



WYNLAND WATERGEBRUIKSVERENIGING

Minutes of an Annual General Meeting held at Stellenbosch Golf Club on Tuesday 11 December 2018 at 16:00.

WELCOMING

The Chairman, Mr Jan Coetzee welcomes all the members present. Mr Coetzee has a special word of welcome for Prof Kobus du Plessis as well as Adelize Fourie from Vinlab and her team.

APPEARANCE AND CONSTITUTION

No excuses from members who cannot attend the meeting are received from the meeting and the Chairperson then declares the meeting to be properly constituted.

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After a general discussion of the previous year's minutes, Mr Francois Malan seconded a proposal for approval by Mr Johan Conradie.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr Frans Weilbach from PwC is speaking and focusing on various highlights of the Water User Association's past financial year.

Mr Weilbach mentions that, although the Association does not intend to make a profit, the total surplus of the association amounts to R5.2m compared to the R3.9m of the previous financial year. One of the biggest contributing factors was the large decrease in electricity costs (almost 32%) due to the less water that could have been pumped in the past season due to the severe water restrictions of the past season.

The income statements of the Association are discussed and compared with the statements of the previous financial year. The expenses of the Association are shown graphically to the meeting and show that the ratio of expenditure has not changed much over the past few years.

The income and expenses of the various sub-districts are discussed in more detail below.

The balance sheet of the Association is summarized and reference is made to the ratio of the Capital and Reserve to Loans amounting to 99.2%. The loans from both Stellenbosch and Helderberg sub-districts have already been fully redeemed. The fixed assets of the Association currently amount to R24m compared to the R25m of the previous year. The abatement is only due to depreciation according to our accounting policies. The cash and cash equivalents currently amount to just over R85m.

Mr Weilbach explains that the relationship between assets and liabilities is critical to any organization and that a ratio of 2: 1 is sought. The relationship between assets and liabilities of the Association is currently at 95: 1!

The balance sheets of the various districts are discussed in detail below and explained to the meeting.

Mr Weilbach further mentions that the Society's books have been audited as in previous years and, after some general remarks, a clean audit is declared to the meeting. He further mentions that the Council's financial procedure is very healthy and the cooperation during the audit procedure was once again commendable. The statements presented to the meeting are accepted and seconded. (Full financial reports available at www.wynlandwater.co.za)



Mr Weilbach and his team are thanked by the chairman for their contribution and service over the past year.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

To begin with the Chairman's report, Mr Coetzee thanked all the members who made the effort to attend the meeting today.

Mr Francois Malan was asked to share his view and experience of the current drought with the meeting: He then mentions that in the 2013 annual report he had the following saying: "We certainly come from the wettest winter in my age - I has already measured more than 1,000 mm of rainfall. This winter will be remembered for a long time. Even during November, more than 100 mm were measured and Somerset West Mediclinic flooded and patients were evacuated. "

He mentions that he was recently at Theewaterskloof, and although it looks much better than last year, the dam is still far from full. This is proof of how fast the seasons can change. The donation of 10 million m³ of water from Greenland Water User Association to Cape Town has boosted the image of Agriculture.

Mr Malan says that during the current drought he got to know some new words like 'gray water' and 'day zero'. The drought also has a huge impact on tourism that can hurt the local economy. Due to the drought, gardens were dried up, lawns were dead and some vineyards were forced to do without irrigation this season. This resulted in large losses and therefore the harvest was about 15% less.

However, we all became much more aware of water and many of the water saving measures are here to stay. Many more people 'harvest' nowadays rainwater and an unknown number of boreholes have also sunk last year or two - however, the effect on our underground sources is still unknown.

Thereafter, the chairman presented to Professor Jakobus du Plessis at the meeting. Professor du Plessis is attached to the Department of Civil Engineering - Hydrology and Environmental Engineering.

EFFICIENT AND SUSTAINABLE WATER SOURCE MANAGEMENT

To initiate, Prof Jakobus du Plessis tells that he is a native of Koekenaap, is employed in Stellenbosch and resides in Moorreesburg.

