



AGM
25 MAY 2003

**MINUTE OF THE 24th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE THEEWATER
SPORTS CLUB HELD AT TSC ON 25 MAY 2003**

1. MINUTE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting started at 11h05. The Commodore Kuba Miszewski, read out the notice of the meeting and welcomed everyone present. He thanked the members for the turnout. (133 members signed the Attendance Register).

2. OBITUARIES

Kuba asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Shirley Mawdsley, Ian Cochrane and Ivor Usendorff.

3. APOLOGIES

The following members tendered their apologies:

Peter and Annemarie Turner, Valerie and Leycester Walton, Quentin and Alex Miller, Derek and Ann Webb, Trevor and Bronwyn Spilhaus, Mike Martin, Liz and Jeremy Nel, Kim and Tony Strutt, Liz and Rick Nankin, Helene, Estelle, Easis and Bruce Wilsnagh, Christine and Avron Bane, Janet and Geoffrey Reid, Annemarie and Willie van der Walt, Gunter, Lara, Franz and Johann Spilhaus, Justin and Michelle Roberts, Steve and Gail Meek, Guy Westmoreland, Brenton, Estelle and Lilia Hendrickse, Tony and Jeanne Largier, Johnny and Di Hutton-Squire, Lucy Norton, Sally Silberbauer, Tony and Rayne Higgins, Tony and Veda Payne, Les and Pat Martin, Chris and Lynne Machin.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTE OF PREVIOUS AGM

The minute of the previous meeting held on 26 May 2002 was adopted. Proposed by Dolf Nell and seconded by Neil Spilhaus.

5. COMMODORES REPORT

Kuba welcomed all fellow members to the 24th AGM of Theewater Sports Club.

Kuba handed out the Gloria Machin trophy to Nicole and Nic Smith for Clean Sailing in the season, as they had not been present at the prize giving.

Kuba then handed out Commodores medals to the following people:

Brian Whitcher for the design and maintenance of the Club website.

Mark Josephs for co-coordinating the community sailing process.

Frank Silberbauer – Honouring him as the President of S A Sailing.

Kuba then reported "This has been my second year in office, in some instances I will be looking at what your committee has achieved over this two-year period. You will remember that this committee gave a general undertaking to stand for at least two years; we have now done that. The continuity has certainly paid off, and you will see from the various reports and that the long term vision has also been embraced, thanks to our 'Heritage' and 'Futures Committee' who will also report later. Where the Club has come in two years? One of our aims was for the Club to become more relevant in all areas of operation. I believe that we have succeeded on many fronts. We now have a long-term goal, and we have become a leading light in the eyes of DWAF, and the rest of the country could well adopt our safety policy. We have taken our destiny in our own hands, and now control rescue on the lower portion of the dam. DWAF have responded, providing us with a set of radios, have paid for the clearing of alien vegetation, and will pay for the erection of a fence right across our top border, this is worth about R60 000!

The collection of boat registration fees at all points of entry to the dam has allowed us to run rescue at a profit for the second year running. Thanks to all the members who have done an outstanding job on the water – we rely on volunteers to assist with water safety. We are now a relevant player in the development of a policy on usage of water for recreation”.

