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25 JUNE 2000

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE THEEWATER SPORTS CLUB HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON 25 JUNE 2000

1. NOTICE OF MEETING:

The meeting started at 11h00. The Commodore, welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the reasons for this meeting. He thanked members for the turnout. Delf confirmed that we had a quorum present (57 members signed the Attendance Register).

2. APOLOGIES:

The following members tendered their apologies: Tony and Kim Strutt, Trevor Arnold, Chris Boltman, Theresa Hall, Robbie Phillips, John and Ruth Reader, Alan Clapham, Sandy and Ralph Thomas, Marion Went, Avron Bane, Michelle Beele, Bruce and Phebe Green, Junior Roehrig, Sally Silberbauer, Cathy Lake, Tom and Nan Drummond, Peter and Alison Sarkozy, Geoff and Janet Reid.

3. PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION:

Frank moved that the conditions of this Special General Meeting had been met nl. the notice of meeting had been sent out 14 days prior to the meeting, a quorum was present and voting eligibility had been checked. A copy of the Constitution (with the proposed changes highlighted) had been posted on the Club notice board since Friday 09th June 2000.

Frank motivated the reasons for the proposed changes to the existing Constitution. These could be summarized as follows:

- (a) The appointment of a General Manager and the re-allocation of responsibilities.
- (b) The term "Youth" should replace the term "Juniors".
- (c) The addition of a new membership category nl "Schools Affiliation Membership".
- (d) To bring the TSC Constitution into line with the RSA Constitution.
- (e) To reconsider the reciprocity clause, and
- (f) To consider a proposed change to the definition of major capital expenditure.

Frank requested that, when anyone present would like to discuss a certain paragraph, the name be noted and that we would then address these queries/comments after the presentation. All present agreed to this procedure.

With the help of a slide presentation, where the proposed changes (highlighted in red) were compared to the existing Constitution, Frank proceeded to motivate each proposed change.

After this presentation where all the proposals (other than those discussed below) were approved, Frank gave all those members who wished to discuss certain paragraphs the opportunity to do so. The following paragraphs were discussed and the relevant members then proceeded to discuss their feelings on these paragraphs:

(a) Para 4. (c): Rogerio de Carvalho wished to make sure that our *domicilium citandi et executandi* had not changed. Frank assured him that we had only added “Old Caledon Road” to the physical address.

(b) Para 5. (b): Robin Hutton-Squire brought it to the attention of the meeting that we had not discussed this paragraph. After discussion the proposed change from R20 000 to R40 000 per project was approved.

(c) Para 7. (iv): John Hutton-Squire felt that the term “full-time” in the definition of Student Membership was not fair. The meeting agreed, and the Commodore undertook that if a student was studying part-time, and was for example paying back a student loan, the General Committee would consider any requests in this regard, favorably.

(d) Para 7. (vii): Hans Beele enquired as to the change from the General Committee granting temporary membership, where necessary, to the Management Committee. Frank explained that it was sometimes difficult to wait for the General Committee to meet (monthly) to motivate the granting of temporary membership. Frank said that it was easier to get the Management Committee together at short notice to deal with such cases.

(e) Para 7. (xi): Jan-Renier Voûte questioned the use of the term “Scholar” and also addressed the voting rights of Schools Affiliation Membership. It was decided that the paragraph would be altered to include “... and Teacher” and “Membership has to be applied for annually.”

(f) Para 9.: Rogerio de Carvalho felt that the proposal to exclude Youth and Student members from paying the entrance fee was unreasonable. He said that everyone paid the entrance fee and argued that if the Club was planning to wait till they became Ordinary or Family members, this would be very difficult to ensure that these fees were paid. It was decided not to approve this proposal.

(g) Para 10. (a): José Ferreira queried whether it was necessary to include SAS membership fees in the definition of Annual Club Fees. After much discussion it was decided that this was in fact necessary, but that the wording should be changed to “National Sports Federation affiliation fees”.

(h) Para 10. (g): Robin Hutton-Squire said that certain people, who wished to become members of the Club, had mentioned to him that they felt that paying the full Club fees when they submit their application, was a bit tough. Robin proposed that the Club allow the Club fees to be paid in 2 monthly installments. This proposal was approved.

(i) Para 13. (c): Dale Kushner proposed that Schools Affiliation Membership be restricted from voting at General Meetings. This was approved.

(j) Para 14. (e): John Spilhaus proposed that the following clause be added: “... and will be denied access to the Club premises as a member of the general public.” This proposal was approved.

(k) Para 15. (b): Hans Beele wanted to know whether members of the general public (visitors) had access to all the relevant rules referred to in this paragraph. It was pointed out that the relevant rules pertaining to visitors were detailed on the entrance permit, which they were required to sign, in the water sport safety booklet and the various signs displayed at the entrance gate, Clubhouse building and in the ablution facilities. The proposed alteration, as detailed in the presentation, was approved.

(l) Para 18.: Dale Kushner felt that, as the General Manager was an employee of the Club, he should not have a vote on the General Committee and should be seen as a member of the General Committee, only as “in attendance”. This proposal was agreed to.

(m) Para 19. (a): Dale Kushner was of the opinion that the Honorary Treasurer (ex Financial Controller) should be voted in at the AGM by the members. Much discussion followed and many members expressed their feelings. As consensus could not be reached, Frank proposed that the members vote on this proposal. The result of the voting was 4 in favour of Dale’s proposal, the rest against the proposal. Frank then confirmed that, as the majority of the voting members were in favour of keeping the appointment of the Honorary Treasurer as in the past, this paragraph would not be altered.

(n) Para 21. (d): Rene Droomer expressed concern that, in the event of few attendees at a General Committee, poor decisions could be made or decisions could be “tailored” to suit the needs of certain committee members present as opposed to decisions taken in the best interests of the majority of the members – this because the quorum referred to in paragraph 21. (b). After discussion it was decided that the proposed alteration is approved, subject to the addition of the clause “... of members present at the meeting.”

(o) Para 23.: Dale Kushner addressed the question of the Trustees. Robin Hutton-Squire pointed out that the question of Trustees being co-opted onto committees, was in contradiction to paragraph 19. (d) (iii). It was decided to change paragraph 23. (d) to read as follows: “The Trustees may attend any meetings in an advisory capacity and give inputs.”, deleting the last part of the proposed sentence.

(p) Para 26. d) (ii): Certain members felt that we should change the voting at General Meetings to a simple majority vote as opposed to a two-thirds majority. This motion was approved and adopted.

(q) Para 34.: Hans Beele queried the validity of the Club asking the relevant permanent site lessees to sign an annual site lease agreement, when it was not sure that the Club had in fact a valid lease agreement for the portion of the ground adjacent to the Club property. Neville Norton assured all those present that the Club does have a valid lease agreement for this portion of ground and that we are in our rights to ask members to sign the permanent site lease agreement.

(r) Annexure B (C): Members felt that the Constitution should define what in what form (items) the Club Colours could be awarded. It was decided to add “medals, ties or badges”.

4. GENERAL:

Frank thanked Neville Norton, Leon Deacon, Delf Amm and all the General Committee members for their hard work preparing the Constitution for this meeting.

He also reminded all those present of the following events:

- (a) The Lipton Challenge Cup, which we are defending at False Bay Yacht Club from 06 to 12 August 2000. He appealed to members to visit the event. Members wishing to go out on one of the spectator craft must contact Delf so that arrangements can be made.
- (b) The Club's 21st Anniversary Function will be held on Saturday 26th August 2000. Further details will be made available shortly.
- (c) The AGM will be held on Sunday 27th August at 11h00.

