

Minutes of AGM 26 June 2024

Dargle Conservancy

The Annual General Meeting commenced at 18.35hrs in the conference hall at Hebron Haven Hotel.

1. **WELCOME**

The Chairman, Ashley Crookes, welcomed all members and friends present, and passed a warm welcome to the 2 guest speakers, Dr Mark Graham, from Ground Truth
Mr Andrew Fowler, Upland River Conservation
both of whom spoke on different aspects of “Water”

3. **PRESENT**

Ashley Crookes, Chairman
Gilly Robartes, Acting Secretary
Mike Corlett
Martin & Coral Eweg
Linda Barnsley
Erin Mustard
J. Loader
Howard & Cheryl Long
Di & Kevin Meredith
Kandy Slater

Lynne Garbutt, Treasurer
Kevin Barnsley
Barry & Rose Downard
Isabel Verwey
Kieren Barnsley
Jordan Barnsley
Wyndham Robartes
Lawrence MacDougall
Susi & Andrew Anderson
Antony Isatt

2. **APOLOGIES AND NOTICE OF PROXIES**

Apologies:

Belinda Charlton
John & Carl Bronner
Nikki Brighton
Alison & Rob Cunningham

Sue & Russell Watson
Helen & Barend Booyesen
Tom & Lucinda Bate

Notice of Proxies: –

Mavis & Mike Morris
Kate Kelly

Belinda Charlton
Tom & Lucinda Bate

3. **ADOPTION OF 2023 AGM MINUTES**

Proposed by Kevin Barnsley
Seconded by Gilly Robartes

Matters arising therefrom:

Establishment of Quorum:

It was decided after last AGM to reduce the Quorum from 40% to 10%

Clarity on family Membership as opposed to property membership:
A family living together in one household have a single membership.

Each family on a farm or property on which there are multiple families/share-holders, should have their own separate membership.

Members were requested to display the Dargle Conservancy sign and advised that Mike Corlett presently has some. Otherwise contact Belinda Charlton.

The updated Membership form was shown to those present (attached).

No adoption for the general changes made above?

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Financial balances and income statement presented. (attached)

Adoption of Treasurer's report

Proposed - Mike Corlett

Second – Andrew Fowler

Kevin Barnsely thanked Lynne Garbutt for her pedantic precision!

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- The membership of the DC is currently 77.
- Dargle Conservancy is a member of KZNCA.
- Thanks to Andrew Fowler who wrote up a "Silt Trap" proposal, of which DC is a recipient.
- Thanks also to Andrew Fowler for his River Monitoring and Alien Plant Removal program.
- We would like to keep maintaining the road signs and will get sponsorship signs made.
- DC signed up for FreeMe Wild life Corporate Custodianship Program. Thanks to Natalie Bissett for accepting the certificate from Wade on behalf of the DC
- Freeme do release wild-life in the Dargle. A video of a release of a couple of servals on Copperleigh Farm was shown.
- The DC Events held over the past year was listed.
- A short movie made by Clive Curtis on butterflies was shown.
- Thanks to Andrew Anderson for sending in some interesting documents which were shared with the Community
- Thank you to Hebron for holding talks
- Thank you to Giles and Merryl King for their continued sponsorship of DC committee meetings.
- Thanks to Barry Downard for continued support in designing DC event posters.
- Trail cameras are still circulating. Rental: R 200 for members, R300 for non-members. A request was made for someone to take over the compilation of the wildlife sightings.

Adoption of Chairman's report:

Proposed by – Wyndham Robartes

Seconded by – Martin Eweg

Thanks was given to Ashley Crookes for all his hard work.

Election of Committee Members:

Chairman – Ashley Crookes

Secretary - Belinda Charlton, with

Gilly Robartes - co-ordinating events.

Lynne Garbutt – Treasurer until the end of the year, when Kandy Slater will possibly step in.

Kevin Barnsley

Mike Corlett

Steve Lourens handed in resignation.

Adoption of Committee 2024

Proposed– Andrew Anderson

Seconded – Lynne Garbutt

The meeting was informed that the next event is “Pangolins” by Nicci Wright on Wednesday 31st July.

The chairman informed the meeting that we are now going into the 21st year of the Dargle Conservancy and thanked all members for coming out and for their ongoing support.

Meeting closed at 19.58