



Annual General Meeting 2021

Minutes of the AGM held by the Maritzburg College Old Boys' Association held at 18:00 on Thursday the 22nd of April in the College Board Room as well as via Zoom.

1. Opening and Welcome

The President welcomed all to the meeting at 18:00.

1.1. Notice of meeting:

Notice was given on the 22nd of May 2021, well within the time required by the Constitution for adequate notice. It was noted that a Quorum had been met at 18:08.

1.2. Apologies & confirmation of attendance:

A list of attendees has been compiled and is attached.

Apologies accepted from: David Randles (69), Ngcebo Thembela (03), Bryan McKay (64), Roland Stone (62), Neville Kain (74), Craig Gibson (89), Russell Frank Sobey (73), Clive McDonald (62), Hugh Gardner (65), Carl Freyer (70), Dean Wright (61), Barry Bateman (48), Bryn Elliot (85), Craig Gibson (89), Andrew Soden (91), Craig Buxton-Foreman (91), Edric Pascoe (84), Warren Smith (91)

2. Obituaries and a moment of silence

Names were submitted by the President and a moment's silence was held in respect of those fallen OCs.

The following corrections were requested to the data held for deceased OCs:

- i. Trevor Wormington died last year and did not matriculate in 1983, he would have matriculated in 1980 had he stayed at College
- ii. Gary Myburgh (1977) added

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The previous minutes were tabled and taken as read. Gary Banfield (*GB*) (Class of 1988) and seconder Grant Sayers (*GS*).

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4. Matters Arising

4.1 100M4C – the mandate is still active until end 2021, there has not been an opportune time yet to make donation due to the 100M4 College being on hold, and little/no events happening.

5. President's Report

The President tabled his report. This is attached.

A message of thanks was given, followed by a report on changes the Association had undergone as well as plans for the upcoming year.

No further comments were made.

6. Finance

The President hands over to Gary Banfield (*GB*) (Class of 1988) as member of the Exec responsible for the finance portfolio, supported by the Honourable Treasurer, Grant Sayers (*GS*) (Class of 2005).

GB confirms that the financials were sent to all those OCs attending the AGM who requested the documentation, and that he will be going over these at a high level:

- I. Subs for 2020 R480K – in line with 2019 which is good
- II. Other income (functions, donations) – down in 2020 due to Covid
- III. Costs – well managed in 2020
- IV. Surplus of R165K made
- V. Investments grew by R93K
- VI. Finished the year with a surplus of R260K, big improvement on 2019 (which contained severance costs)

GB continued to go through the balance sheet confirming it is a strong, solid balance sheet free from liabilities.

GB confirmed that R300K was donated towards rugby development at Maritzburg College and reminded that the MCOBA has been mandated to become a Legacy Donor of the 100M4College Campaign. A special AGM will need to be held in time if the mandate is approved to proceed with the donation.

GB appealed to all OCs to pay their subs and highlighted the importance of subs in order to operate and to grow.

GB concluded that the audited financials had been accepted and approved by the Exec and requested that his report be tabled and accepted at the AGM. Furthermore, GB asked that GC Ford continue to be instructed as the MCOBA auditors going forward.

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The President opened up the discussion for questions:

1. Richard Ford (*RF*) (Class of 1982) congratulated all involved in presenting positive numbers and in a timeous fashion. He further asked where the funds donated to the Rugby Fund (R300K) had originated.

The President responded, confirming that a small amount came from an existing Rugby and Hockey fund, and the bulk came from the Weiner Fund as managed by Bruce Lesur (*BL*) (Class of 1989). The President confirmed that each contributor to the Weiner fund had been contacted and had approved the allocation of funds. Moreover, that the Weiner Project has been reinvigorated with a 2021 strategy lead by BL and supported by College Business.

RF thanked the President for his response but reminded that the Weiner Project was originally started and mandated to support Old Boys' sons where there was financial constraint, as opposed to benefiting a Rugby Fund.

