

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Pretoria Centre of ASSA held on 08 August 2022 at 19:00 by video link.

1 Welcome

The Chairman, Bosman Olivier opened the meeting, and welcomed all attendees to the meeting. There were 24 members and visitors present.

2 Apologies

There were no apologies.

3 Agenda

3.1 The Chairman presented the Agenda, which was accepted without change.

4 Acceptance of Minutes of 2021 AGM

4.1 The minutes of the 2021 AGM were accepted:

Proposed: Neville Young. Seconded: Craig Kloke

4.2 There were no matters arising.

5 Chairman's Report.

Bosman Oliver presented the Annual Report. The Chairman thanked Michael Poll for compiling the report. The report was circulated to members before the meeting, and was taken as read.

The Chairman added some comments:

5.1 Covid caused our meetings to be held on line, and opened up our meetings to people across the country. We have also been able to have talks presented by external (remote) speakers.

5.2 Bosman noted a drop in visits to the website, and wondered if the website should get a review. However it was pleasing to note that there were visitors from many countries.

5.3 Bosman thanked the newsletter editor (Pierre Lourens) for producing an interesting publication.

5.4 A drop in the number of new people at the telescope making class has been noted, but Johan Smit has suggested that people are less inclined to be "hands on" these days.

5.5 We have been trying to communicate with CBC, but have had no response. The new Committee will continue to try and make contact.

5.6 The outgoing Committee comprised eight members, but two members do not wish to stand for re-election. The outgoing Committee members were thanked for their contributions.

5.7 Johan Smit was again thanked for organizing the video links.

5.8 The report was accepted. Proposed Louis Kloke, seconded Mike

Haslam.

5.9 The full Chairman's Report is to be read as an addendum to these minutes.

It has been circulated to members and will be placed on the website.

6 Treasurer's Report :

Michelle Ferriera presented the Treasurer's report and made the following comment:

6.1 The paid up membership for 2021 -2022 was 47. (Last year: 49)

The report was accepted : proposed Michael Poll, seconded Neville Young.

7 Committee 2021 - 2022

7.1 The following were willing to stand for re-election to the Committee for 2022 - 2023

Bosman Olivier; Danie Barnardo; Michelle Ferreira; Pierre Lourens; Michael Poll; Johan Smit.

7.2 New nominations : Johan Smit proposed Johan Jordaan.
Neville Young indicated that he would re-join the Committee as a member without portfolio

7.3 It was proposed that these nominees be elected *en bloc* :
Proposed: Johan Moolman. Seconded : Abe Vonkeman

All of the above were duly elected to the Committee.

8 CBC

8.1 The Chairman has written to CBC with a request for a discussion on restarting our meetings there, but there has been no response. [The most recent letter was sent on July 13th 2022].

8.2 Michelle Ferreira knew of a possibility of meeting at Menlo Park or Garsfontein Schools.

Johan Smit said that we need certainty from CBC first.

8.3 Neville Young offered to go to CBC in person and enquire. The offer was accepted.

9 In Memoriam

9.1 The meeting remembered our members who have died in the past year or so.

- Neville Young spoke about Jose da Silva
- Bosman Olivier spoke about Fred Oosthuizen
- Johan Smit spoke about George Dehlen

10 Thanks

Neville Young thanked the Committee for keeping the Centre active during these difficult times

10 Closure

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm