

MINUTES OF THE MBABANE CLUB 71st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT THE MBABANE CLUB ON 30th OCTOBER 2019 AT 6.10PM

PRESENT:

COMMITTEE: President: Charles Bethel
Vice President: Lean Drinkwater
Secretary: Kate Ansley
Lady Member: Lucy McKenzie
Gentleman Member: Sean Johnson

Plus 44 members as per attached attendance list.

Apologies: Mongi Dlamini

1. **WELCOME:** The President declared the meeting open at 18.10 and thanked all members present for attending. It was the first time in 6 years that over 40 members have attended an AGM.
2. **ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Minutes were circulated and approved.
3. **FINANCIALS:** A section of the Financial Reports were circulated amongst the members and approved provided the full Audited version will be made available. The President asked if there were any questions. Mr Thomas raised the question again about surplus finds. The President advised that the call account has since been opened and surplus funds will be transferred to the call account.

A question was raised about offsetting invoices against subs. It was agreed that as long as the allocation on the accounting side is done correctly, it will be acceptable.

An amount of E 187 000 was accrued for in the financials for the painting of the club.

A big thanks to Lean Drinkwater for organising that the contractor would be painting the Lang Bar.

4. **PRESIDENTS REPORT:** A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.
5. **RESOLUTION:** A couple of resolutions were submitted for adoption. It has since then been transpired that there are a couple of constitutions going around and none are signed by the trustees or president. The trustees felt that the best way to handle this matter was to call a special EGM once a draft of the updated constitution is ready.

Sean requested that his resolution be heard as it had nothing to do with the constitution. It affects the running of the general committee and duties. No problems were raised against the resolution proposed by Sean but the constitution needs to be renewed.

Gideon Mhlongo proposed that the President's report be more comprehensive.

6. **ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE:** There were no new members elected and the committee from 2018 were willing to stand for another year with the exception of the Gentlemen Member, Berry Ansley. Sean Johnson was proposed and accepted.
7. **TRUSTEES:** Theo Mason, Danny Lee and Martin Forsyth-Thomson will remain as Trustees for 2018/2019
8. **AUDITORS:** Bill Capel
9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** Mr Henderson asked were the snooker was being held. The President advised that Mr Flintstone is storing the table at his premises. Kate suggested that the snooker table be auctioned/sold.

Sections: The President advised that the sections have to consist of a Captain, Vice Captain, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee Member.

If a section has a problem then they need to approach the main club.

There is a concern about the Golf Section wanting to breakaway from the main club and to operate on it's own. The Golf Section did not pay over all the subs from the SGU members in 2018/2019. The President felt that the Golf Section is moving away from the Main Club and would like to help. The Golf section does not have a liquor licence and uses the main club's licence. The President will arrange for a meeting with the Golf Committee to discuss the way forward.

The Golf committee needs to understand the SGU memberships. SGU membership was offered to members belonging to other clubs and wanted to join just the golf section and not the main club. In other words, a SGU member has to be a member of another club to qualify for SGU membership.

Concerns were raised again about the swimming pool. Children are not being supervised by parents. Members need to take a more active role in assisting the committee by addressing the parents.

Queries were raised why the lease had not yet been signed. The President advised that it was approved at the last committee meeting and will be drafted and given to the Trustees for signature.

Christina and Carlos thanked the Committee for all their hard work.

Meeting adjourned at 19.15

Resolution prepared according to section 26.2.5 of the Constitution for adoption by the Mbabane Club at the Annual General Meeting:

WHEREAS the members of the Mbabane Club recognise that membership and the rights and privileges of membership and the use of club facilities are governed by the bye-laws established by the Constitution of the Mbabane Club.

WHEREAS the members of the Mbabane Club also recognise that the management and control of the Club and its members are vested in a General Committee that is established by the Constitution, and that the General Committee and all Club sub-committees and sports section committees operate according to the Constitution.

WHEREAS the members of the Mbabane Club are aware that certain provisions or bye-laws of the Constitution are not strictly followed in the management and control of the Club.

BE IT RESOLVED that:

The members of the Mbabane Club call on the General Committee to manage and control the Club according to the Constitution to the fullest extent possible or practical; and further that:

At each and every Annual General Meeting the President shall report on the General Committee's compliance with the Constitution, and where the General Committee could not or did not comply with one or more provisions of the Constitution, to report and explain all such instances, and where appropriate, the President shall propose and table at the Annual General Meeting any such amendments to the Constitution to promote full compliance with the Constitution by the General Committee and all Club sub-committees, sport section committees, and members of the Mbabane Club.

Resolution proposed by Sean Johnson.

11 October 2019