Frank thanked all for their presence and inputs. He said that this made the meeting very productive.

There being no more discussion, the Special General Meeting was adjourned at 13h00.



AGM
21 AUGUST 2000

MINUTES OF THE 21st AGM OF THEEWATER SPORTS CLUB
HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON 21 AUGUST 2000

1. NOTICE OF MEETING:

The meeting started at 10h45. The Commodore, Frank Silberbauer, read out the notice of the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked members for the excellent turnout and said that we definitely had a quorum (125 members signed the Attendance Register).

2. APOLOGIES:

The following members tendered their apologies:

Quentin & Alex Miller, Mark Cerfonteyn, Douglas Dudley-Ward, Stuart Brown, Peter & Annemarie Turner, Marion Went, Nicky Silberbauer, Bryan & Diana Jones, Ken & Cecily Higgins, Nils & Jill Bergman, Linda McIntosh, Bryan & Di Grimbeek, Sheila O' Dowd, Robin & Hannelie Hutton-Squire, Hendrik Schipper, Gunter, Franz & Johann Spilhaus, Percy van Zyl, Bruce Green, the Meek family, Louis Silberbauer, Manuel Vieira, the Mast family, Natalie Stevens and Alex & Elissa Frew.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 August 1999 were adopted. Proposed by John Spilhaus and seconded by Alastair Douglas.

4. COMMODORES ANNUAL REPORT:

Frank Silberbauer, the outgoing Commodore, thanked two new members, Carol Barhouch and Brad Dixon for all their hard work with the successful 21st function, held the previous evening, and reported as follows:

4.1 General:

He said that going through the previous minutes and correspondence looking for information to pass on to the members, he realized that most of the information had already been made available via the notice board, newsletters and functions. Congratulations to the committee and Club management for correctly imparting all information necessary to Club members. We also now have an official web site on the Internet, ***theewaters.co.za***.

4.2 Club Staff & Management:

We have indeed been fortunate to have in our employ a manager who has at last come to grips with the complexities of running such an organization. Delf has been with us for two years and his dedication and patience has indeed ensured the smooth running of this Club. Thanks to Delf for his dedication and support in making my job easier. To the rest of TSC admin team: Lynette, Grace, Lise, Willie, Keith, Derek, John, Zolly, Elliot and Elias, on behalf of the members of the Club and the General Committee, thank you for your dedication to your jobs. Walking around the Club this morning and the beauty and serenity of the Club is testimony of your hard work – thank you all for being with us. Eighteen months ago we purchased a new accounting package. It was with a bit of nervousness that we installed ACCPAC. We can conclude that this product is working well and we are fortunate to be able to monitor our financial progress on a monthly basis. Thank you to Lynette who punched the numbers and for being on time with all the information – I think our financial controller Walter is suitably impressed. A new aspect of management of the Club, which is headed by Lise, is the demographics of members and

visitors to the Club. Thank you Lise for compiling these records and information. You have provided the necessary facts to management, so we can make informed decisions. I wish to welcome Derek who came aboard last year and thank you for your contribution to the Club grounds and also thanks to your good lady Bridget, who has run the kiosk so well. Frank then spoke about the general demographics:

General Demographics

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>
Total Club membership	1041	1095	1139
Primary Members	409	422	448
Entrance gate	R118 000	R165 000	R225 000
Bar:	R 92 000	R115 000	R215 000
Staff compliment:	10	11	11

The statistics show a steady increase in the use of Club facilities from members and the general public. This is encouraging, as this is one of the primary facets of our existence. The question is often raised whether we should limit our membership? As this is a sensitive issue the committee feels it would be unnecessary to enforce such rules, as they believe our membership has peaked and should level off at about 480 primary members. This is a dynamic process and issues such as the deterioration of leisure facilities in the greater Cape Metropolitan area, and the probable implementation of toll roads on the N1 and N2 highways. The committee has made sure that these issues are consistently monitored. Summarizing this issue we are lucky to have actively-participating members in the local government of our region and our thanks go to Neil Spilhaus and Leon Deacon who have kept our Club abreast of these issues.

The interaction between our Club and the surrounding environment is critical for our long-term survival and I am pleased to say that, as a Club, we are participating within our community. "Theewaters" as we know it, will not survive if we do not actively participate in the broader affairs of the community.

4.3 Club Constitution:

In June your committee called a Special General Meeting to ratify changes to the constitution. These changes were made essentially to update and modernize the constitution and also to ensure the smoother running of management structures. My sincere thanks to the following individuals, Leon Deacon, Neville Norton (our trustees) and Delf and the general committee members for sitting through many hours of talk on this project.

I was getting nervous after the second hour and when one of our past Commodores left early I thought all was lost. After making some discreet inquiries it was revealed that this senior member of the Club had remarked, *"it is such a lovely day, the Club is in capable hands, I am taking my family water-skiing!"* Thanks Alastair for your confidence!

4.4 Capital projects:

The Club spends about R60 000 annually on capital projects. This past year has seen the following projects tackled:

1. The completion of the tyre breakwater.
2. The back-filling behind the breakwater and grassing the verge.
3. The building and completion of the Mossel Bay Ablutions.
4. The greening of the public camping facilities.
5. The installation of public picnic tables and chairs.
6. The installation of a wooden fence around the clubhouse area.
7. The cleaning and painting of the inside of the ablution facilities.
8. The planting of fynbos adjacent to the main entrance road.
9. The development and opening of the Beele Pond area.
10. The start of the eradication of black wattle trees.
11. The planning of Club pub extensions.
12. The laying of the concrete floor we're sitting on.

All these projects have been part of 3-year development plan. Thanks to the members for their contributions via the capital levy and a special word of thanks to those who kindly donated money, time and materials to facilitate these projects.

4.5 Functions and Events:

The following events and functions were held at our Club:

- A Sailing:
- a. The Western Cape Dinghy Points Series Regatta.
 - b. The S A Universities Team Racing Regatta.
 - c. The S A Youth Nationals.
 - d. The Mirror & Extra Class Nationals.
 - e. The Western Cape Stadt 23 Championships.
- B Peoples Events:
- a. Various Scout and Schools groups.
 - b. A swimming event over one mile.
 - c. Two bass fishing competitions.
 - d. Various advertising shoots.
 - e. Easter fun weekend.
 - f. The Millennium party.
 - g. The Lipton Cup.
 - h. Several private functions.
 - i. Our 21st function last night.

All these events contributed to the funds of the Club and in many instances members participated. Again my sincere thanks to those who helped organize and make these events a success.

4.6 Safety:

As our Club grows, more and more people are using the water. It is indeed unfortunate that we have to record the first drowning (due to a heart attack) at our Club in its 21 years of existence. Our sincere condolences go to the family concerned and my gratitude goes to all the management and persons involved who made the road easier in such trying times. The Club will continue to enforce safety on the water and the co-operation of the members in this regard is appreciated.

4.7 Security:

Security at the Club has become an issue. As our country goes through a time of lawlessness and crime it is not unexpected that members' property has become victim of the "affirmative shopping syndrome". The committee has solicited the services of a security firm and is pleased to note that incidents of burglary have decreased compared to last year (15 incidents vs. 9 incidents). Management of the Club is doing all in their power to prevent these break-ins and the only bit of advice we can give the members is please do not leave any valued items in your caravans and boats. If you require statistics or information on our security plan, please consult Delf and he will enlighten you with details.

