second: Ari Korver

11. Closure:

Tony mentioned that the Financial Minutes of the National General Meeting is available to those members that want to see them. Tony thanked everyone present and declared the meeting closed at 11.37 am.