

# MINUTES OF THE OLD MUIRITE UNION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2023 AT 17H00 (South African Time) AT THE WALMER GOLF CLUB, PORT ELIZABETH / GQEBERHA

## **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 2022 is being held at this time.

# **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
Albert Boliter	1947
Anthony (Tony) Reid	1954
Theodore Donald	1954
Alwin La Trobe	1956
Roger Meyer	1957
Desmond Thompson	1957
Anthony Fouche	1959
Neville Rowe	1960
Ralph Watson	1961
Denis Pinnock	1961
Dave Cooper	1963
Kevin Smith	1963
Johan van Rooyen	1964
Brian Harris	1965
Richard Hargreaves	1966
Peter Butlion	1967
Bryan Erasmus	1970
Paul Saayman	1972
Alan Kees Jenner	1973
Mike Sinclair	1974
Anthony Bernstein	1979
Mark Crane	1985
Simon Groves	1986
Carl Hahn	1987
Bretton White	1989

Ewan Krain	1996
Thobile Koko	
Tshazibana	1997
Akhona Baliwe	2009
Shaun Jonga	2022

## **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)
- 3. Riaan Claassen (OMU Committee, Class of 1987)
- 4. Joel Katz (OMU Treasurer, Class of 1988)
- 5. Leo Doria (OMU Committee, Honorary Life Vice President)
- 6. Thomas Terblanche (OMU Committee, Class of 2008)
- 7. Ryan Bhana (OMU Committee, Class of 2001)
- 8. Michael Combrinck (Class of 1997)
- 9. Darryn Niemand (Class of 2005)
- 10. Mervyn Niemand (Class of 1977)
- 11. Aubrey Nell (Class of 1969)
- 12. Colin Every (Friend of Muir)
- 13. Kevin Glegg (Class of 1978)
- 14. Hugh Emslie (Class of 1962)
- 15. Vuyo Dyan (Class of 2007)
- 16. Phakamani Nesi (Class of 2008)
- 17. Clayton du Plooy (Class of 2005)
- 18. Pierre du Toi (Class of 1981)
- 19. Joel Swartz (Class of 1999)
- 20. Vincent Raepsaet (Class of 1996)
- 21. Terry Purcocks (Class of 1975)
- 22. Justin Brennan (Class of 1985)
- 23. Robert Blignault (Class of 1977)
- 24. Allan Konald (Class of 1989)
- 25. Gert van Wyk (Teacher)
- 26. Kolikile Ncula (Class of 1994)
- 27. Josef Suti (Class of 2005, based in Sundays River)
- 28. Wendy Knott-Craig (OMU Manager)
- 29. Geoffrey Hoppner (Class of 1996)
- 30. Nigel Fox (Class of 1972)
- 31. Kim vd Riet (Class of 1980)
- 32. Ashley Williams (Class of 1974)
- 33. Ian Krain (Class of 1965)
- 34. Peter Duminy (past teacher)
- 35. Neville Scott (Class of 1989)
- 36. Buntu Bam (Class of 2005)
- 37. Khwezi Mandabana (Class of 2009)
- 38. Neil Crawford (past Headmaster)
- 39. Gavin Viljoen (Class of 1975)
- 40. Afrika Mlahleki (Class of 1999)
- 41. Robert Sharman (Class of 1971)
- 42. Brenton Krain (Class of 2000)
- 43. Aydn Wilson (Class of 1982)
- 44. Sithembile Magwaca (Class of 1997)
- 45. Nick Wilmot (Class of 1967)

- 46. Winston Riggs (Class of 1957)
- 47. Bernhard Wolf (Class of 1987)
- 48. Dean Bosman (Class of 1999)
- 49. Glen Fourie (Class of 1975)
- 50. Grant van Greunen (Class of 1985)
- 51. Craig Dillon (Class of 1987)

# **APOLOGIES**

NAME	SURNAME	CLASS
David	Pegg	1973
David	Hickson	1963
Anthony	Kennelly	1962
Stephen	Medcalf	1969
Allan	Streaton	1969
Lucien	van Heusden	1962
Mike	Green	1961
David	Geard	1960
George	Winship	1983
Bun	Hopley	Past Headmaster
Warwick	Owen	1962
Mark	Bakker	1988
Lyntin	Gouws	1998
Arnold	Niemand	1973
Keith	Clarke	1972
Zarrin	Zehmke	1992
David	Francis	Teacher
Frank	McFarlane	1986
Charles	van Renen	1963
Mark	Manlee	1988
Craig	Dunnington	1996
Duncan	Evert	1997
Brent	Krain	2000
Terry	Bilson	1987
Jos	Blow	1988
Shane	Louw	1988
Ernie	Trennery	Past Teacher
Geoffrey	Collier	1986
Grant	Botten	1984
Wayne	Puffett	1984
Mike	Mc Naughton	1976
Delme	Redcliffe	2001
lan	Clunnie	1952

