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**DE WATERKANT CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

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**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

HELD ON MARCH 27, 2018 18h00,

ROCKWELL HOTEL

**Management Committee:**

**Present**

- Ian McMahon,
- Garth Psaradelis
- Annelien Loots
- Gary de Klerk
- Deon de Wet
- David Adams

**Apologies**

Theo Nortje

**Official representation**

- Norbert Furnon-Roberts, CPF REPRESENTATIVE
- Marius Swanepoel, CID

**DWCA members/members of the community**

Niels Colesky	Tobin Shackleford	Edma Collison
Kris Rossouw	Anders Hoglund	Lars Hedberg
Edma Colliston	A. Loots	Dave Nel
Karen Muller	Mark Wuger	Mary Bailey
Deon Redman	David Adams	Gregoire Fontaine
Burger Viljoen		

### **1. Welcome & thanks**

The chair welcomed attendees.

### **2. Acceptance of Previous Minutes**

The previous minutes were nominated by Deon De Wet and Seconded by Garth Psaradelis and thus accepted as posted on the website

### **3. The Chairman's Report**

The chairman, Ian McMahon gave his report – a copy of which is found attache hereto

### **4. Amendments to the constitution**

The following 2 clauses, with finer wording to be confirmed were put forward to be voted into the DWCA constitution:

- a) To extend the North border of the DWCA boundary area, from Somerset street to Prestwich street, meaning that our borders shall be Buitengracht in the West, Strand & High Level in the south, and Boundary to the west.
- b) To add a line to the constitution that reads similar to: Membership of the organisation is open to everyone as per the constitution, meaning anyone living, renting, owning or doing business in the community boundary however, the management committee will not elect onto its MC, any member who are local commercial developers, in the business of commercial development or are generic developers (Other than their private households) in the area.

Motion put forward by Ian McMahon, seconded by Deon De wet and passed

### **5. Presentation of the Finances**

The income statement as read out by the chair, as attached to these minutes. Ian reports that Theo Nortje – who leaves us this year as he moved out of the area – says we are financially looking sound.

Income was up at R26,497 rand and expenses lower at R10,931 – meaning that we had a surplus of R15,566 rand this fiscal. 2 years back, we also placed all our cash into a 32 day call account bearing good interest, and we have a cash reserve of R116,486 – and earned good interest of R7,717 this year.

A copy of the P & L is attached hereto. The financials were accepted as put forward by Ian McMahon, seconded by Deon De wet

It is also hereby recorded that The role of treasurer has opened up and that those persons voted in are to be added to the bank mandate, and Theo removed. The credit card is to be obtained for both the new treasurer and deputy treasurer.

The new postbox has been obtained and the new postal address is to be updated at the bank, Nedbank also.

## **6. Election of new committee**

The following persons were elected onto the committee for the following year, term ending in March 2019

- a) Annalien Loots
- b) Burger Viljoen
- c) David Adams
- d) Deon De Wet
- e) Deon Redman
- f) Garth Psaradelis
- g) Gary De Klerk
- h) Helet Merklings
- i) Ian McMahan
- j) Mark Wuger

## **7. Positions of the committee**

The positions of the committee are attached hereto

## **8. Closing**

The meeting was closed at 19h25 and everyone thanks for their time. The Rockwell Hotel was thanked for the available venue offered in 2017/8

## DWCA Chairman's Report 2017/18

The 2017 year has been a difficult one for us. With a few MC Members leaving us for other shores or moving out of the area, we were all under much pressure to give the time needed to manage the organisation – given that our lives and the world out there has more pressure in it, people are working harder than they have ever done and the country has been going thru a long hard cold winter. On a better note, President Cyril Ramaphosa said South Africa will face “tough decisions” as it works to repair its economy after years of stagnation, in a sobering State of the Nation address in February that sought to draw a line in the sand after the turbulent governance of the previous administration. Hailing a “new dawn” as his go-to philosophy, the new President filled the country with an air of hope and possibility that we have not felt in a long while, whilst pledging his government to “policy certainty and consistency”. Our local government went thru a period of turmoil with accusations and counter accusations, with not many of us laymen knowing what was going on, with the power plays and a feeling of unwell that doesn't help our confidence in the management of our City. Add to this period of uncertainty, we have been living in period characterised by the worst drought our city has ever seen. It's not over yet, and we too seek to implore residents to save water, shower in buckets and do what we can. We as the DWCA are also cognisant of those accommodation businesses in our area that have come under financial pressure due to cancelled bookings from guests not wanting or knowing enough about the drought to risk a vacation to Cape Town. We hope that the City, Provincial and National Government stop the finger pointing and work to find solutions to the water supply issues going forward.