Kuba continued, “Our membership continues to grow; we are one of the few Clubs still growing in the country, people want to be part of a winning team, in 2001 we had 1123 members, we now have 1298 members, primary members have grown from 443 to 529. Our systems keep improving; we have had to take on an extra person in the office, we welcome Ferris Jooste to the team and Brandon Petersen, who replaces Willie September (thanks also to all those members who contributed towards a ‘retirement’ fund for Willie – we visit him regularly and he is fine, especially now that he has 2 TV sets!) In the same period our turnover has risen from kR1, 110 to R1, 428. Not a bad growth rate at all. While on stats, another interesting fact is that we had a total 2383 stays recorded by members, and 3364 guests of members overnighing! There is no doubt in my mind that for a Club of this nature to continue, it has to keep growing. To manage this process better, we are instituting a new system for the approval of new member applications: Their application will be posted on the notice board, with a photograph, for a period of three months. There will be two welcoming functions a year where these new members will meet the committee, before final approval is given. Our Community Sailing project has continued to grow, thanks to the dedication of Mark Josephs. We have attracted the services of top coaches, such as Sieraj Jacobs and Justin Clark. Our sailors blossomed this year, sailing in the inter schools dinghy regatta, where Moses Mqwebedu won the O9’r event, and at the TSC Stadt 23 Inter-schools regattas. The crowning glory was Deon Bruintjies being selected to sail in the Rio Race. It is most heartening to hear from local government that we are one of the only yacht clubs in SA who are running a meaningful community sailing programme, and not a ‘Coke and t-shirt’ show. A special thanks to Dennis Genders, who gave our youth programme a Laser this year and to Etienne van Cuyck who is in the process of handing over a state-of-the-art Skeltic dinghy, and to all the other people who have contributed towards this meaningful and necessary process. This must be one of the most satisfying projects to get involved in. We must apologize for not having next years calendar printed yet, but we only receive the final SAS calendar later. We have been able to roll out many Capex projects, which have improved the Club and surrounds, Neil will report more fully later. Our newsletter ‘Thee Times’ continues to astound all; it is a real credit to the Club, thanks to John and Viv MacLennan, and Mark van der Westhuizen for organising printing, and all the budding writers in our midst for their contributions. The Lipton Challenge Cup has become a huge part of our Club, we are told that we had run one of the best challenges ever, thanks to the fantastic teamwork of members, and the Herculean effort put in by our staff. On the water, our team fought to the end, ably supported by Mike Daly, who has done so much for our Club. We are indeed fortunate in having Mike’s full might behind us again this year, when Lipton will be sailed in Durban. Rick Nankin yet again heads our team up, with Mark Sadler, Greg Davis, Alex Runciman and Ian Wolmarans making up the team. We wish them the best of luck. Daly’s puts in about R45 000 every year!

The sailing side of the Club has been a bit subdued this year, it was a huge loss to us when our sailing chairman, Ian Cochrane became so ill, and could not continue his function. All praise to Nita Booth who stepped in, and kept the show going. It is up to each section to run its own affairs; we really need to get all water sports sections going at full tilt, which includes power boating, water-skiing and angling.

I have continued to be a 'sailing' commodore, and have represented the Club predominantly in dinghies; with the crowning event being the Mirror Worlds, where TSC had two boats sailing, the other being Gareth Cairncross and Saskia Kemp. It is very heartening to see TSC sailors sailing around the country, and being in the top results. We now have the very strong probability of TSC hosting the Mirror Worlds in 2007!

There is always a downside when leading a Club, when one hears bar talk that the Club is fast going down hill, that membership should be capped, that we should close the general public out. I need to remind you all that the general public has contributed 25% of our turnover this year and that their use of the facilities is one of the conditions of our lease agreement with DWAF. One rumor that surfaced this year was that the best thing about the Futures Committee is that they have done nothing this year! Our Lease expires in three years time and it is not automatic that it will be renewed - we are dealing with new highly motivated government departments. Not only could this lease not be renewed but also, in a worse case scenario, our own land could be expropriated, that is why we have the Futures Committee who will now report on what they have achieved this year. I will hand over to Leon Deacon, the chairman of the Futures committee shortly".

Kuba continued "Thank you to the trustees and other co-opted members for doing such an outstanding job keeping the Club's focus on the future! I feel we have heeded what our founding Commodore, Robin Hutton-squire said at our 21st celebratory function that for the Club to survive, we must adapt to change, and keep moving forward. We have had a wonderful group of sponsors who have advertised in our Club publications, thank you to all of you, and please let's support them. You cannot imagine how much funding sponsors bring into the Club. Here we would like to thank the following members and other sponsors:

