

**MINUTES OF THE 112<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GRAAFF-REINET SCOUT GROUP HELD ON THURSDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024 IN THE CHOOKIE GEARD HALL**

**PRESENT:** Jason Marais (Chairman), Jacques Ferreira (Ass. Troop Scouter), Bronwyn Ferreira (Finance), Dave Neill (Maintenance), Tess Neill (Secretary), parents and scouts

**APOLOGIES:** Mr W Pringle (UHS Principal), Johan Vorster (Troop Scouter)

**WELCOME:** Jacques Ferreira welcomed parents, friends and scouts to the 112<sup>th</sup> AGM and thanked everyone for their attendance. Apologies are made for Johan Vorster, who is currently working in the Northern Cape.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM:** Dave Neill proposed the previous minutes, seconded by Bronwyn Ferreira. No matters arose

**REPORT FROM JACQUES FERREIRA:**

- Current troop number 12, with 5 new scouts being invested this year. Very young troop.
- JF reiterated that it is a privilege to be a part of the growth of these young men.
- The year was very much focused on rebuilding the structure of Scouts and sharing knowledge. The Court of Honour was reintroduced, and the boys have spent a lot of time cleaning and establishing communication. The PLs and TL meet before and after to plan and debrief. Valuable lessons in planning and communication.
- The reward system was reintroduced, which really encouraged the boys. Every Scout meeting was camp-build orientated, with points awarded for teamwork, structural integrity, and clean up. Competition was very fierce and enthusiastic, particularly in the last 2 terms, as the boys really started to understand what they were working towards.
- No camp was done, due to the troop being so young and inexperienced, but the plan is to do one early in the new year.
- The boys have taken a lot of pride in their hall and in maintaining the cleanliness and upkeep thereof.
- Some of the boys participated in a hike up Spandau, which was a lot of fun, but very challenging. They did themselves proud.
- JF thanked parents again for their assistance and help. Thanks also to Dave and Johan for their maintenance, to the Murray's for fence droppers and DA counsellor Ricardo, who sponsored the fence.

**FINANCIAL REPORT – BRONWYN FERREIRA :**

- BF presented the BS, IS and bank account

- Currently a surplus of R44k in the bank account, but this is due to Bruce's legacy and donations (Marco VJ – R10K). Currently, the income is not covering the expenses, and so the BA will continue to decrease.
- The municipal charges are substantial – R6k per annum. We cannot get away from this.
- Under income – the subs are paid directly over to Scouts SA, as is any income for the Scout shop (uniforms), so really cannot be considered income.
- The subs for 2024/2025 will be issued to parents as soon as they are received from HO.
- The maintenance was substantial, but that was due to painting, bathroom & kitchen repairs, windows & roof repairs. Hopefully, this will not be required to be repeated in the new year.
- BF reiterated the need for some fundraising. She is also in contact with someone who would possibly like to rent the space for martial arts training, once a week.

#### **CHAIRMANS REPORT - JASON MARAIS:**

- Apologies to Mr Pringle, who was called to a meeting at the last minute
- A big thank you to Jacques and Vossie for all their time and sacrifice. Some big challenges were faced, which they took in their stride.
- Jason spoke about the importance of parents encouraging their boys to attend regularly and bring their friends.
- Dave Neill, Tess Neill and Jason Marais need to be replaced on the committee as their children are no longer in the troop. Wayne Murray agreed to take over maintenance, and Carlien Hudson agreed to step into the role of secretary. Jason Marais to speak to Richard Collett about filling the chairman's role.

#### **SCOUT TROOP AWARDS 2024:**

Most Improved Scout of the Year: Grant Murray

Most Helpful Scout of the Year: Josh Kingwill

Best Attendance Scout of the Year: Aidan Ferreira

Most Spirited Patrol of the Year: Eagle Patrol PL Tristan Hudson

Best Overall Patrol of the Year: Buffalo Patrol PL Aidan Ferreira

The meeting was concluded at 7 pm, and the scouts enjoyed some ice cream.