4.8 Water sports in General:

Sailing has become the principle water sports activity at the Club. To this end I salute the dedication of the persons who have made this sport what it is at TSC. Last night's award ceremony was testimony to the depth and wealth of the sailing tradition at our Club. My sincere wish is that those involved in this sport continue to make the necessary contribution so that our members can participate both in the Youth training programme, in organized Club events and, most importantly, have lots of FUN!

It is also pleasing to note that we have at last succeeded in incorporating our anglers into the main stream of TSC. This is good news indeed and my congratulations go to the first Theewater Colours recipients in this discipline. May this sport go from strength to strength - Good luck Eugene! Power boating is again affected by the rise in petrol price. I wish the new Water sports committee luck for the next season and I am happy to note that our organized events are more member-orientated rather than servicing the external visitors to our Club.

4.9 The General Committee:

It is important for any Commodore of a Club to have the right group of people around. To this end I have been fortunate. To the members of the committee and management all I can say is "We could not have succeeded, to the extent that we have, without your support and dedication". I wish to salute the following:

Walter Page	- Vice Commodore (Finance & Club discipline)
Kuba Miszewski	- Rear Commodore (Water sports)
John Spilhaus	- House & Grounds
Paul Knox	- Caravans/Camping
Neville Norton	- Trustee
Leon Deacon	- Trustee
Delf Amm	- General Manager

Again thank you all for your advice and help.

4.10 Finale:

What of the future? I have thought long and hard on this issue and will leave you with several points to mull over:

1. We must never forget the real reason as to why this Club exists.
2. We must cherish our past.
3. We must integrate with the changing South Africa and keep abreast of current thinking.
4. We must ensure that our actions do not exclude others from this resource.
5. We must ensure that growth in all our activities is controlled and falls within the parameters as defined by our founders.
6. We cannot allow Club politics to damage the present status quo. If we continue to speak as one body we will weather the storms.
7. We must have confidence in our youth and pass on the “mythical spiritualism” that is present at this Club, remembering that our hi-tech lifestyles won’t provide continuity at “Theewaters”. It is the spirit that exists and the essence of life that prevails at such a place that makes it all worth while.

Finally I would like to thank you all and especially my wife Sally who has allowed me to be part of and make a small contribution to the TSC family. It has been an honour and pleasure to be of service to you all!

Frank Silberbauer – Commodore

5. CARAVANS AND CAMPING:

Paul Knox thanked Delf for making his job so much easier. Mossel Bay ablution had been completed. Five people had moved onto Beele Pond permanent sites. As money becomes available more sites will be made available. The response to our questionnaire re: the stays time factor was 48%. 55% of these said stays should be 20 hrs therefore we are reducing a stay to 20 hrs. Demographics show that an average stay recorded by members is 30 hrs. Permanent site lessees have an average of 10.1 stays for the year. Plaat site lessees only average 3.3 stays per year. Christmas stays: 32% said doesn't count, 29% every week should count and 38% said all stays to count. It was decided to reduce Christmas period to be from 22 December till 7 January. During the two weeks between this period, members will be credited with a maximum of one stay. The time between a stay will remain at 72 hrs.

The question arose about electrifying the permanent sites, but there was a unanimous “NO” registered by those present.

6. WATER SPORTS:

Kuba presented his speech and introduced the new Rear-Commodore, Water sports, Justin Roberts. The 09'R project was discussed. We bought 20 boats and have sold 9 of these. There are 100 x 09'Rs in RSA and 20 overseas – 10 in England and 10 in Italy. We need to look ahead to next season. We have received R3 500 sponsorship for three years. Tony Strutt and Frank Silberbauer are on various SAS Committees. Lipton Cup was a bit disappointing as we did not win. We came 2nd. Kuba thanked everyone for there support, Frank, Paul, Walter and parents for bringing their children. Justin said the biggest task now was to synchronize the dates of the calendar. Lots of sailing and implementing a new approach to Club sailing were on the cards. Water sports committee

must put heads together to get all types of boats onto water. Juanita Booth has done a survey on sailing, so as to determine the needs and aspirations of Club sailors.

The Club Championships will be over two weekends in March.

Justin said there would be a lot of new things on the calendar. Entertainment would be boosted with a R30 000 draw in February. Golf day 16 December 2000 with enormous prizes. Volunteers were needed for rescue, canoeing, fishing, multi-hull and power boating. We have no chairman for power boating.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – HOUSE AND GROUNDS:

John Spilhaus reported that there were a few changes this year in house and grounds workforce and control. Arnold Spilhaus left us just before Christmas with Derek Witcher having about a months override before Arnold left. Derek covered as a temp till April when he decided we were not such a bad bunch, and signed up as a permanent member of staff.

During the winter Delf had moved into the estate house, which was a better arrangement and Arnold moved into Villiersdorp. After he left, Derek moved into the house in Villiersdorp. A great deal has been achieved this year, as I have taken more of a back seat and Delf has taken over all the day to day running of house and grounds, very ably assisted by Derek and his team. I would like to list the projects covered.

1. An outside contractor rebuilt the tyre wall under Club supervision and so far it was standing up well to the elements.
2. The mast hoist was installed and later a spotlight was added.
3. Neil Spilhaus built the new Mossel Bay Ablution facility - congratulations on a fine job done!
4. Delf's old bathroom was turned into Lise's office.
5. The Clubhouse area septic tank was constantly monitored and eventually modified.
6. Employment contracts were drafted for all House & Grounds staff.
7. John's house was improved, using the old Mossel Bay ablution unit.
8. Concrete braai tables, stools and braai-sites were installed, mostly in the public side.
9. The Club grass around the front was improved and the public camping area behind the trees was mowed and improved.
10. Club braai units were installed.
11. The outside bar server was organized and an extra gents urinal was added.
12. A concrete floor was thrown in the old boatshed.
13. An enormous amount of trees were planted.
14. Thanks to assistance from Neville Norton, a booster pump for the entrance road sprinklers was installed.
15. Seven more permanent sites were opened up.
16. Wooden fencing was erected around the clubhouse for more control and wind prevention.
17. Permanent water sampling and feed back was arranged with Water Affairs.
18. The entrance rockery was built and planted.
19. Beele's Pond was landscaped under Hans' directory and the pond was cleared and refilled. Provision has been made for an eventual 23 new permanent caravan sites.

20. Fat traps were installed at the Plaat and Mossel Bay ablutions to condition the run off water, feeding into Beele Pond.
21. Security patrols were rescheduled to 19h00 to 07h00, daily, seven days per week. An outside security contractor was contracted to handle this necessity.
22. Security lights at the Villiersdorp end of the camp have been donated and are in the process of being installed.
23. Plaat through traffic was rerouted by altering the access to “commonwealth corner”.
24. The VHF radios were upgraded.
25. Serious investigation has started in relocating the pump and upgrading the water supply system.
26. The youth slipway is being rebuilt.
27. The yacht slipway has been extended.
28. The Club mast had a jack yard installed.
29. The alterations to the bar area, were finally given the green light and are still being completed by Neil, assisted by sliding doors from Clive Silberbauer, designed paving by Gavin van der Westhuizen, assisted by Derek and his team.