Dale Kushner, *Daewoo Goodwood and Cape Caravans*

Johan Steyn, *Steyn's Outboard Services*

Mark van der Westhuizen, *Clone Printing*

Paul Venter, *Venters Auto and Marine*

George Amoils, *Pro-Am Clothing*

Louis and Jonny Galloway, *Villiersdorp Bande*

Carol Barhouch, *Cannon's Creek Independent School*

Alan Clapham, *Marine Equipment Supplies*

Marlene and Benje Bester, *Ou Meul Restaurant*

Dougie Alison, *Christy Sports*

David Barnes, *Central Boating*

Dudley and Michiel, *Dagbreek Restaurant*

Stuart Bailey, *Cattle Baron (Sellenbosch and Platteklouf)*

David Barnes, *Action Yachting*

I personally would like to thank BP SA (Tom Johnstone) who, when I approached him to sponsor R36 000 worth of fuel for Lipton, he immediately responded positively. Bridget Witcher will be giving up the lease of the kiosk after three years, thanks for the service to the Club and also for the quality standard you have set, we will miss Ma MacDonald. We welcome Esther Colebank who will be opening up the *Slipway Cafeteria* in June.

The Club would not have run without our wonderful staff

General Manager - Delf Amm

Bookkeeper - Lynette Lake

Secretary - Lise Verster

Section Manager, Repairs & Maintenance - Derek Witcher

Administrative Assistant - Ferris Jooste

Gatekeeper - Brandon Petersen

Cleaning & Hygiene Officer - Sophia Potberg

Supervisor, R&M - John Salfire

Workman, R&M - Elias Silolo

Workman, R&M - Mzolise Hayo

Workman, R&M - Elliot Baby

Bartender - Keith Lake

Bartender - Annette Kuehne (also thanks to Wolfgang and Cathy for assisting during the busy times!)

My committee must be thanked; we put in many late nights, seldom getting home before 01h00, their families and lastly my children who have had dad away at endless meetings”.

6. FUTURES COMMITTEE

Leon reported that this committee consisted of Delf Amm, Roger Field, Carol Barhouch, Robin Hutton-Squire, Mark Josephs, Nicole Smith, and himself. By invitation, on occasion, Kuba Miszewski and Mark van der Westhuizen were also present. Leon reported that they had met on a number of occasions. He said that they had done a SWOT-analysis, which had highlighted numerous areas, which the committee had focused on. He mentioned that we were lucky to have Roger Field who, with his expertise, played an important role in the various investigations. The Futures Committee said Leon could be likened to doing your new year’s resolution or a business doing stock take and forward planning. Items for attention, could be categorized as follows:

Things that have to be done; Things that should be done; Things that you would like to do. Leon said that the Club had many strengths, which we need to build on. “We should also be able to identify the weaknesses, be aware of them and eliminate them where possible. There are a number of threats, which we must be made fully aware of. The first item was to examine the existing lease. The current lease expires in December 2006. I am going to ask various members of the Futures Committee to highlight some of the actions, research and planning that we have done so far. Delf will explain the rough sketch highlighting which ground belongs to TSC, which ground is leased and which ground we want to acquire. Robin Hutton Squire thanked Leon for his leadership. Robin reported that we had built a good relationship over years with DWAF.

The 'Bible' under which we had to operate was known as 'Policy for the recreational use of Water', which Robin said, "Was a very interesting document". Robin said that we had built a good relationship with DWAF, surrounding certain personalities, since Delf had been here. We are known as one of the leading clubs in South Africa, leading where necessary with a vision to go forward. Delf, Kuba and Roger have had closed meetings with important people and we have now become a member of ACOSA who help us to negotiate with important government departments.

In terms with our lease we have become DWAF's watchdog. DWAF have given us two-way radios and are financing our new entrance gate and fencing. The Futures Committee had been quietly active, attending meetings of the Theewaterskloof Advisory Board regarding developments like Swartstomp and others and made valuable recommendations regarding the utilization of the dam and surrounding areas. Leon thanked Robin for his input. Leon said that we intend to go that extra mile with DWAF, which includes the management of water safety, amongst others. Leon said that Roger Field, with his legal background, attended a conference in Pretoria for three days during May 2003.

