

**MINUTES OF THE FRIENDS OF C.A.R.E. AGM HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
19 July 2017 at How Bazaar, 44 Voortrekker Street, McGregor at 5.30 p.m.**

1. Roger Verrall welcomed everyone and asked them to sign register.
2. Apologies were noted and recorded.
3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 17th August 2016 previously circulated shortly after that meeting were accepted as correct – proposed by Keith Poole and seconded by Val Wilson,
4. Chairman's Report
 - a) This year we have been able to implement a suggestion made at the last AGM that the time be changed to the end of the afternoon. This has been made possible by the hospitality of How Bazaar and many thanks to Frans and Barbara Jacobs.
Pat Werdmuller very generously donated a few bottles of her excellent Solara Sauvignon Blanc for us to enjoy. Many thanks, Pat.
 - b) Once again, we are indebted to Pat and her team for the huge amount of work achieved by her Werdmuller Animal Rescue (better known as WAR). A link to that report was also included in the original notice of this AGM, as well as the follow-up reminder, and Del is here to cover the highlights and answer questions.
 - c) General fund-raising has continued, with several live shows, regular book sales by Marlen and a new edition of the calendar. The audited financial report was circulated with the notice of the meeting and Pam's financial summary will go into details in a few minutes.
 - d) The Lotto application has not progressed because of a government announcement that animal charities would no longer be considered eligible for support. Should that change, the matter can be raised again.
 - e) The Woolworth My School/My Planet card has been raising up to R800 a month but has now drastically dropped. Roger urged everyone to talk to their friends, families and business associates to encourage them to use the card. It costs them nothing but makes a great deal of difference to the welfare of our local animals.

Proposer and seconder for the Chairman's Report ...Marlen van Wyk and Christine Lawley

5. The Finance Report from Pam Verrall was discussed – we are R100-00 up on previous 2016 figures – no loss, no gain. Copies of the Financial Report are available from Pam Verrall on request – e-Mail sheepstor@telkoms.net

Due to the high Bank Charge fees it was suggested that Pam Verrall investigate opening a Capitec account and draw up a new Constitution so we can apply for NPO status as soon as possible which will enable us to apply for funding urgently. Atholl Hay has offered help in this regard – this resolution was proposed as accepted by Val Wilson and seconded by Keith Poole.

Financial Report proposed as accepted by Margie Deegan and seconded by Christine Lawley.

6. 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 was proposed by Marlen van Dyk and seconded by Val Wilson.
7. The WAR report from Del Jones was positive – see online link https://gallery.mailchimp.com/4cf223ed33ab72cc37ffe6eb4/files/b3077647-06cb-4a22-b43e-468a232928de/WAR_AGM_report_2016_2017.pdf

A discussion regarding a proposal for a regular facility for Animal Welfare Work assisted by a vet on a part-time basis e.g. a wooden Wendy Hut – 7.2m x 3m - with flooring, water and a partition for drugs to be placed on a farm – budget about R20,000-00 enabling savings on vet's fees and drug costs.

Dog & cat food could also be sold from here at a profit for fund raising. People who would qualify as "indigent" would have to earn less than R6,000-00 per month to be assisted at the facility. It would have to be registered with SAVC at an annual cost of R1,500-00.

A quarterly newsletter could be sent out regarding fund raising and treatments etc. – Del will give quarterlies to Anne to send out.

Del Jones, as asked by Keith Poole, would provide figures on cost savings. Committee would have a special meeting soon to decide on expenditure and the way forward.

8. Marilyn Poole had a list of special thanks –

- a) The sale of books by Marlen – very successful and the idea to sell from The Dragonfly Studio is a fantastic opportunity.
- b) Martin Thomas for the printing of the calendar free of charge – equates to a donation of at least R4,000-00
- c) Donations from :
 - Several Temenos Quiz proceeds
 - Rolf Angst's Jazz Concert at Tanagra, supported by several local musicians.
 - Bridget Rose's general sales
 - Brenda Hendriks specially made cat boxes and blankets
 - Donations of collars, leads & bowls from a number of generous villagers.

9. Election of office bearers.

The present committee of Roger Verrall (chairman), Pam Verrall (vice-chairman and hon. financial secretary), Anne Binos (hon. secretary), Marilyn Poole (fund-raiser) and members Colin Burden and Bridget Rose were unanimously re-elected and Margie Deegan volunteered to join. Proposed as accepted by Val Wilson and seconded by Marlen van Wyk.

10. General

Backyard breeding and dog fighting. Posters to be displayed regarding the R40,000-00 fine and members encouraged NOT to buy from backyard breeders. Del Jones to liaise with SPCA regarding posters.

11. There being no other business to discuss, the meeting ended at 7 p.m.

The meeting closed with thanks again to Frans and Barbara for the venue and to Pat for the wine.