In between these odd jobs, Derek and his team have cut grass, moved moorings, caravans, repaired roads, mended water pipes, pumped septic tanks, emptied rubbish bins, moved the jetty in and out, trimmed trees, painted buildings, made speed bumps, fixed fences, cleared rocks, removed thousands of beer boxes, cleaned toilets and the bar hundreds of times and replace many light bulbs. May we please put our hands together for Delf, Derek and the team. Thank you. The “green team” were involved in the planning of Beele’s Pond, the planting of many indigenous shrubs and have been keeping an eco-friendly eye on our workings, giving advice, where needed. Our thanks to them. Thanks also to Neil our bosun, assisted now and then by José and myself, for relaying all the yacht moorings, inspecting moorings, organizing swimming areas, marking ski-lanes and assisting many yachtsmen with launching and retrieving keelboats. Finally, my thanks to Erika for being so supportive to me in my duties over the last 21 years.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Walter Page said that the auditors had changed their name to ABD & T. A proposal that we use them again was made by Frank Silberbauer, seconded by Neville Norton.

Our income was up and we were R10 000 short of 1 million. We have tightened up on the gate control. Congratulations to staff on doing good job. We did not have as many events as last year. Keith’s bar figures up \pm R10 000 up on last year. R15 500 on capital and R33 000 on fixtures. Security remains a big problem and we have to fit R42 000 per annum into our budget. Tony Payne asked about bar accounts and Walter said these were not that big a problem, as members were paying timeously.

9. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

The following members were chosen as Office Bearers for the 2000/2001 season:

Commodore:	Walter Page
Vice-Commodore:	Brett Trollip
Rear-Commodore Watersports:	Justin Roberts
Chairman – Caravans:	Paul Knox
Chairman – House and Grounds:	Neil Spilhaus
Trustee:	Neville Norton
Trustee:	Leon Deacon
Honorary Treasurer:	Dudley Tacon

The outgoing Commodore (Frank Silberbauer) wished the new Commodore and all the new Office Bearers well.

The following Water sports interim steering committee was ratified:

Chairman	Justin Roberts
Sailing	Brett Trollip
Dinghies	Neville Norton
Canoeing	Carol Barhouch
Safety Officer	Glen Ford
Multi-hulls	Gary Dix/Paul van Ass
Power boating	Grant Ekermans
Fishing	Eugene Alberts/Dolf Nel
Youth	No candidate yet
Entertainment	Brad Dixon

10. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS:

ABD and T, (new name) were again appointed to act as our official auditors for 2000/2001.

11. GENERAL:

The following cryptic notes are made with decisions in brackets.

1. Mary Schipper asked about a bicycle storage place. (Pass on to new committee).
2. Alan Butcher asked about bar hours – special functions. (Pass on to new committee).
3. John Hutton-Squire – noise question in early hours, discos weakly supported. (Pass on to new committee).
4. Shaun Thompson – dogs under control. Senior member said dogs were part of family. Frank said many members abuse dogs in public and suggested dog register – ban dogs from clubhouse area and bar. It was suggested that we have dog disciplinary hearings. Worked on every written complaint. Manager requested to deal diligently with problems of this nature. The Committee members are servants to the members. Manager listens to complaints and brings to attention of the Committee.
(Pass to new committee).

5. Di Hutton-Squire as well as Kuba enquired about leasing of Club premises. We have six years left. Neville Norton said that the government don't give land leases longer than nine years which is automatically renewable. Eddie Jones asked about the possibility of leasing the triangular piece of land "above" our premises. (Leon Deacon and Neville Norton) are negotiating with the government whether it would be possible for the Club to be classified as the "caretaker" of this ground).
6. Janet Reid asked members to please keep to the speed as the dust from the access road was intolerable.
7. Neville Norton – thanked Frank Silberbauer, who acted as the chairman of the organizing committee for the TSC defence of the Lipton Cup.

There being no more discussion, the AGM was adjourned at 12h35.



AGM
05 AUGUST 2001

MINUTES OF THE 22nd AGM OF THEEWATER SPORTS CLUB
HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON 05 AUGUST 2001

1. NOTICE OF MEETING:

The meeting started at 11h05. The Commodore, Walter Page, read out the notice of the meeting and welcomed everyone present. He thanked members for the turnout and said that we had a quorum (80 members signed the Attendance Register).

2. APOLOGIES:

The following members tendered their apologies:

Bryan and Diana Jones, Lynette Lake, Chris and Carol Boltman, Brett and Tanja Trollip, Erika and John Spilhaus, Brian and Susan Keegan, Geoff and Janet Reid, Jeremy Nel, Roger de Carvalho, Manuel Vieira, Jan and Hester van der Westhuizen, Anthony Largier, Mark Josephs, Juanita Booth, Graham Fowle, Glen Ford, Sue Beele, Carl and Kelvin Reader, Stephen Palmer, Gary Dix, Steve and Gail Meek, Mary Schipper, Anthony Higgins, Chris Machin, Avron and Christine Bane.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 August 2000 were adopted. Proposed by Neville Norton and seconded by Neil Spilhaus.

4. COMMODORES ANNUAL REPORT:

Walter Page reported as follows:

4.1 Introduction

Members of the General Committee, Club Members and Staff, I welcome you all here today and thank you for your participation. In opening, I would like to report that your Club is in good health on all fronts.

Financially, we have had a very good year and at present, the Club is financially secure. Coming into the year I was convinced that we would have a quieter year financially as we had very few functions and activities that generated funds. Due to this, we held back initially on capital expenditure until we were confident that the budgets could be met. As it turns out, we had a good financial year with fantastic growth in the bar turnover and I extend my thanks to those who support our facilities.

Highlights of the year were the youth programme, which warmed my heart to see so many happy faces. A bit of history on this: it started with the previous committee acquiring 09'ers to add to the existing fleet of boats. With a long-term view of starting a development programme, although this is not a word we like to use, it is what it is.

The problem was that we had the boats, but no plan. There were some ideas but no workable plan. Our Vice Commodore, Brett, then took the bull by the horns and came up with a workable plan. Together with Frank and Delf the local schools were approached to provide a list of interested pupils to include in our existing programme. A total of six from the primary school and six from the high school were selected. The result was fantastic and I would like to commend Brett, Frank and Delf as well as the teachers and pupils with all other parties involved on a fantastic programme.

4.2 Operation of the General Committee

It has been proven that the constitution of this Club works. First I would like to thank the committee, trustees, financial controller and the general manager for all their support during the year. There were a number of contentious issues during the year, which were placed at the door of the trustees. On each occasion the information and guidance of the trustees proved invaluable. I trust that the future committee will operate on this basis, which will ensure a healthy future for the Club. During the year we had a small hiccup with Justin Roberts resigning due to work pressure but luckily Etienne Venter, a past Commodore of the Club, filled the vacancy and did a great job, together with Brett. Towards the end of the year our caravan chairman found himself in a similar position to Justin, but being so late in the year, it was pointless to find a replacement but with the assistance of Delf, this area of the portfolio was covered. Dudley has enhanced what myself and Frank had started on the financial side during the preceding years to improve the financial controls and reporting. As for house and grounds, I think if we look around the Club, the staff and Neil's work is self-evident. The relevant portfolio holders will report each of the above areas on in detail. Your committee has dealt with all outstanding issues some of which have been running for years, with the exception of the dogs. What would an AGM be without a dog issue? The new committee need not despair, as there is a list of new issues, which need to be dealt with!

4.3 Club staff

We all wish Lynette a speedy recovery.

4.4 General demographics

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
Total Club membership	1041	1095	1139	1142
Primary Members	409	422	448	446
Entrance gate	R118k	R165k	R225k	R232k
Bar	R92k	R115k	R215k	R271k
Staff compliment	10	11	11	12*

**Walter mentioned that this increase was due to the fact that an additional bartender had been employed so that Keith did not have to work such long hours.*

4.5 Capital projects undertaken

Walter mentioned the various capital projects that were undertaken during the past season.