Roger Field then reported: "The terms of our lease: 2nd ten year lease as our present lease expires December 2006. A few facts we need to be aware of: Recreation of water – DWAF now has policy in recreation, which has many positive aspects. The policy is being rolled out by DWAF - we are part of this process. TSC's first roll is to stay in touch, what roll would we like to play? As there is someone at the gate to take money - we are an industry. DWAF's policy is to manage the water and not the land. Community beneficiation does not necessarily mean previously disadvantaged community – we are going to be charged for (levied on gate takings, etc). With general resource management lots of principles are the same. As an 'industry' the Club are stakeholders. We need to get relationship with National Government. DWAF people would visit the dam, we may be able to negotiate a lease for next 20-30 years". Leon thanked Roger for his input.

Leon then re-iterated that, according to our current lease agreement with DWAF, we are obliged to make available to the general public areas and facilities on our premises for their use. We cannot be a private club, excluding others from using the premises and the water. He said that the Futures Committee is of the strong opinion that we have a responsibility in terms of our lease to look after the public area and the public, in general. During our last financial year (May 2002 to April 2003) the direct income derived from 'non members' was: R293 770 of a total of R1 162 258 (Lipton income excluded), which is more than 25% of our total income. This excluded any income derived from the general public in the bar! Leon went on, saying that there was bar talk about the dissatisfaction with members of the public in the bar but that, once a member of the public had paid their entrance fees and were issued with a permit, they were seen as temporary members and were entitled to use the bar facilities as well. He said that Nicole Smith had done a survey amongst members of the public. Nicole then reported that a survey had been done amongst the general public and certain problem areas had been highlighted. The biggest negative was their feeling about the ablution facilities. Plans were reported to be in place to improve this by upgrading the public ablution facilities. Leon thanked Nicole for her input.

Mark Josephs then reported on the community sailing programme. Mark thanked everyone for allowing the programme to run as, he said 'there was lots of talent, with some of the children getting international exposure and that the youth are very enthusiastic. He said that there was also an established plan to keep the programme running and thanked the trainers. He also reported that, at the Club championships there were 16 boats made available for the youth sailors and he thanked the Club on behalf of the children. Leon then thanked Mark for his input.

Leon also said that there had been a lot of bar talk about the possibility of capping membership, but that the General Committee had discussed this and, based on recommendations made by the Future Committee, had decided that this would not be in the best interests of the Club. "We do have a problem with water pressure therefore there is a hot water problem" he said. He then said that plans were in place for this problem to be addressed during the 2003/2004 season. Leon also mentioned that it was interesting to note that no mention had been made of the dog issue.

Leon then said that what we would like to do was a detailed survey of the needs of members. The aim of the committee was to ensure that we provide a generally accepted level of service relating to the bar, cutting of grass, slipway needs, ablutions and sufficient hot water for all and the entrance road. Leon added that we should also strive to improve the facilities of the public. This may even include looking at a separate cafeteria and bar.

Leon then said that the Futures Committee, with approval from the General Committee, would like to discuss two proposals, which were necessary. "We need a mandate from the membership to enter into negotiations with all levels of government in order to secure tenure of the leased portion of the property, "the longer the term, the better - this includes any new leased portion of ground, which we could acquire". Dudley Tacon seconded this proposal. "Secondly, we wish to enter into negotiations to acquire/lease/purchase the adjoining property, erf 109. The proviso is that before any final decision or commitment is made, a special general meeting of the Club will be held in order to obtain final approval from the membership. Neil Spilhaus seconded this proposal. Both these motions were carried.

Leon then reported on the heritage of permanent sites proposal made at the last AGM. He said that the Heritage workgroup had done some more investigation and wished to propose the following: *The permanent site lessee must have occupied his permanent site for ten years or more and apply in writing that the site may be made available for transfer to the relevant son/daughter. The inheritor must be an adult member in his/her own right for an unbroken period of five years or more and in good standing. In addition, he/she must have recorded a minimum of ten stays during the preceding three years.* Roger Field seconded this proposal. It was also agreed that the current life lessees of the five remaining boat sheds would not qualify for this system as they had signed different lease agreements to those of the permanent site lessees. Robin Hutton-Squire wanted to know if, in order to qualify, the inheritor had to acquire 10 stays for the immediate 3 years prior to the site being transferred.

