

## Swartland and West Coast SPCA

NPO No.: 000-390



### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

**Held on Monday 26 July 2021, starting at 18h00**

**Via ZOOM**

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#### **Welcome:**

At 18h00 Colette Mang, the chairman, welcomed all members present and thanked them for being in attendance.

#### **1. Notice of Meeting:**

The Chairman stated that an email was sent out to paid-up members with a link to all the AGM papers.

The Chair asked the attendees whether they objected to having the meeting recorded and that it would be deleted as soon as the minutes of the meeting had been recorded in writing. No objections were noted.

The notice of AGM was taken as read by the Chair.

#### **2. Attendance, Apologies and Quorum**

No Apologies

It was confirmed that there were 7 voting members present. A quorum of 11 was needed so the meeting stood down for half an hour

#### **3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Association held on the 27 of July 2020**

The minutes were taken as read. The Chair asked for a motion to adopt the minutes into the record. The adoption of the minutes was proposed by Cheryl Adams and seconded by Gerhard Pretorius. The minutes were approved and adopted into the record.

The chair asked whether there were any matters arising from the Minutes. There were none.

**4. Consideration and adoption of the Audited Financial Statements of the Association for the Financial Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2021**

The treasurer Gerhard Pretorius gave an overview of the finances of the last financial year.

The cost of staff and vehicles were the major expenses in both branches. The chair stated that they were hoping to bring on another Inspector as feet on the ground were much needed in our communities to prevent cruelty to animals.

Special mention was made of the volunteers that run the 2 Charity shops. These, in effect, keep the Darling branch in business. The treasurer thanked Cheryl Adams and Jonita Bagdocimo for managing these shops and also the volunteers who worked in the shops.

Mention was made of the fact that the Bergrivier Municipality and specifically the Swartland Municipality contributed so little to the SPCA for operating the pound on their behalf in Darling. By contrast the Saldanha Bay Municipality paid the full operating cost of running the pound in Vredenburg.

The Chair stated that the Swartland and West Coast had once again been awarded the 3-year tender by the Saldanha Bay Municipality to run the pound. The Service Level Agreement came into effect on 1 July 2021

The chair asked for a motion to approve the Audited Financial Statements. Adoption of the 2021 Financial Statements was proposed by Cheryl Adams and seconded by Nicky Brouwer. The Financial Statements were approved and adopted into the record

**5. Confirmation of the Auditors as BGR de Jager Boshoff for the next financial year**

The chair stated that the audit this year had been quite intense and that she was happy for the scrutiny.

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the confirmation of the Auditors.

The motion was proposed by Gerhard Pretorius and seconded by Nicky Brouwer. The motion was approved.

**6. Consideration of Annual Report**

The chair asked the manager Louise van Zyl to elaborate on the challenges that were experienced in the past year.

Louise said that one of the major challenges is that the inspectors had to work in communities that seemed oblivious to the fact that masks were required by law as a result of the COVID19 pandemic.

Mention was made of the fact that court cases were constantly being postponed and it was very demotivating for the inspectors who do a great deal of work of bringing cases to court.

Louise also mentioned the problems that were experienced at the kennels by the pigs that were confiscated by Inspector Patrick Chiwawa. Gerhard Pretorius requested that it be minuted that no help was forthcoming from the Swartland Municipality when we were in desperate need of help with regard to the fencing of the property because the pigs were escaping.

Simeon Watson-Stoch congratulated Inspector Patrick Chiwawa for his handling of Qurbani. She had heard that he had done an amazing job.

**7. Election of Management Committee**

Clause 9.5 of the constitution applies. The chair stated that all the current Committee members had been elected to the committee last year for a period of 2 years bar Jonita Bagdocimo who had been co-opted when Rone Wheatley had resigned. Jonita Bagdocimo was elected to the committee.

The committee members are:

**Colette Mang**

**Nicky Egg Brouwer**

**Jonita Bagdocimo**

**Gerhard Pretorius**

**Cheryl Adams**

**8. Consideration of any other business**

Nicky Brouwer thanked all the staff for the amazing work they do. The Chair concurred and also thanked her fellow committee members for their work and support during the year.

**The Chairman thanked all for attending and the meeting was adjourned at 19h00.**

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Chairman

Colette Mang