4.6 Security

I am happy to report that the measures implemented to combat the security problem, i.e. the engagement of a security company and the erection of security flood-lights has had the result of putting a stop to break-ins.

4.7 Conclusion

In conclusion, I have been a member of the Club for 2½ years, of which I have been on the committee for 2 years so I have now made the decision to go sailing!!! Once again, I would like to thank the committee, staff and members for their assistance and support during the year and wish the new committee every success for the ensuing year. Finally I would like to thank my wife, Michelle who has allowed me to be part of and make a contribution to the Club.

5. CARAVANS AND CAMPING:

Paul Knox apologized for not serving the member's needs correctly as he had been under tremendous pressure at work during the past year. He said that he would now have to stand down. He thanked the staff for assisting him. He mentioned that many projects had been undertaken to improve the aesthetic appearance of the Club. He said that two topics would be discussed later during the meeting nl. Permanent site allocation and the permanent site transfer list.

6. WATER SPORTS:

Etienne Venter mentioned that the inflow of fresh water into the dam meant that we had come to the end of the season and we could look forward to the new season. He continued: "The Club and our sailors have had a very busy season. The Club Points regattas were well supported by the dinghies and the Stadt 23's. The keelboat cruising class was very quiet, but had promised to be more active during the coming season. The Club hosted the WCDA Points regatta, WCDA Provincial Championships, Hobie points, Hobie Longhaul and the Stadt 23 Inter-schools events.

During the Closing Cruise prize-giving, we recognized and awarded our sailors for their achievements during the season, but little did we know that the best was still to come! At NCS week the Theewaters sailors stunned the "Vaalies", by leaving them with only one of the five trophies. The final results were as follows:

1 st	Maxtec Windsong	J Reuvers (T Strutt)	
2 nd	Daewoo Motors	D Kushner	First owner skipper
3 rd	Tequila	T Lagier	Skipper of the Year
4 th	Hooligan	B Trollip	
8 th	Sandpiper	D Hutton-Squire	First Ladies Skipper
11 th	Second Skin Roxanne	N Spilhaus	Concourse de Elegance
14 th	Panna Wodna	K Miszewski	

Although we have taken the winner's trophy for the past three years we have never been able to win the Club Trophy, but this year it was a walk in the park. But the Theewaters quest did not end there; the Norton brothers joined the L26 fleet. William Norton sailed with Dave Hudson who claimed second place in this class. The TSC Yachtsmen Of The Year Trophy was held over at Closing Cruise to be awarded at the AGM. It is my pleasure to announce that this trophy has been awarded to James Largier, who's had a phenomenal sailing season. His achievements included; 2nd in the J22 Worlds, selection to sail in Europe and selection to sail for TSC, at Lipton Cup 2001. This bodes well for the future of sailing at TSC, when our youth sailors represent the Club at these levels. Join me in wishing our Lipton Cup team the best for the coming campaign.

Under the guidance of Grant Ekermans, (the first time in years that we have had an active powerboat committee member) the construction of the new covered boat parking sheds is underway and will be completed before the start of the new season. Well-done Grant.

The issue of safety and rescue has repeatedly come under discussion by the committee. The stumbling block in the way of an efficient safety and rescue plan at the Club is the members. We the member are quick to complain, but we are very slow in trying to help/assist. It is time that we all realise that we are all Club members; the more we all assist the better the Club will be for all members. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE TO ASSIST WITH MAKING THE WATER A SAFE PLACE DURING THE COMING YEAR.

I would like to thank the Water-sports committee, General Committee and members for the support and hard work during the season.”

7. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – HOUSE AND GROUNDS:

Neil Spilhaus reported as follows:

“Apart from the few major projects in which I have personally been involved on a hands-on basis, the balance of the house and grounds matters for the last year have been very capably handled by Delf and his team, I would like to take this opportunity to commend Delf for his planning and management ability, and Derek in particular, for the quiet efficient way he gets on with the job. The appearance of the Club and facilities is due to this hard work and dedication. Thank you both for this and the wonderful co-operation.

Major projects that we completed this year were:

1. Completion of the bar extension
2. Conversion of the “Mossel Bay” building into the new office block
3. Resurfacing of the entrance road and the drainage system to Beele pond
4. Commencement of the building of the 21 boat sheds
5. Development of a further 8 permanent sites in Beele pond area

Apart from these, there have been a host of smaller projects included in which are:

1. Fencing adjacent to the entrance road
2. Beautification of the premises by planting trees and shrubs
3. Security lighting erected at the caravan storage area and at the northern end of the permanent sites.

In closing I would like to thank the generous members who contributed so freely in the supply of materials and other items. To the Grimbeek family, go our hearty thanks for the resurfacing of the road.”

8. FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Honorary Treasurer, Dudley Tacon reported as follows:

“8.1 Thanks

Delf Amm – his support during the year and strict attention to detail on financial controls and operating to budgets.

Lynnette Lake – our bookkeeper for her dedicated services and loyalty. During Lynnette’s absence we have been fortunate to have Nicky Johnson to step-in and we thank her for her services.

Lise Verster – for preparation of our demographic reports and assistance with admin duties.

Frank Silbebauer – for his efforts in maintaining our Accpac computer system.

8.2 Financial Results

The financial results are unaudited but have been approved by the General Committee.

Gross Turnover was a record R1.14m versus R950k last year. The bar reflects a gross profit of R78k versus R59k in the previous year, despite a lack of the traditional December regattas. I feel that the capex expenditure on the bar extensions (R49k) was justified due to the increase in income and envisage that, taking into account Mike Daly’s generous donation towards the project, the payback period will be under 2 years. Other Income increased from R734k to R868k and this was mainly due to increases in Annual Club Fees and Site Leases (R46k) and Lipton Cup income. Lipton was a huge financial success to the Club and returned a net income of R35k. Our thanks to the Lipton organizing committee, headed by Frank and especially Walter Page for his duties as treasurer. Operating Expenditure rose from R690k to R740k, which is an increase of 7.5%. The main areas of increase were:

Youth Projects and Training R21k

Night watch & Security Services R42k

In terms of the Accounting policy of the Club, Immovable Property is capitalized and Movable Assets are written off in the year of purchase. The Land & Buildings Fund has a carrying value equal to Fixed Assets. To summarize in laymen’s terms capex is written off against current years income. (This explanation is of importance when one discusses current year income). The Income Statement reflects Net Income before Capex of R92k versus R104k in the previous year. Capex written off and transfers to reserves amount to R125k leaving us with a deficit for the year of R32k. Please note this excludes income from Capital Levies (R72k) and Entrance fees (R22k) - these are taken directly to Accumulated Funds.

To sum up our financial results:

Land and Buildings Fund increased to R696k (increased from R609k - previous year)

Property Development Fund increased to R246k (increased from R194k - previous year)
Accumulated Income decreased to R12k (increased from R17k - previous year)
Total Funds Employed = R954k (increased from R821k - previous year) – increased by R133k.

8.3 General

A large proportion (46%) of our members currently have outstanding Annual Club Fees. This places large financial constraints on the management of the Club. On visiting the Club we are treated to superb service by the staff and if we don't have everything to our liking we are quick to criticize yet the majority of members are slow to honour their commitment - I urge you to settle your outstanding debts as soon as possible."

8.4 Ratification of the Financial Statements and Balance Sheet

The interim Annual Financial Statements and Balance Sheet were ratified by Neville Norton (Proposer) and Frank Silberbauer (Seconder).

9. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

The following members were elected, unopposed, as Office Bearers of the Club for the 2001/002 season:

Commodore:	Kuba Miszewski
Vice-Commodore:	Dudley Tacon
Rear-Commodore, Watersports:	Kim Strutt
Chairman – Caravans/Camping:	Mark van der Westhuizen
Chairman – House and Grounds:	Neil Spilhaus (re-elected)
Trustee:	Neville Norton (re-elected)
Trustee:	Leon Deacon (re-elected)

The outgoing Commodore (Walter Page) wished the new Commodore and all the new Office Bearers well.

10. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS:

ABD and T were again appointed to act as our official auditors for 2001/2002. This motion was proposed by Walter Page and seconded by Neil Spilhaus.

11. GENERAL:

The new Commodore, Kuba Miszewski was asked to take the floor, while the outgoing Commodore, Walter Page stood down. He thanked all those for the support that had been displayed and said that, as could be seen from the numerous nominations for Commodore, the Club was in a healthy state. He thanked those nominees who had stood down, enabling the only nomination for Commodore to be elected, unopposed. Kuba mentioned that there were 4 items on the agenda that had been submitted before the closing date and that these issues would now be discussed. A different member would handle each of these topics.

1. Neville Norton said that the Manager had received numerous complaints during the season relating to dogs. He said that it was a privilege for members to be able to bring their dogs to the Club. He read out the relevant by-laws relating to dogs. The General Committee had discussed various member complaints that had been received during the year. A sub-committee had investigated these complaints and various methods to rectify this situation had been proposed. Neville asked those present to vote on the following options:

- (a) No dogs allowed on the Club premises: **(3 votes in favour)**
- (b) Current status quo maintained with the proviso that, if a valid complaint is received about a members' dog, a letter would be written to the owner. Thereafter, if a second complaint were to be received, a disciplinary hearing would be held: **(61 votes in favour)**
- (c) Dogs to be "banned" from the Club for two periods nl. 20 December to 05 January and over Easter: **(11 votes in favour)**

It was decided that we would maintain the current status quo with the proviso mentioned in **(b)** above.

José Ferreira, Hans Beele, Paul Knox, Justin Roberts, Sally Silberbauer and Di Hutton-Squire proposed various other options. These options included new members prohibited from bringing their dogs to the Club, a "doggy-bar" (toilet), ID tags for dogs, fines to be issued to owners, members in different areas getting together and having turns to clean up after their dogs. Neville mentioned that most of these options had been considered but that we should rather stick to the rules. Neville appealed to members to obey the by-laws regarding dogs and requested that all complaints be taken up with the Manager.

2. Leon Deacon discussed the permanent site allocation procedure. He felt that the current method was too simplistic and that no credit was given to members of long standing. Some members, who had been members of the Club for a long period, and did not have the opportunity to be able to record "top" stays, could therefore not compete with newer members who usually make a big effort to record stays as this is currently the only method of qualifying for a permanent site. Leon said that a sub-committee had investigated alternative criteria and decided to make a firm proposal to members at this meeting nl: Stays count 1 point each, with no maximum. 4 points per year would then be allocated for the number of full years membership a member had, with a maximum of 20 points (5 years). The points would then be totaled and the member with the highest number of points would be allocated the permanent site. Various other suggestions were made by members present including Bruce Green, Paul Knox, Sandy Thomas, Carol Barhouch, José Ferreira and Justin Roberts. Leon said that most of these suggestions had been considered by the sub-committee, but that they had felt that the proposal made was the correct one. Frank Silberbauer and Ken Higgins felt strongly that the maximum number of points that should be allocated for year's service should be 10 and not 20. Leon asked those present to vote on the following three options:

- (a) Status quo to remain: (10 votes in favour)**
- (b) Proposal as above with a maximum of 10 points for year's service: (13 votes in favour)**
- (c) Proposal as above with a maximum of 20 points for year's service: (22 votes in favour)**

The following decisions were taken:

- i. Members that were currently vying for permanent sites and were eligible, with special reference to the allocation of the following 5 sites in Beele Pond, would qualify for these sites, based on the old system.
- ii. In view of the majority being in favour of (c) above, this new system will be introduced as from the Opening Cruise.
- iii. Stays would count as normal for the period 01 May to 31 July but, if a member had not yet paid his Annual Club fees by 01 August, no stays would be credited. Stays would then only count as from the date when the relevant fees have been paid.

3. Hans Beele proposed that consideration be given to "heritage of sites". He suggested that member families be allowed to keep their sites for coming generations in terms of a heritage system. He said: "As we are at present a first generation Club, with its early members getting to retirement age with children and grandchildren, it is time to support family unit enjoyment and security. Many have put a lot of effort, work and money into their site for the benefit of future enjoyment with children and their families. Should death of a parent or parents take place or should they become incapacitated or too frail to make their stays then the site would be lost to the children or grandchildren. Those on pension may find it difficult to keep up financially, but in terms of a heritage rule they could get assistance from children who would take such site over as a right while their parents would still have access to share in its family use. He proposed certain criteria that should be followed. Question from the floor were handled. To gauge the feelings of the members present, Kuba asked all to vote on the following two options:

- (a) Continue to pursue this proposal **(42 votes in favour)**
- (b) Against the proposal **(8 votes against)**

From the above voting it was clear that there were many abstentions. It was decided that a sub-committee comprising Hans, the two Trustees and other suitable Club members investigate this proposal and come up with firm criteria. Action Trustees.

4. Robin Hutton-Squire thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to raise the issue about forming a "futures committee". He felt that there were numerous "outside pressures" on the Club and that these would increase as time went on. He said that the changing social scene and the commercial trends (both with their unique threats and opportunities) and other factors, needed monitoring and discussing. "If we do not keep abreast with the times we may be overtaken". Support from Bruce Green and Hans Beele for the constitution of a futures committee was evident. It was decided that an independent committee would be set-up to deal with this proposal. Action Trustees.

There being no more discussion, the AGM was adjourned at 12h55.



AGM
26 MAY 2002

MINUTES OF THE 23rd AGM OF THEEWATER SPORTS CLUB
HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON 26 MAY 2002

1. NOTICE OF MEETING:

The meeting started at 11h30. The Commodore, Kuba Miszewski, read out the notice of the meeting and welcomed everyone present. He thanked members for the turnout. (86 members signed the Attendance Register).

2. APOLOGIES:

The following members tendered their apologies:

Roger Field, John, Marion and Hayley Coxall, Peter and Annemarie Turner, Tony Rorke, Marion Went, Brian, Susan, Louise and Michael Keegan, Quentin and Alexandra Miller, Wilfried Heid, Derek and Ann Webb, John Lake, Brett Trollip, Neville Sharwood, Dennis Genders and Judith Conway, Bryan and Diana Jones, Chris and Lynne Machin, Jimmy and Jenny Golding, Steve and Jenny McKenzie, Mike and Jean Hann, Boet Louis du Toit, Chris Boltman, Pierre and Renee Droomer, Tom and Judy Kean, Tom and Nan Drummond, Des Mudge, The Spilhaus boys, Charles and Shirley Mast, Arno and Lise Schipper, Les Richmond, The Butcher family and John Reader.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 05 August 2001 were adopted. Proposed by Alastair Douglas and seconded by Neil Spilhaus.