Leon confirmed that this was the proposal. Mark Justus and Alan Butcher both wanted to know what would happen if the inheritor already had their own permanent site – would they then own two sites? Leon confirmed that, in these circumstances, they would then forfeit their other permanent site. Hans Beele had initially made this proposal. Anne van der Weele then also seconded it. This motion was carried.

Kuba thanked Leon Deacon for his detailed report and remarked that it was obviously clear that this was one of the most hard-working committees and that the membership owed them their thanks.

7. WATER SPORTS

Grant introduced his Committee members:

Ian Cochrane, Juanita Booth, Gary Dix, Gareth Cairncross and Mark Josephs. Grant said that generally sailors did not support the programme on the calendar. He thought it was because they did not have the time to do so and that was why they did not get involved. At the prize giving the Sailor of the Year, William Norton had received his trophy. Grant congratulated him once again. He thanked Mark for his help with the community sailing group. Grant reported that the second lot of boat sheds in Beele Open had been completed and thanked Neil Spilhaus for his hard work. "The Water Safety booklet is presently being printed with one change in the by-laws referring to PWC". Grant thanked Wade Grimbeek for all his input regarding PWC. He said that he, Delf and Wade and PWC (WP) representative had a meeting and that it had been agreed that the official body would will take responsibility for any problems that were experienced. Grant asked members to ensure that any incidents be put in writing and promised that these would be followed up. He explained that the PWC 'play area' was demarcated on the far shore of Long-drop bay. He re-iterated that all water-users should take note that all powerboats must travel in an anti-clockwise direction. Grant then thanked members who were involved in bridgework, the multihull representative and the new Chairman of Sailing, Paul van Ass. Erika Spilhaus then congratulated the water sports committee and the safety/rescue volunteers.

Grant thanked his Water sports sub-committee as well as Delf and the safety and rescue volunteers. Grant's report was proposed by Leon Deacon and seconded by Neil Spilhaus.

8. CARAVANS AND CAMPING

Mark van der Westhuizen reported "Thanks for the opportunity to report on the portfolio Caravans and Camping. Despite having made one or two error of judgment calls during the last year, I think that we have had a good year both financially and regarding the upgrading of camping facilities for members. There have again, as in the past, been many suggestions of increasing the minimum number of stays for permanent site lessees, increasing the minimum duration to more than the current 20 hours and also suggestions that members make half of their required stays by December. My feeling is that we should not be constantly moving the goalposts as this causes uncertainty amongst members and also creates the impression that we make changes to existing systems far too frequently. We have decided to keep the goalposts firmly where they are at the moment, hence no changes to the current stays system, except for one minor change, which I will mention later.

To start my report, I would like to mention a few statistics and put some myths or urban legends to sleep! I would really like to appeal to members who perpetuate these myths, as they do a lot of harm to the camaraderie and spirit in the Club. Remember, if you need any clarification on any rumors, just phone me!

- a. The average duration of a stay during 2002/2003 was **34½ hours** (31.15 in winter and 37.81 in summer). This is much more than the minimum of 20 hours.
- b. The average number of stays per permanent site per annum over the last year was **12.32**. Then, to clarify a comment that I had heard where certain members were saying that the newer members work like blazes to get their permanent sites and then battle to make their 8 stays thereafter. I dug deeper into the above figure and separated the older and newer members to see whether there is any truth in this statement: Interestingly, the average number of stays by members with permanent sites for more than 3 years is **10**, while the average number of stays by members that have had their permanent sites for less than 3 years is **15**. I'm sure that you will agree that the statistics disprove the perception amongst certain members that newer members put in a major effort to obtain a permanent site and then the enthusiasm tapers off after getting a site!
- c. **7** lessees have benefited from the permanent site transfer list this last year.
- d. **9** 'Plaat' lessees have been allocated permanent sites.
- e. **27** site alteration requests were submitted and approved during the last year. These improvements have already been completed. It is encouraging to see that there is ongoing improvement in the standard of the permanent sites and we thank the members for their commitment towards beautifying the Club permanent sites.