As a **community-led civic body** we are asked to determine the Community view and response to items such as developments and Building plans, Renovation designs, to Noise issues, Parking constraints, Events and the regular Crime and Grime problems encountered in our area. As a committee, as I have mentioned before – we don't always agree on every point – but we have always found a way to work together for the common good and find a path of mutual respect and understanding.

The Greek philosopher and scholar Heraclitus said: *“There is nothing permanent except change”*, we too are in a flux of our own **change** – never before have we had such development, the sizes of which fills many of us with the fear that our quaint village community is being goggled up by more and more of these monster developments. Whilst the City has its densification policy, we ask if our quiet streets can take any more of these huge buildings. We all know that the City's traffic has got worse and worse and this affects our streets to.

In saying that, we have to work with these developments, having them just disappear is a utopian unrealistic view, we need to push the envelope as much as we can, within the limits of the zoning and land use management - and work toward the best we can do in these developments, including meeting the various administrative departments, Heritage etc

Garth, along with David and Gary report from the **Built Environment Sub-committee** that we certainly had our challenges this year. We all know and were shocked last year at the collapse of the wall at Classic Revivals next to 32 Napier when the lateral support did not do its job. We have all been affected by the closure of Napier street for the underground parking this past year. We have also been in these past few years, subjected to the building of Capital Mirage Building on Chiapinni, the 32 Napier street build and its later noisy works issues, the Ingenuity building on Strand street, The Signatura building in Cobern across Somerset. On top of that, we all know too well, what's coming still is: Sujean's Somerset Square 2 development, The CQ1 residential component presented to us last month and finally Signatura's "The Quarter" Development in De Smidt street recently launched for sales. More on that one later but what is key is that although developments will come – we have to work harder to protect our area, work with Heritage WC and create a better understanding of what makes De Waterkant what it is. It is the cobbled streets, the European styled cottages, the Edwardian design and architecture – and we need a think-tank and better consultative work, methods and outcomes – in order to understand exactly how we are to protect these 9 special streets.

We also mentioned last year that we had been to a few meetings of the Development Action Group held by the Cape Town Civics Conversation. Not much has happened since, and we were also understaffed ourselves and more work needs to be done here.

An area always causing tension is the **Events, Film and Noise Sub Committee**. Gary and I had our hands rather full with events and noise recently. We have had the usual complaints regarding noisy neighbours in particular some of the commercial tenants around De Smidt street, building noise and the like. The Cape Town Carnival was held Saturday last and the DWCA worked very hard with them to prevent a repeat of the congestion and lunacy that highlighted last year's carnival. The road blocks were setup and monitored, security deployed and in the main – it was the best result for us residents and zero mini bus taxis screaming through our street or people parking in our driveways. There were some issues in Boundary road and the graphic photos show that this area needs to be better policed next time, but a vast improvement on last year.

Whilst talking about **cars and parking**, we managed to get the loading bays changed due to the closure of Napier street, as a starting point to the TMP. This project has stalled and Deon and I chatted recently that we need to work harder, push the TCT and get this back on track. With the new developments, the developers need to put hands in pockets to fund the plan of our traffic flow, add lights if needed and come up with a transport plan to present to you all for approval. This includes the street paid-parking solution to free up our street. Just this week, I heard of a Call centre that operates somewhere in De Smidt street that has 50 of its own Parking bays but staff with 100

cars – with those 50 extra cars parking daily on our pavements and driveways. We commit to make this one of our tick box projects this year.

**Communication** has also fallen off the desk since Heather's departure – and this is something we really need to get better at this year. What was evidenced recently was that very few of the home owners received the Carnival Vehicle permit placed in their postboxes, nor received word of it in electronic form – so we need a drive to get every resident on our facebook group, drive better communication – which aids our membership and gets more people talking and interacting.

**Safety and Security** in the main has seen a marginally better year than the last, not that we are to become complacent. The need to be vigilant – especially with so much building work currently underway in our area is needed. We have for so long asked no, pleaded with our neighbours to place the bins out on a Friday morning to help assist with managing the vagrants rummaging thru bins – please can we all be aware of the issues around this topic from a crime scoping, to the cleaning situation please. We as a community also need to help in all regards and have been requested to alert ALL suspicious behaviour to the Patrol Car on 0822 143 228.

The fence around our **park** was finished but alas the drought has now turned it into a Max Max style cross country sand pit. Let's hope for good rains in the coming winter.

From a Financial aspect, Theo – who leaves us this year as he moved out of the area – says we are financially looking sound. Income was up at R26,497 rand and expenses lower at R10,931 – meaning that we had a surplus of R15,566 rand this fiscal. 2 years back, we also placed all our cash into a 32 day call account bearing good interest, and we have a cash reserve of R116,486 – and earned good interest of R7,717 this year.