# **PROXIES**

1. None received

# **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 2022 AGM 31 MARCH 2022**

Proposed: Thomas Terblanche (Class of 2008) Seconded: Geoffrey Hoppner (Class of 1996)

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

There is no correspondence to raise

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- 1. The leadership within the OMU has grown to include National Representatives, International Representatives, Business Portal Advisory Board and Class Representatives.
- 2. The 200 year celebrations were organised by the Old Muirite Union.
- 3. 9 Events were held over the 6 days.
- 4. Approximately 1000 Old Muirites attended
- 5. The finances from the 200 Year Celebrations were managed by The Muir Foundation.
- 6. Database: There are currently 5473 Old Muirites on the Database, of which 4118 are "active" (from 1959 2022). 348 from this timeframe are deceased. There are only 2349 email addresses on file, which needs to increase in order to communicate with all Old Muirites.
- 7. The OMU Newsletter is published on a quarterly basis. All articles are welcome
- 8. The Old Muirite Union now has 4 social media platforms: Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube.
- 9. The Muirite Clubhouse is underutilised by the Old Muirite Union, with Muir College using it on a regular basis for sporting events.
- 10. 200 Year clothing and memorabilia was sold over Founders' Week
- 11. Focus on improving The Business Portal which is situated on the website. It is an ideal opportunity to network with each other and support each other's businesses.
- 12. The OMU Financial model was shared showing a budgeted R250,000-00 required annually to run the OMU professionally. Costs include OMU Manager, insurance, liquor licence, Alumnet, Website, valedictory ties, social events. Ways to bring in funds include annual voluntary contributions by the Old Muirites, a monthly contribution from The Muir Foundation, online auction.
- 13. The Muir Foundation: The OMU Manager does the Administration work for The Muir Foundation. The Solar Project was the first project for the Foundation. From these funds a donation will be given to Muir College for the upgrade of the Gymnasium. Further funds will be used for bursaries. Muir College to supply a list of projects needed in order to effectively keep the school a school of choice.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

R 75 692,98	
R -	
-R 11 360,50	
R -	
R -	
R -	
R 44 861,88	
R -	
R -	
R -	
R 1222,52	
R -	
R -	
R 30 000,00	
R 10 969,08	

Ties & Badges		
Trivia Evening	R	-

EXPENDITURE R 71 201,75

Bursary payments		
Bad Debts - Afrisave	R -	
School support - Sports & awards	R -	
Bank charges	R 1675,96	
Repairs - Clubhouse	R 2 178,00	
Insurance	R 6 226,94	
O.M.U. Expenses	R 28 495,06	
advert	R 8 062,50	
Ties	R 6681,50	
OMU Marketing/travel	R 2724,79	
Silver Sky	R 12 052,00	
Non capatlized assets	R 3 105,00	
Postage and Stationery	R -	
Secretarial expenses	R -	

NET INCOME/ (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR R 4 491,23

- 1. No income from the Muirite Clubhouse as it has not been rented out since 2020.
- 2. The Old Muirite Union requires more Old Muirites to contribute voluntarily each year.
- 3. Investments on Call Account: R16,000-00
- 4. Cash in the Bank: R81,000-00
- 5. Toshiba is very keen to become involved in supporting Muir College, which still needs to be finalised.
- 6. It was suggested that we ask the Life Members to contribute annually, if they are not currently doing so.
- 7. It was suggested that the OMU approaches Old Muirites to place adverts in the quarterly Newsletter, or if they could sponsor pages of the newsletter.
- 8. Bequest project was announced whereby Old Muirites are encouraged to leave some of their estate to the OMU / The Muir Foundation.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

- 1. 2 Resignations received from OMU Committee members: George Yerolemou (Vice President) and Riaan Claassen
- 2. 2 New Committee members were nominated. There were no objections to these nominees. They were proposed by Neville Scott and Seconded by George Yerolemou. Welcome Afrika Mlahleki(Class of 1999) and Jason Henman (class of 1995)
- 3. All current committee members are happy to continue on the committee.

### HONORARY LIFE VICE PRESIDENT

- 1. No nominations were received.
- 2. All current Honorary Life Vice Presidents are eligible to attend the committee meetings as and when they wish to.

The meeting closed at 18h00, followed by guest speaker, Vernon Naidoo of the VW Trust.