The President noted RF's concern and stated that a resolution had been passed at the Exec level to make this donation, and that every single donor to the Weaner fund to date, had been approached by BL.

RF accepts this with the caveat that going forward, Old Boy sons be considered in benefitting from these funds.

There were no further questions.

The President suggested that the financials are taken as adopted, as is the proposal that GC Ford remain the MCOBA Auditors:

Proposer: Andrew Clayton (*AC*) (Class of 1991)

Secunder: Peter Rodseth (*PR*) (Class of 1975)

Motion passed.

6.1 Trust Report

The Chairman of the Trust, Martin Hellberg (*MH*) (Class of 1975) presented a summary of the Trust Report which had been shared in advance of the meeting.

No further questions

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6.2 Appointment of the Trustee

The President confirmed that the MCOBA Exec, in consultation with the current Trustees, PR and MH, have nominated Sven Jager (*SJ*) (Class of 1973) to be the MCOBA Trustee in place of MH who has reached the end of his term.

There were no objections.

Motion Passed.

7. Patron's Report

The President confirmed that a Patron's Report is not usually presented at the MCOBA AGM, but that the Patron has been invited to do so, due to extenuating circumstances.

The Patron presented a report from the School's perspective over the last year, which was also tabled and circulated.

8. Proposed Changes to the Constitution

The President referred to the changes which were circulated in advance of the AGM:

- I. Ability to hold AGMs as virtual meetings
- II. Exec members to be able to hold office for a 3-year term
- III. Increased security to database
- IV. Changes to requirements to be nominated as an Honorary Life Member

MH Notes the following changes which must be made and it is confirmed that they shall be made:

- a. Clause 22.1 refers to "*Club*" which should read "*Association*"
- b. Clause 17.6 (d) – remove "*e*" from "*Therefore*" to read "*Therefor*"

AC on behalf of Matthew Marwick (*MM*) (Class of 1988) notes his proposal to implement a system to acknowledge those OCs and non-OCs who show their commitment to the Association through attendance and support over a number of years. AC confirms that the Exec will meet and look at how to build this into the Constitution.

A vote was held digitally and in paper format for those present: motion passed

Approve Amendments to the Constitution	
Yes	31
No	1
Abstain	0

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9. Exec 2021

I. Confirmation of the President

The President confirms that there has only been one nomination for President and this is Andrew Clayton. He has served as Vice President and is a very active Exec member. He has worked closely with Foundation and with College Business. No candidate is more appropriate and deserving.

The President confirms that Andrew Clayton is elected unanimously.

II. Exec changes and nominations

- a. Rob Warr (Class of 1992) steps down from the MCOBA Exec and is appointed to the SGB and is taking over as Chairman of the Facilities and Development Committee (FDC).
- b. Steve Colenbrander (Class of 1978) was nominated to the MCOBA Exec but has declined due to ongoing workload as Chairman of the Foundation.
- c. Mark Daniel (Class of 1991) and Robin Westley (Class of 1989) have accepted their nominations to the Exec.

The President congratulates Exec members and the new President, and hands over the meeting to be chaired by AC going forward.

III. Exec 2021/2022 Structure

AC presented an organisational chart of the Exec, and explained the key objectives of each portfolio. *Chart available on request.*

10. A Word of Thanks to Grant Little

AC thanked GL for his service to the MCOBA and to all of the Exec. AC notes the impact GL has had, the positive changes implemented, and the growth as a result of his work. Congratulations was given by all the GL for the service he has given to the MCOBA and to Maritzburg College.

11. General

AC opens the meeting to questions from the floor:

- I. Justin Herrmann (Class of 1997) asks whether 125th Anniversary had any dates decided as yet. AC confirms that nothing is in place as yet due to unpredictable circumstances of Covid. A date will be confirmed to all as soon as possible.

The AGM concludes at 19:28

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