We have representatives aka Annalien at various City meetings, and that is ongoing as Cllr Dave Bryant settles into his new **ward 115** – almost doubling in size from previous. We need a better approach meet with Cllr Bryant more often as clearly his new role has left him less time – and we are to work harder to get our points made across to his desk better and more regularly.

I have said previously, but there are times when we thank the City for their outstanding work and response to service calls and there are moments when we hair out our hair and throw objects at walls as the City's performance has been found wanting – nevertheless – as we move forward, the responsibility remains on our shoulders, as citizens, as partners in ensuring we are part of the process to change the service we want and expect. This is our responsibility. It's up to us to make the change, to assist with the administration and logging, to do our bit and help make the DWCA's area and our joined democracy work. Next year is an election year – we propose that we all do what is needed, hoping that the other have plays ball. Winston Churchill said "*Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.*" We hope to have new abundant energy and assistance this year from members of the community and the courage to carry on.

I'd like to take this moment to thank the outgoing Management Committee for the hours and work, emails and time that has aided our community and village – we have a few new names coming on, some old faces joining again and we hope that we will work hard for you, for ourselves and for De Waterkant

Aluta Continua and thank you!

Ian McMahon

Public DWCA Meetings			
June	Public Meeting	Tuesday	5th June
September	Public Meeting	Tuesday	4th Sept
December	Public Meeting	Tuesday	4th December
March 19	Public Meeting	Tuesday	5th March

Management Committee Meetings			
April	ManCo Meeting	Tuesday	3rd April
May	ManCo Meeting	Tuesday	1st May
July	ManCo Meeting	Tuesday	3rd July
August	ManCo Meeting	Tuesday	7th August
October	ManCo Meeting	Tuesday	2nd October
November	ManCo Meeting	Tuesday	6th Nov
February 19	ManCo Meeting	Tuesday	5th February

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<b>Elected ManCo Positions 2018 :</b>	<b>Main Contact</b>	<b>Assisted by</b>	<b>and</b>
Chair	Ian McMahan		
Secretary & Communication + I.T	Mark Wuger	Garth Psaradelis	
Treasurer	Gary De Klerk	Ian McMahan	
Membership & Community	Mark Wuger	Burger Viljoen	
Built Environment	Garth Psaradelis	Deon Redman	Gary De Klerk
Events, Film and Noise +Liq Lic.	Gary De Klerk	Ian McMahan	Deon Redman
Streets, Parking & Traffic	Deon De Wet	David Adams	Ian McMahan
Safety & Cleaning + Parks	David Adams	Burger Viljoen	Deon De Wet
City & Civic Liasion	Annie Loots		
Legal Counsel	Helet Merklng		

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**DE WATERKANT CIVIC ASSOCIATION****INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2018**

	2018	2017
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>26,497</b>	<b>23,297</b>
Receipts from members	18,780	19,000
Interest received	7,717	4,297
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>10,931</b>	<b>15,761</b>
Accounting fees	570	456
Bank charges	826	242
Christmas gratuity - Blossom	-	500
Consultation with Town Planner	-	2,462
Meeting expenses, including A.G.M.	7,540	10,174
P O Box rental	350	380
Printing / Photocopies	1,645	1,000
Website usage	-	547
<b>PROFIT for the year</b>	<b>R 15,566</b>	<b>R 7,536</b>

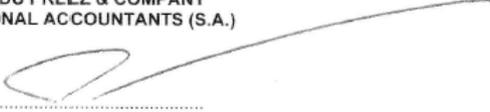
**BALANCE SHEET AT 28 FEBRUARY 2018**

	2018	2017
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash at bank	9,849	18,528
Cash on savings account	-	22,044
32-day Call account	106,637	63,418
	<b>R 116,486</b>	<b>R 103,990</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b>		
Accumulated surplus at beginning of year	99,894	92,358
Profit for the year	15,566	7,536
Accumulated surplus at end of year	115,460	99,894
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Receipts from members in advance	1,026	4,096
Account payable	1,026	3,640
	<b>R 116,486</b>	<b>R 103,990</b>

We have prepared the above financial statements from information furnished to us and we confirm that they are in agreement therewith. We have not conducted an audit.

In common with similar organisations, it is not feasible to institute accounting controls over cash prior to the initial entry of such cash in the accounting records of the Association. Accordingly, it was not possible for us to extend our examination beyond the receipts actually recorded.

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PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS (S.A.)

per 

CAPE TOWN  
26 March 2018

Consultant: Alvin Harry Woolf C.A. (S.A.)

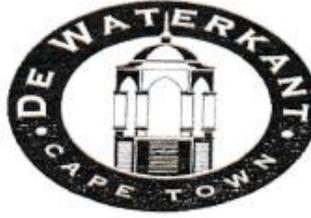
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Annual General Meeting

Rockwell Hotel

Tuesday, 27 March 2018

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