4. COMMODORES ANNUAL REPORT:

Kuba Miszewski reported as follows:

TSC has truly come of age now, one just has to look at the number of medals handed out yesterday, our sailors are a sought after commodity, crewing on some of the top racing boats. We won the prestigious Lipton Cup, with Rick Nankin at the helm, and one of our promising juniors, James Largier in the crew. Carla Dyer is our first trainee to have gone right through our system, and has achieved outstanding results to get into the Optimist Worlds sailing team. Richard Hutton-Squire and Nicky Silberbauer have also been selected to sail in the Youth Worlds. Our Youth Sail Training Scheme has reached into the local community, thanks to the huge effort of Mark Joseph's. The Department of Water Affairs has recognized us as the boating authority on the dam, and have appointed TSC to look after safety on the whole bottom section of the dam, we are being consulted on future developments around the dam, we have become a relevant role player in the Overberg! This has been achieved by outstanding teamwork, an amazing office staff who have shown outstanding devotion to duty, working way in excess of their normal working hours. Some of the staff have not had leave for ages and are really looking forward to this Closed season! Your committee has put in more than 55 hrs of meeting time, countless hours negotiating for the club, and sitting on various sub committees. The Futures Committee, under the able leadership of our Trustee, Leon Deacon has looked at the long term needs of the club, and are putting into action a critical plan, to ensure we continue to prosper. Our very own minister of Finance, Dudley Tacon has kept us on the straight and narrow, we have done exceedingly well with our funds, the club is in a very healthy situation. At last we have outgrown trivial issues such as dogs!

Our staff are extremely important to us, we have to make sure we look after them, to this end we sent Delf to a workshop hosted by the Associated Clubs of Southern Africa. We have now joined this Association, and through this grouping are looking at a pension/provident fund and medical aid for our staff.

We have tried to remain in touch with needs of the members, during the year we covered in the club house stoep, as a joint-venture, we built 22 new covered boat parking bays and are planning another 20 soon. We put in the indoor braai, kindly donated by Theo van den Heever (Sentrale Voorsieners). We are progressing with our club lounge area, we now need some soft furniture. For the children, a jungle gym, on the members and public side. One of my personal missions has been the ablution facilities, we will be tiling the floors in this coming budget, and special thanks to Gary Holiday for supplying duck boards and a structure for hanging clothes and towels in the mens plaat ablution. Another well-received initiative is the Thee Times (in full colour) expertly put together by John MacLennan, ably assisted by his wife Viv who handles the advertisements. Feedback from other clubs has been amazing and our thanks are expressed to John for this vital communication tool! I would like to thank all the contributors and advertisers and Mark van der Westhuizen for printing the newsletter at cost.

While on the topic of communication – the Club calendar for next season has already been printed and will be handed after the AGM.

During this past season, I have sailed many regattas on dinghies and keelboats, its been a wonderful experience to be at all these events with TSC members, you cannot imagine the commaraderie, if you need help there is always someone from TSC who will help. Long may this spirit live on, and on top of this TSC members are also right up in the placings as well.

Looking ahead, we have The Lipton Challenge to organise, this process is well in hand, Ian Cochrane being our Challenge Director, I am chairing the Org Comm, Dudley Tacon is treasurer, Neville Norton is Logistics, Delf is Organising committee secretary, and Lise will be the regatta secretary, and Estelle Wilsnagh will be handling the entertainment. As the regatta draws closer, we will be asking more people to get involved. Last year there were 34 entries.

I would like to give some feedback on the outstanding actions from the previous AGM minutes:

1. We have altered the permanent site allocation procedure where a long-standing member, who cannot participate in the mad “Plaat Rush” for stays now also has an opportunity to qualify. A workgroup, led by Leon Deacon, came up with feasible plan, whereby members now get 4 “credits” per year of membership. These are added to the amount of stays achieved. We have recently allocated 2 permanent sites to the first two long-standing members who qualified.

2. We put together another workgroup, the Futures Sub-committee, as requested by Robin Hutton-Squire last year at the AGM. I will give Leon the opportunity to report back now.

3. Another workgroup has been investigating Hans Beele’s proposal on “heritage of sites”. Leon will also report back on the progress.

Finally I would like to close off, by thanking all my fellow committee members, and our staff, you have been great, your support has been appreciated.

5. FUTURES COMMITTEE:

Leon reported that his committee consisted of Roger Field, Nicole Smith, Delf Amm, Carol Barhouch and himself, had done a swat analysis. They have built a good relationship with The Department of Water Affairs. We offered an excellent water safety facility. There is a definite improvement to our facilities. Our electricity transformers have been upgraded. Roger Field's **knowledge**

John Spilhaus has gone for his Skippers ticket. Permanent sites conservation strong point needs revival. Advise social programme. Public access to toll roads will mean a loss of members. Future development round dam as well as the poor quality of the water. Futures committee need a medium to long term decision. Assurance of a good team. We invite anyone who would like to give us some good decisions.

6. HERITAGE SITES:

Criteria

- (A) The relevant **permanent site lessee** must:
- (i) apply, in writing, in order that his/her site may be made available to be transferred to his/her son or daughter. Details of who the site must be transferred to must be unambiguous and clear;
 - (ii) be 55 years or older;
 - (iii) have occupied the permanent site for 10 years or more.
- (B) The "**inheritor**" must:
- (i) be a member in his/her own right;
 - (ii) have his/her membership "in good standing";
 - (iii) be at least 21 years of age;
 - (iv) must have at least 3 years of prior unbroken membership when the parent/parents' site becomes available;
 - (v) must have had a minimum of 8 recorded stays per annum for the last 3 years;
 - (vi) must apply, in writing, to qualify for the permanent site.

WORK GROUP FEEDBACK

Leon Deacon, Michael Doveton, Criag Ekermans, Hans Beele, Mark van der Westhuizen, Alastair Douglas

A summary of the comments received from the members is attached (see spreadsheet). Of the 60 members targeted, 22 were not reached, 30 said "Yes", 6 said "No" and 2 abstained from giving an opinion. Because of some of the comments that were received from members, some of the work group felt that there should be two additional criteria included. These comments were discussed and, bearing in mind that, in the event of the death of the Lessee of a permanent site, the current ruling is that the spouse or partner automatically becomes the new lessee (if required), the following two additional criteria are proposed:

Added:

- (a) In the event of the accidental death of the Lessee, the appointed child has the option of taking over the lease of his/her deceased parent (the Lessee), if he/she qualifies on all the criteria, provided that the Lessee had submitted a letter requesting that his permanent site be made available to his son/daughter.

- (b) In the event of the Lessee making his site available to the appointed son/daughter, he/she must have been the lessee of a permanent site for 3 years, with an additional year added on for each of the next two years, which in 2004, will then be a minimum of 5 years.

This was not a unanimous decision as the minority felt that instead of the inheritor having a permanent site, he should only be a member as per B (iv)

Steven Burnett asked if a son or daughter inherits a site and then decides to leave the country.

The Absentee member will then loose the site.

Frank Silberbauer said condition seen as long as Constitution implied set of rules.

Robbie Phillips asked what happens in unconditional death?

Robbie McAllister asked why age must be 55 years and why not 45 years and children should be over the age of 21 years.

Erika Spilhaus last comment in respect of having been the lessee of a permanent site for 3 to 5 years restricting

Trying to balance newer and older members.

Paul van Ass asked what about a site where 10 families own one van and one family owns 10 caravans.

Leon replied that this was a complex problem.

Rogério de Carvalho agreed with Franks suggestion.

Tony Doherty asked whether it would be put to vote?

Kuba Miszewski announced that he would stand as Commodore for 2 – 3 years and he thanked the committee, staff and Nortons.

