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THE PLASTICS INSTITUTE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

MINUTES OF THE 41st NATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE BLUE LAGOON HOTEL EAST LONDON ON THURSDAY JULY 28th 2011

WELCOME

Alain Berichon, the National Chairman, opened the meeting at 18h45, and welcomed everyone present, particularly the members from the Border branch.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice of the meeting had been posted on the PISA website and e-mailed to members by the branches.

ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES

The Attendance Register recorded 17 attendees.

Apologies were noted from Bob Bond, Mike Bullock, Billy MacMillan, Richard Phillips and Dave Truter.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the 40th National AGM held on 22nd July 2010 in Cape Town had been posted on the PISA website for all members to access, and copies were made available at this meeting. They were accepted without change.

Proposed: Moses Mnyakeni

Seconded: Pixley Makhubo

FINANCE

David Rule presented the Financial Report.

Branch finances are dealt with, and accepted, at branch AGMs so at this meeting it was necessary to only consider, and approve, the National “branch” accounts.

Copies of the audited National “branch” Income Statement and Balance Sheet were displayed for members to see, and opportunity was provided for questions and clarification.

Copies of the Consolidated accounts were also displayed to show the overall financial position.

During the year under review, a decision had been taken to hold Technical Seminars in conjunction with the NEC, to support 2 young people to attend the K2010 show, to pay for another young person to attend a Plastics Federation Training course, to support an investigation into the extent of plastics pollution in the Atlantic, and to offer 2 Bursaries to students at TUT, as well as other donations.

The Institute was fortunate that Sunace kindly contributed to the K2010 award but all these were still significant expenses, and with a 15% lower income as a result of fewer members this resulted in a loss for the Institute of R138 548. for the year.

The Institute as a whole ended the year with reserves of R480 837.

After some points of clarification the National finances were accepted by the meeting.

Proposed: Garth Taylor

Seconded: Wayne Dunn

CONFIRMATION OF AUDITORS

A proposal to continue with James Crichton Accounting as the auditors was accepted.

Proposed: Garth Taylor

Seconded: Andy Halls

CHAIRMEN'S REPORTS

The Branch Chairmen from W Cape, North and KZN gave reports on the activities in their areas and the efforts being made to provide a service to members. They gave details of the lecture and social events organised in their branches and identified the Committee members who give of their own time to arrange activities for the members.

The National Chairman advised that the situation in the Eastern Cape continues to be problematic but it is hoped that holding this AGM in East London will encourage the existing members to re-activate the branch. A number of members present indicated their willingness to get involved. Six members from the Border branch and one from KZN were upgraded to Fellow. They were: C. Benn, W Dunn, B Etter, L Geer, A Halls and C Harnden from Border and R Pillay from KZN. Certificates were presented to those present.

TECHNICAL SEMINARS

The Technical Seminar programme held during the year had not drawn as big an attendance as hoped but seminars will continue to be held under Bob Bond's guidance.

The next event will be in conjunction with Afrimould in Sandton in September 2011 when there will also be a Design competition

CONFIRMATION OF OFFICIAL JOURNAL

S A Plastics was confirmed as the Institute's official journal for another year.

Proposed: Pixley Makhubo

Secondrd: Wayne Dunn

RON HAISMAN AWARD

After careful consideration the adjudicators had decided that the award should go to **W Cape**.

CONFIRMATION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Election of the following Office Bearers was confirmed:

National Chairman

Alain Berichon

National Vice Chairman

Martin Wells

National Secretary/Treasurer

David Rule

Proposed: Andy Halls

Seconded: Paul Gripper

GENERAL

There were no general matters raised.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20h00

After the AGM a very informative lecture was given by Werner Brandisch of Frotek on the manufacture of battery components being started in the Border region.

Signed as a true record of the proceedings this day of 2012

National Chairman