



Minutes of the Agenda of the 15th Annual General Meeting of A Rocha South Africa held virtually on Zoom, 27 August 2020 at 17h00

1. Welcome

The meeting was opened at 17h05 by Dave Gertzen who welcomed all and especially the attendees from outside South Africa.

2. Devotion

Dr. Philip le Feuvre (A Rocha board of reference member) shared some insightful thoughts from Genesis and Ezekiel about streams of living water from the Lord's Throne. We receive this for us and for A Rocha

He quoted Psalm 46:4 "The river makes glad the city of God"

A Rocha South Africa is involved in healing and sustainability and therefore releasing the power of God into the suffering of the world.

3. (Virtually) Present:

David Gertzen (chairperson) Melanie Rood (secretary), Christine Cuénod, Garth Cuénod, Sydney Saayman, Murray Tesselndorf, James Irlam, , Godfrey Harris, Martin de Wit, Penny Dichmont, Shari Cade, Miles Giljam, Anna Whitehouse, Shan Cade, Shannon Hoctor, Grant Edkins, Charles Robertson, Nikki Sinclair, Ryan & Moira Ventress, David Stephen, Kate Davies, Erik Rood, Mariska de Wit, Shannon Theil, Catharina de Lange, , Andrew Anderson, Andrinajoro Rakotoarivelo, , Frank Molteno, Josh Bean, Sue Viljoen, Matthew Burnett, Carola Meyer, Carl Swart, Mark Brown, Brenda Tesselndorf, Francesca de Gasparis, Carla Calhias, Sue Lankers, Cheryl Harris, Ray Durrheim, Allegra Wykerd, Sarah French, Gary Almeida, Erik Van der Linden, Tim Jobson, Theuns Pauw, Kgothatso Rallele, Joan & Bill Houston, Wade Whitehead, Charmaine le Feuvre, Cathy Floris, Alfranco Floris, Ebriam Hull, Margie Samuels, Rowena Karelse, Moira Irlam, Geoff Davies, Geoff & Sarah Gould

4. Apologies

As per the chat section of the Zoom meeting and received prior to the meeting: Tracy Lotter, Peter Houston, Anton & Toekie Doyer, Kelly Taylor, Di Milford, Sue Fuller, Linda Hill, Kyle Sinclair, Allen Goddard, Stephen Granger, Matthew Burnett, Lydia van Rooyen, Doug Burdon, Carol and Michael Cassidy, Brent Corcoran, Bill Berry, Jo Swinney, Alfred Oteng-Yeboah, Jan Wakelin.

5. Confirmation of the minutes

Murray Tesselndorf presented the minutes of the 2019 A Rocha SA AGM

The minutes were accepted

Proposed by (member present at 2019 AGM): Shari Cade

Seconded by (member present at 2019 AGM): Sydney Saayman

6. **Chairman's address**

Dave Gertzen was elected as chairperson of A Rocha South Africa at the recent A Rocha board meeting.

He thanked Murray for his chairmanship over the last years and his and full-time commitment volunteer work for A Rocha from January 2019 and up to now.

He thanked him especially for the support to the families of the deceased and to Peter Harris after the accident in October. We know that some things remain a mystery but thank God and trust Him in all things.

He highlighted recent events including the following appointments in A Rocha international:

- Dr. Simon Stuart was appointed as Executive Director of A Rocha International.
- Prof Alfred A. Oteng-Yeboah is the incoming regional representative (Africa) A Rocha International Board of trustees
- Murray Tessendorf was appointed as National Director for A Rocha.

7. **National Director's 2019 annual review**

Murray Tessendorf presented a shortened version of the A Rocha SA 2019 annual review. He highlighted the following areas:

- A Rocha local Action teams
- Church and community work
- Conservation projects and events
- Partnerships with:
 - CCSA
 - AE
- Environmental education

He thanked:

Melanie Rood, Godfrey Harris, Dave Gertzen, Hosts of Azalea B&B: Ryan and Moira Ventress, Sarah French for guidance and friendship

Brenda Tessendorf for support

All who supported ARZA

8. **Financial report**

Godfrey Harris presented the financial report. The following screens were shared:

1. Income/expenditure
2. Balance sheet
3. 1st 6 months of 2020

Godfrey mentioned that the audited financial statements are available on request.

Godfrey thanked Carl Nielsen and Josh Bean and Melanie Rood for their support.

Dave requested prayers and finance support for the continued work of A Rocha and for the National Director's post.

9. **Appointment of the auditor**

It is decided to appoint the auditors Savunde Accountants (lead by Jacques van Rooyen) for the next audit of the A Rocha SA financials.

10. **Election of office bearers**

Office bearers are elected by A Rocha SA members.

Correspondence regarding this was sent to members prior to the meeting.

The following two office bearers were put forward for ratification:

Prof Martin de Wit - Governance and Eco youth portfolio

Godfrey Harris -Treasurer portfolio

A show of hands was counted and the appointments of the board members/trustees were ratified.

11. Vote of thanks

Dave thanked all present

12. Closing in prayer at 18h05

Carl Swart and Dave closed the meeting