7. CARAVANS AND CAMPING:

Mark van der Westhuizen thanked Delf and his staff and in particular, Derek Whitcher and his team for the excellent condition in which the grounds are kept and the way that problems are attended to. It is evident that the use of the security company is working well. The break-ins we had in May was the first in 18 months.

Five more sites will be allocated in Beele's Pond from the 1 August 2002.

Concerns were raised that too many non-water participants were being allocated permanent sites. With the help of Delf, the following demographics were compiled:

337 members were made up as follows:

141 permanent sites (123 participating in Water sports, 18 do not participate at all.)

196 plaat lessees (186 participating in Water sports, 10 do not participate).

Summary 337 members only 28 of these not participating in Water sports but occasionally assist or crew for other members.

It has been a pleasure serving with the current Committee. I would like to thank them for all the assistance and guidance throughout the year.

8. WATER SPORTS:

Kim Strutt said that she had accepted the job of Rear Commodore with no idea of what it entailed and to say that it has been a major learning curve for her would be an understatement!

Without the help of the General Committee and my Watersports Committee I would not have survived.

We have had a long season with it starting in August last year and it has been non-stop until now.

We have hosted various successful events like the WCD points regatta, the Interschool Stadt 23 Challenge, Hobie Points Regattas as well as power boating events and great fishing competitions.

We also always have a large Theewater Sports Club presence at regattas countrywide. Theewaters is fast becoming the place to hold events and this has surely got something to do with the wonderful venue and the incredible effort and efficiency that are put into running these events by all concerned.

This season saw the building of 22 new undercover coat-parking bays and there are plans for a further 20 bays that hopefully will be completed this winter.

We also purchased a new Gemini 4.5m rubber duck as a rescue craft and I would like to thank Grant Ekermans for all the hard work he put into making sure that this was the right craft for our needs.

This season we used a roster system made up of volunteers for our rescue service and through their commitment and enthusiasm I can happily say that we had no incidents. We implemented various protocols with regard to safety checks, incident reports etc and these documents are now filed and kept as a record of our accountability.

During our off season we will be running a rescue training programme run by Len Davies to further improve the quality of our rescue service.

We have noticed a definite decline in member participation at club events with both our Dinghy series and Keelboat series being poorly supported. Whether this is due to the increasingly full WP sailing calendar and whether people have to choose very carefully which events they are going to take part in I am not sure, however it is disappointing to only see a handful of boats on the water when a few years ago we could easily see over 20.

Cruiser participation in the club points series is non-existent and this too is a disappointment. We have suggested that we can run a shorter course for the cruising fleet to encourage you to join in.

Our sleep outs are also poorly attended and having personally experienced one of these I can vouch for how much fun there is Especially for everyone else when your husband disappears into the drink with the entire families dry clothes and torches in his hand!

Our Club Multihull sailing had a slow start this year, but it is by no means inactive as we have many Multihull sailors that do the Hobie circuit. Over the festive season there is always some impromptu fun racing where every one is encouraged to join in.

Our youth sailing has gone from strength to strength and credit must be given to all those persons involved.

It is vital however to keep encouraging new children to join in.

Sailing is a difficult sport but we encourage you not to give up too easily as is evident by the drop out rate during our training season. Our youth sailors are the future of yachting in SA and they deserve all the help and encouragement we can give.

A Club is only as strong as its members and often I think it's too easy to rely on the Club management for action. Club member participation is vital and I urge you to get involved

in the various committees we have as this is one way to voice your opinions and have a say in what happens at the Club.

As I am not standing for re-election, I would like to thank both the General Committee and my Water sports Committee for all their support. It was a pleasure working with them.

I hope that my female presence will not be the last!!

Finally, I wish the new Committee the very best for the year to come.

Kuba thanked Kim for an outstanding report and Debbie Tacon handed Kim a present and flowers for her hard work done.

9. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – HOUSE AND GROUNDS:

Neil Spilhaus reported as follows:

For various reasons, the budgeted capital projects for the year, were not completed. The main item on this list is the tyre wall capping. Due to problems in locating a contractor, this item is due for completion before the winter rains set in.

Alterations to the Clubhouse have been started and phase 4 i.e. entrance foyer and upgrading of interior, will be undertaken during the winter months. The boatshed in Beele Boat Park was completed in time for the season, and there is already a fully subscribed list for the next shed.

Having upgraded the transformer serving the Managers house, Office and Mossel Bay Ablution Block, the intention is to install electricity for a limited number of caravan sites on the public side. There is a demand for this, and so we intend doing a test run to determine the demand.

As far as general maintenance of the Club premises, is concerned, members will surely agree that Derek and his team have done a wonderful job. The Club looks great and for this a special word of thanks to Derek and his staff.

10. FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Honorary Treasurer, Dudley Tacon reported as follows:

Dudley thanked Lynette for the smooth running of the records. Delf has copies of the financials.

The income from the bar for 2002 was R92 000 in comparison to the R78 000 for 2001.

Other income comes from members subscriptions, caravan sites and storage and camping. We had an increase of \pm R30 000. A big portion of our income comes from the public gate. In 2001 R177 000 and 2002 R172 000 with a gross income of R81 800. We are expecting to make R140 000 from the Lipton Cup this year.

Repairs and Maintenance takes a large sum of money R86 000. Some other big areas are Electricity and Water R27 000 – R35 000, Salaries and Wages. We have a deficit of R23 000 and R105 000 was spent on Capex. We started with R959 000 and capital levies came to R67 000 and we spent R105 000

Dudley thanked Lise and Delf for their hard work on administration.

Thank you all.

Dale Kushner asked for a breakdown of how money was invested.

Delf replied that \pm R168 000 was in a 32 day call account.

Frank Silberbauer proposed the Financials Reports and Alastair Douglas seconded.

Kuba thanked Dudley for the reports.

11. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

The following members were elected, unopposed, as Office Bearers of the Club for the 2002/003 season:

Commodore:	Kuba Miszewski proposed Mark vd Westhuizen seconded Dudley Tacon
Vice-Commodore:	Dudley Tacon proposed Frank Silberbauer seconded Mark vd Westhuizen
Rear-Commodore, Watersports:	Grant Ekermans proposed Kim Strutt seconded Frank Silberbauer
Chairman – Caravans/Camping:	Mark van der Westhuizen proposed Kim Strutt seconded Frank Silberbauer
Chairman – House and Grounds:	Neil Spilhaus proposed Kim Strutt seconded Frank Silberbauer
Trustee:	Neville Norton proposed Neville Norton seconded Kim Strutt
Trustee:	Leon Deacon proposed Leon Deacon seconded Kim Strutt

Kuba thanked the members for showing faith in him and his Committee.

Dudley thanked Frans Oeschke from ABD and T
Alastair Douglas suggested sending him a Thank You Letter.

12. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS:

ABD and T were again appointed to act as our official auditors for 2002/2003. This motion was proposed by Dudley Tacon and seconded by Walter Page.

13. GENERAL:

1. House and grounds – With regard to electricity being installed on public sites on a trial basis. Janet Reid asked whether the members will be allowed to vote for electricity on members sites.

Hans Beele wanted to know whether there would be a different rate for electricity on the public sites?

2. Frank Silberbauer inquired about the breakwater – retrieve safe. 1 scheme not successful – original floating pipes – anchor points set when dam was low.

Pipes were for protecting tyre wall – launch and retrieve boats.

Kuba wrapped up by saying we were the 5th largest yachting club and one of the fastest growing Clubs.

There being no more discussion, the AGM was adjourned at 12h06.