



Minutes of the SAPCON East AGM
held at Macrorie House Museum
on the 5th December 2008 at 10:00 am

Welcome: The chairperson Nellie Somers welcomed all present.

Present: Bronwyn Jenkins (UKZN Life Sciences Library), Judith Hawley (Head, Archives, Pietermaritzburg), Marigold Rei (Macrorie House Museum), Joanne Wilson (Conservator, KZN Museum Services), Nellie Somers (Senior Information Officer, Campbell Collection of UKZN), Linda Ireland (Collections Manager, Dept. Human Sciences, Natal Museum)

Apologies: Alexio Motsi Nation Chairperson of SAPCON, Jewel Koopman, Dr. Estelle Liebenberg- Barkhuizen (Alan Paton Centre and Struggle Archives of UKZN), Gilbert Torlage (KZN Museum Services), Eleanor Schofield (Baynesfield Estate Museum), Mike Bath, (Comrades House Museum), Henriette Ridley (Msunduzi Museum), Unnay Nerrine (Durban Archives).

Minutes of the previous AGM were available and read. These were tabled and duly accepted. Proposed: Nellie Somers seconded Marigold Rei.

Matters arising.

Chairperson's Report. Tabled. Proposed by Linda Ireland and seconded by Bronwen Jenkins. Nellie Somers said that the report would be emailed to members and that she would approach Ria Groenewald (SAPCON Gauteng) to add the information to the list serve.

Secretary's Report. Linda Ireland gave an account of the years activities and membership details. The report was tabled. Proposed by Nellie Somers and seconded by Joanne Wilson.

Financial Report. This was prepared & presented by Joanne Wilson. Tabled. Proposed by Nellie Somers and seconded by Judith Hawley.

Membership fees: This was discussed and the meeting felt that the fees were reasonable, but that a student concession might be a way of encouraging students to join. Nellie would bring this matter up at a National level.

Election of members.

Signed nomination forms were received and the following members were duly elected
Nellie Somers: Chair,
Linda Ireland, Secretary
Joanne Wilson Treasurer
Bronwyn Jenkins.

Because of the poor response and attendance it was decided to co – opt more members during 2009.

Suggested workshops for 2009: Some Discussion revolved around proposed for workshops for 2009. Nellie Somers has made up a list and this list was circulated to the members for their comment.

Case Study: The Macrorie Letters

Mrs. Rei talked about the Macrorie Letters and how they came to be at the museum, and she explained how Dr. Estelle Liebenberg-Barkhuizen had proposed a plan of action in their conservation and storage. As Dr. Liebenberg-Barkhuizen was not present we were unable to view the letters and the work being done to them.

Nellie Somers thanked Marigold Rei for hosting the meeting and for the eats provided for tea. As ever we enjoyed an impromptu photo shoot. Thank you Nellie!

The meeting closed at 12:45.

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