

**MINUTES OF THE FRIENDS OF C.A.R.E. AGM HELD ON THURSDAY,
23 Aug 2018 at 51 Voortrekker Street, McGregor at 3.30 p.m.**

1. **Welcome** – A good attendance of 22 - Roger Verrall welcomed everyone and asked them to sign the register. See <http://www.mcgregor.co.za/friends-of-care.html>
2. **Apologies** were noted and recorded.
Myrna Robins, Karen Ward, Francis Doering, Sally Longden, Paula Blomkamp, Margie Deegan, Helen Wrankmore.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 19 July 2017 previously circulated shortly after that meeting were accepted as correct – proposed by James Binos and seconded by Keith Poole.
4. **Chairman's Report**
 - a) We are now a fully registered NPO & PBO – donors receive maximum tax benefits.
 - b) McGregor Animal Outreach facility on Del's farm – vets come to McGregor – saving costs by not travelling to Robertson – thanks to Del, Marlen and volunteers, Helen McClean and assistant Melissa do a lot of work free of charge – only drugs paid for by Friends of CARE.
Clinics held once every 6 weeks – working well.
 - c) Bank Account changed from Standard to Nedbank – savings on decreased charges and income on investments higher.
 - d) Pat Werdmuller has closed WAR officially. Solara Wines (Pat Werdmuller) contributes R5,000 per month to Friends of CARE. Thanks to the Werdmuller family for their support over the years. Del now doing all the work for CARE – officially registered and working with Dr Helen McClean.
 - e) Thanks to Marilyn & the Committee members for CARE calendar – raises R20,000-00 yearly.
5. **The Finance Report** – The audited finance report was presented and is available for inspection. Pam Verrall thanked monthly contributors for regular income. A generous donation from Karen Ward was most appreciated.
Del's hard work resulted in funding from Dances with Dogs and Langeberg Municipality. Rolf Angst and other donors were also thanked – donations resulted in the setting up of the wendy house for the Outreach Unit.
Marianne Saddington's swimming resulted in a donation of R1,040-00.
Janet Forrester knitted a door stop dog which was raffled successfully.
Marilyn Poole proposed thanks to all and especially Pam for the accurate books.
Anne Binos was also thanked for the setting of the calendar – weeks of work.
Martin Thomas was also thanked for his contribution in printing the calendar at no charge
6. **The WAR Report** from Del Jones was positive (copy available – see link on CARE website <http://www.mcgregor.co.za/friends-of-care.html>) – in the past we delivered dogs to Robertson for sterilisations and collected them the next day at a discounted price of R480+ We did 60 sterilisations - R40,000-00 plus time plus after hours work– wear and tear on vehicle.
At last year's AGM Val Wilson suggested we get our own Steri Unit and we set up a regular vet etc.- the committee agreed and we have had great support from Dr Helen McClean of Cornerstone Vets. Since Feb 2018 we have had four Steri Days – 71 animals at a cost of R40,000 – averages out at R2,800-00 per day – thanks to all volunteers. In summer we will be able to do more.
Thanks to Stephanie who raised funds for the paper towel roll holder and lights for the surgery. Cornerstone Vets provide 2 vets free, 1 assistant free, 1 trainee vet nurse assistant free and their own anaesthetic machine and gas free as well as steri kits.
Soon we will be self sufficient.

An Anaesthetic machine costs R30,000-00 - Dr Helen McClean is so passionate about animal welfare – she organised a walk and raised R21,000 towards a portable anaesthetic machine which costs R25,000-00.

James Binos proposed a huge vote of thanks to Pat Werdmuller for her pioneering work in helping to set up Friends of CARE nearly a decade ago, and all the support over the years provided by WAR and to Del Jones for leading the animal welfare activities in McGregor.

Tony Saddington commented that with the Outreach success story we should capitalise and show the need for a bigger grant for equipment.

6. **The WAR Report / Cont....**

Del answered that Langeberg Municipality a) have a grant in aid for 3 years.

b) we can't increase the grant – not an official pound

like the SPCA who get R100,000-00. Del is a registered inspector. Mary Silver funded a mass sterilisation (500 dogs in Khayelitsha) with funds raised by Dances with Dogs and is now asking for R10,000-00 for sterilisation drugs – the submission is in.

Tony suggested we have stands at the Artscape venue next week for Friends of CARE.

Next year we should sell T-shirts or have mugs printed for sale.

7. **Acceptance of these reports** – Proposed Tony Saddington, seconded Bridgett Rose.
8. **Appointment of Auditor** - Unanimous confirmation of the re-appointment of the auditor, essential in terms of our PBO status, W. Barnard who continues to charge us a special rate. Proposed Tony Saddington, seconded Keith Poole.
9. **Thanks** – covered in Point 5. Above.
10. **Election of Committee Members** – Hazel Robertson, Robbie van den Heuwel, Del Jones and Pat Warren were nominated but Pat declined.

The elected committee is:

Roger Verrall, Pam Verrall, Del Jones, Marilyn Poole, Anne Binos, Marlen van Wyk, Margie Deegan, Robbie van den Heuwel and Hazel Robertson.

11. **General** –
 - a) My School – via Woolworths – generating under R500 per month (average this year has been R470.00 per month) – spread the word to friends, send out a message when we reach 100 sterilisations, Anne to share on Friends of CARE Facebook page.
 - b) My Planet Promo in October 2018 – sign up without the usual R18 cost per card – Marilyn doing a promo at Worcester Mountain Mill Mall – volunteers needed to go with Marilyn. Tony Saddington said My Planet has material – send out customised stuff.
 - c) Val Wilson suggested tins be used at coffee mornings / book clubs for R1 donations.
 - d) Marilyn Poole has tins for placement at restaurants etc.
12. **Any other business** – A big thanks to No 51 Voortrekker Street for the AGM venue.

Pat Warren proposed a vote of thanks to Bridget Rose for her blankets and quilts made from old towels and material scraps used at Outreaches for keeping recovering animals warm.

Meeting ended at 4.30 pm.

22 Attendees:

Rachel Jenkins
Colin Burden
Marlen van Wyk
Kat Mansell
Anne Binos
Keith Poole

Jimmy Binos
Marilyn Poole
Patricia Warren
Margaret Milne
Carol Smith
Christine Lawley

Roger Verrall
Hazel Robertson
Geoff Neil
Val Wilson
Ernest Blomkamp

Pam Verrall
Del Jones
Tony Saddington
Bridgett Rose & Sophie
Rob van den Heuwel