



**MINUTES OF THE OLD MUIRITE UNION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
31 MARCH 2022 AT 18H00 (South African Time) VIA ZOOM**

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice was read out by the President, Mr Andrew Binning (Class of 1988), that the Annual General Meeting of the Old Muirite Union for the year ending 31 December 2021 is being held via Zoom Meetings

WELCOME AND OBITUARIES

The President welcomed all who were in attendance.

The following have been noted as having passed away since the last AGM

NAME	YEAR
Graham Gradwell	1946
James vd Riet	1948
Herbert Loftie-Eaton	1948
Malcolm van Vuuren	1950
Daven Baxter	1953
Colin Hartman	1955
John Millson	1959
Roy Shamley	1960
Christopher Abbott	1961
David Hayes	1962
Christian Venter	1963
Bruce Gillmer	1964
Clive Shamley	1964
Lionel Prinsloo	1965
Rowan Swinnerton	1966
Allen Schultz	1983
Wayne Venter	1987
Kealeboga Bogatsu	1998
Thulisa Ncholu	2003
Nkosiyamntu Gawe	2015
Keegan Stokes	2015
Abongile Kula	2016
Bunny Seaford	
Neville Niemand	

ATTENDANCE

1. Andrew Binning (Chairman of the meeting, President of the OMU, Class of 1988, based in PE)
2. George Yerolemou (OMU Vice President, Class of 1987, based in PE)
3. Riaan Claassen (OMU Committee, Class of 1987, based in PE)
4. Mark Bakker (OMU Secretary, Class of 1988, based in PE)
5. Joel Katz (OMU Treasurer, Class of 1988, based in PE)
6. Robin Stephenson (School Headmaster. based in Uitenhage)
7. Leo Doria (OMU Committee, Honorary Old Muirite, based in PE)
8. Robbie Cairncross (Class of 1980)
9. Carl Harrison (Class of 1988, based in UK)
10. Alan Giese (Class of 1966, based in PE)
11. Nathan Dennis (Class of 2012, based in Bermuda)
12. Buchule Sibaca (Class of 2009, based in Cape Town)
13. Neil Hamp-Adams (Class of 1987, based in Dubai)
14. Mark Bradley (Class of 1982, based in PE)
15. Ryan Bhana (Class of 2001, based in PE)
16. Graham Hayward (Class of 1995, based in Uitenhage)
17. Eric Tuck (Class of 1975, based in PE)
18. Athol Pratt (Class of 1961, based in Pretoria)
19. Phakamani Nesi (Class of 2008, based in PE)
20. Ivan Beaumont (Class of 1970, based in St Francis Bay)
21. Robert Sharman (Class of 1971, based in PE)
22. Charles van Renen (Class of 1963, based in PE)
23. Philippe Rouvrais (Class of 1987, based in France)
24. Dave Hudson-Lamb (Class of 1978, based in Pretoria)
25. Geoffrey Hoppner (Class of 1996, based in PE)
26. Akona Maqwazima (Class of 2000, based in East London)
27. Patrick Mowatt (Class of 1980, based in Pretoria)
28. Josef Suti (Class of 2005, based in Sundays River)
29. Wendy Knott-Craig (OMU Manager, based in PE)

APOLOGIES

1. Brett Botten ((Class of 1982)
2. Craig Cuyler (Class of 1996)
3. Mark Beckett (Class of 1989)
4. Aubrey Cullum (Class of 1964)
5. Ross Heynes (Class of 2008)
6. Ricky Wedderburn (Class of 1977)
7. Lyntin Gouws (Class of 1998)
8. Guy Wates (Class of 1997)
9. Lucien van Heusden (Class of 1960)
10. Lloyd Thomson (Class of 1968)

PROXIES

1. Warwick Owen (Class of 1962)
2. Winston Rudman (Class of 2018)
3. Jonathan Hamp-Adams (Class of 1989)
4. Errol Bakker (Class of 1991)
5. Adrian Bakker (Class of 1993)
6. Zarrin Zehmke (Class of 1992)
7. Thomas Terblanche (Class of 2008)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 2021 AGM AND THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF 9 SEPTEMBER 2021

2021 Minutes Proposed by George Yerolemou, seconded by Patrick Mowatt

Special General Meeting Minutes Proposed by Neil Hamp-Adams, seconded by Robbie Cairncross

CORRESPONDENCE

There is no correspondence to raise

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. The President and Vice President of the OMU, along with the Gauteng Reps, visited Mr Bertie Cook on his 100th birthday. He is the oldest living Muirite that we are aware of.
2. In 2021 we had approximately 800 Old Muirites on our database, which has increased to just on 2000 in 2022 (confirmed email addresses)
3. In February 2021 Wendy Knott-Craig joined the OMU as Manager.
4. 2021 Saw the start of the Voluntary Donations which was used to cover the running costs of the OMU. The President thanked all who had contributed.
5. The OMU Website and social media platforms have improved and grown substantially.
6. The Muir Foundation was launched in April 2021 with the first legacy project being the Solar Panel project. This is drawing to a close now and more projects will be communicated going forward.
7. The dates for Founders' Week 2022 were announced and bookings for activities opened online in February 2022.
8. The OMU will be hosting Q&A Zoom sessions each month, until July, for any concerns, questions and queries that Old Muirites may have regarding Founders' Week 2022.
9. An Advisory Board for the Business Portal was formed with the gents becoming part of the OMU Leadership team.
10. Muirite Clubhouse – Mr Ronnie Louw, who used to run it on our behalf, resigned. Due to covid it has not been used to it's full capacity. Plans are in place going forward.
11. The President thanked the Headmaster and all educators and staff at Muir College for doing so well during trying times. Their commitment and support is much appreciated.
12. At the 2021 Special General Meeting the constitution was changed to include female teachers and staff to join the OMU.
13. The Friends of Muir concept to be launched this year. The idea is to extend the influence of Muir College to Muir supporters in the larger community (parents, families, corporates, etc.)
14. The OMU supplied each Matric student from 2021 an Old Muirite tie and welcomed them to the OMU.
15. Class reps have been finalised for about 90% of the classes, dating back to 1958 to 2021. These gents also form part of the OMU Leadership.
16. Old Boys who are based outside of South Africa were sent a questionnaire to gather information about them and their possible attendance at the 2022 Founders' Week. A lot of positive feedback was received.
17. Raising the profile of Muir College is one of the objectives of the OMU and the 200 Year Celebrations. We will be sharing messages of congratulations from various celebrities, schools, etc. via social media shortly.
18. The 200 Year Commemorative Book, Shout till the Rafters Ring, has been well received. Purchases can be done on the 2022 Founders' Week website.
19. The OMU President thanked the OMU Leadership for their commitment and he thanked the OMU Manger for her input.
20. The President's report was accepted by Robbie Cairncross and seconded by Buchule Sibaca.

TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME	64 415
Subscriptions	-
Net Projects/Bar Trading Income	-84 861
Annual Dinner	-
Golf Day	-
Rugby day	-
Monthly Contribution from Old Boy	136 045
Legacy Fund	-
Insurance Claim	-
Sponsorships - Afrisave/Potenza	-
Oil/CSI	-
Interest Received	131
Bursary fund donations	-
Hire of clubhouse	-
Donations from Old Boys/School	-
On line auction	13 100
Ties & Badges	-
Trivia Evening	-

EXPENDITURE	30 016
Bursary payments	-
Bad Debts - Afrisave	-
School support - Sports & awards	-
Bank charges	2 395
Repairs - Clubhouse	4 313
Insurance	6 208
O.M.U. Expenses	-11 093
advert	3 685
Ties	13 553
OMU Marketing/travel	-
Silver Sky	10 955
Postage and Stationery	-
Secretarial expenses	-

NET INCOME/ (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	34 399
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1. Nathan Dennis was thanked for auditing the books. Nathan is an Auditor at PWC in Bermuda.
2. Investments on Call Account: R16 672-00
3. Cash in the Bank: R50 341-00
4. Income statement: Need to update the Bar issues (expense and not income).
5. The Balance Sheet needs to be cleaned up and certain items addressed.
6. Liquor Licence Investment : a lawyer secured the rights to get it over a period of 4 to 5 years
7. Amortise Bar Licence over 5 years – the committee assessed it and it was a reasonable time period.
8. Voluntary Contributions @ R136k from approximately 120 Old Boys. The OMU were hoping for at least 10% of the Old Muirites making a contribution, but only 4% actually did.
9. Donations went via the Muir Foundation versus the OMU. This is the process going forward for all donations to the school.

10. No bequests were received this year.
11. Some funds were spent on the clubhouse to improve it for the various 200 year celebrations and events starting in January 2022.
12. The Muir Foundation pays the OMU a monthly admin fee.
13. A cell phone dedicated to the OMU was given to the OMU Manager.
14. Zoom licence to be amortised.
15. Carl Harrison offered to assist with any help required to clean up the financials.
16. Robert Sharman congratulated the OMU Committee on the online auction and hopes it will become a regular event.
17. Should any members request a copy of the financials, please contact either Andrew Binning (OMU President) or Joel Katz (Treasurer).
18. Financial report was accepted by Carl Harrison and seconded by Nathan Dennis.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

1. 2 Resignations received from OMU Committee members who have decided to withdraw from the Committee for now, namely Ross Heynes (moving to Cape Town) and Justin Fourie (moving to Johannesburg)
2. All current committee members are happy to continue on the committee.
3. 2 New Committee members were nominated, and they have accepted, namely Ryan Bhana and Phakamani Nesi.
4. Proposer: Philippe Rouvrais, Seconder: Robbie Cairncross

HONORARY LIFE VICE PRESIDENT

1. 2 Nominations received for the Honorary Life Vice President
2. Both gentlemen have been actively involved in the OMU for more than 20 years.
3. The 2 Gents are George Yerolemou (Class of 1987) and Riaan Claassen (Class of 1987)
4. No objections were received to these nominations
5. It was agreed and ratified that both George Yerolemou and Riaan Claassen are Honorary Life Vice Presidents.
6. George thanked the OMU for the nomination on behalf of himself and Riaan. He thanked Andrew Binning (OMU President), Robin Stephenson (Muir College Headmaster) and Wendy Knott-Craig (OMU Manager) for their hard work this past year.

GENERAL

1. Robert Sharman thanked Charles van Renen for putting together the Commemorative Book, which is an excellent book.
2. Robin Stephenson, headmaster of Muir College, thanked the OMU President, Exec and Committee for all their support to the school, especially the ties at the end of the year.
3. Robin Stephenson mentioned that Prof. Justin Jonas, and Old Muirite, will be giving a science lecture to schools in Nelson Mandela Bay at Muir College on 13 April 2022 as part of the 200 Year Celebrations.
4. Other 200 Year Celebrations hosted by the school this year include:
 - a. Cricket Festival in January
 - b. The launch of the Trevor Winer Resource Centre
 - c. The launch of the Commemorative Book
 - d. Hosting the Drakensberg Boys' Choir at Muir College.
5. Robbie Cairncross thanked Andrew Binning and Robin Stephenson for all their hard work in getting the OMU and Muir College to where it is today.

The meeting closed at 19h20