He also mentions that it is a great opportunity for him to talk to the agricultural community today, an environment where it is so easy to get negative, but also one of many opportunities, we just need to see and use it .

Kobus du Plessis talks about the water crisis and states that it is striking how quickly the agricultural sector is responding to a crisis. However, it is still worrying that most of the actions are reactive and not proactive. He also discusses the rainfall figures of the past few years and states that 2012 and 2016 were very good years. The amount of rain we get is unpredictable and is constantly changing and we need to adapt. According to Du Plessis, the infamous 'Dag Zero' campaign had the desired effect - though again reactive. However, everyone, even the rest of the world, was well aware of the crisis - but; is the drought gone now?

He also refers to the 'All Town Study' which predicts that our Municipalities will be facing huge deficits in the next 5-10 years. The biggest reason is the lack of civil engineers and the necessary expertise. Capacity in local authorities is crucial. He believes that current state institutions can only "manage" and not be able to make the decisions, so someone else has to be appointed to do so.

The role of local government institutions such as the CMAs and WHO is discussed as well as the responsibility of each of us to become involved and be part of the solution. Although the proposed CMAs have a very important role to play in local water management, we currently have only two functional agencies. Once again, an example of the Department's inability to make decisions.

It is therefore also important that the Water User Associations play an active role and their input is very important. Although water management in the WCWSS is not that simple, he believes that it is done very effectively in the Western Cape. It is also striking that the current drought has not been the worst for the past 100 years and the average annual rainfall over this period, as measured at the Steenbras Dam, remained fairly constant. He believes droughts will always be with us and that we will have to adapt and start using alternative resources.

Du Plessis also mentions that good and correct data is essential to enable us to make informed decisions. For him, as a researcher, however, the subject of climate change raises more questions than answers.

After answering a few questions from the meeting, Prof Du Plessis emphasizes that it is of vital importance that our solutions should be proactive and, if the Department of Water and Sanitation cannot do so, we will have to do it ourselves !

Adelize Fourie of Vinlab says that water in our country is a very scarce resource and that we need to manage our resources optimally. Vinlab has all the necessary knowledge and capacity to assist users with analyzes and guidelines. The wine industry is dependent on quick analyzes to enable them to make the right decisions. The drought has forced the wine industry to make use of other sources and it is therefore very important to analyze these alternative sources.

Mr Duimpie Baily thanked Prof Kobus du Plessis for a very interesting (and sometimes complicated) talk. He also mentions how significant it is that everything can recover so fast after a drought.

ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT

The following members are elected or re-elected to the management:

<i>Distrik / District</i>	<i>Uittredende lid</i>	<i>Nuwe nominasie / New nomination nomination</i>
<i>Stellenbosch Distrik</i>	<i>Francois Malan</i>	<i>Geen nuwe nominasie - deur die vergadering herkies</i>
	<i>Jannie Joubert</i>	<i>Geen nuwe nominasie - deur die vergadering herkies</i>
<i>Helderberg Distrik</i>	<i>Tjuks Roos</i>	<i>Geen nuwe nominasie - deur die vergadering herkies</i>
	<i>Jan Coetzee</i>	<i>Geen nuwe nominasie - word as Voorsitter herkies</i>
<i>Eersterivier Distrik</i>	<i>Roelie Joubert</i>	<i>Geen nuwe nominasie - deur die vergadering herkies</i>
<i>Landbou (Elsenburg)</i>	<i>André Roux</i>	<i>Ashia Petersen</i>
<i>Stellenbosch Mun</i>	<i>Dries van Taak</i>	<i>Adriaan Kurtz</i>

CONCLUSION

Mr Jan Coetzee thanks everyone for their interest and presence and emphasizes that there can always be relied on everyone's good cooperation. He also mentions that we are having a very difficult time and that management has awarded a one-time performance bonus to the staff. The meeting confirmed this gesture.

All members present are invited to enjoy some refreshments together. After that the meeting is adjourned.