There also seems to be an urban legend floating around the Club that we are becoming more of a Caravan Club as opposed to a Club that promotes water sport. We have taken the Life members, Country members and the Absentee members out of this exercise, for obvious reasons. The latest statistics taken from the Primary members are: Of the **419** remaining primary members, **399** do partake in water sport and **20** do not. Of these 20 members (only **3** members have service of less than 3 years), **9** are locals that joined the Club for other reasons- probably to socialize, **5** are campers **with** permanent sites and **4** are campers **without** permanent sites. If one takes the amount of permanent site lessees that do not partake in any form of water sports, besides having a swim occasionally, this is **3%**. This proves that **only 5%** of our members are **not** actively involved in water sports and that only **1½ %** of these members joined the Club in the in the last 3 years! I feel that, if the members who believe this myth themselves get actively involved in promoting sailing amongst these people (as no one else will do this for them), they can turn this situation around!

1. We would like to call on all the parents of young children to please help with the discipline of their children in and around the clubhouse, especially in the lounge. Unsupervised children have basically destroyed the upholstery of the lounge chairs.

2. It has been reported to me that one of the mothers sitting in the bar was watching her child put his feet into one of the tears in the upholstery and watched him kicking and tearing the material further without saying one word! Please parents let's try and keep the lounge an area where we can relax – the youth clubhouse has it's own TV and VCR and there are 15 hours of taped comics and movies for the children to enjoy.
The tiling of the Plaat and Public Ablution block will be done this year.
3. The Futures Committee has initiated a survey amongst our members during the Easter weekend and, from the results, it would appear that we are already focusing on the right areas of improvement. The lack of hot water during busy periods, the lack of water pressure generally and other matters are being dealt with and I'm sure Neil Spilhaus will report, specifically about the plans to improve the supply of hot water, later.
4. New shower mats have recently been laid in all the showers, replacing the old wooden duckboards. These will be cleaned regularly on a maintenance schedule with the high-pressure water cleaner.
5. An additional battery-charging unit has been installed at "Mossel Bay" Ablution block.
6. Storage boxes have been erected at all the ablution blocks for storing the cleaning material and equipment so that we don't have brooms and mops lying around.
7. We are currently busy with an audit of all permanent sites to check these sites against the by-laws pertaining to what is allowed and what not. We will contact members if there are any deviations to the rules that require your attention.
8. During a recent inspection by the Fire Safety Officer from the Regional Services Council, he pointed out that we need to ensure, all gas cylinders standing outside are stored according to the municipal by-laws. This entails storing them in a lockable steel cage, which is well ventilated. This issue will be addressed in the coming season and those of you who need to take the necessary action will be informed.
9. I would like to remind all permanent site lessees that we have made one small change for logistic reasons i.e. Stays will in future count from 01 May to 30 April of the following year. This ties in with our financial year. The implication of this change is that for the coming year your stays will now count from Monday 02 June 2003 to 30 April 2004 (11months only).
10. A proposal to change one of our Club rules has been received from one of our members, Craig Ekermans and I were requested by the General Committee to raise this matter at this AGM.
In order to maintain the right to a permanent site, only the site lessor or his/her spouse/partner's stays may count. If their children are members in their own right, their stays cannot be credited to the parents' site.
Proposed by Rupert Pybus and seconded by Roger Field.
11. It has once again been brought to our attention that there are under-aged children who drive their parent or friend's motorcars on the Club premises. We appeal to all members to report any incidents of this nature to the General Manager immediately.

I would like to thank the following people who have made it possible for me to handle this portfolio this year:–

1. My wife Jenny for her support and help.
2. Delf and the office staff for making this job a lot easier.
3. Members like Rupert & Heidi Pybus and Grant Ekermans for purchasing indigenous trees and shrubs to plant around our premises, to replace the alien black wattle.
4. Also to those members for the ideas and suggestions that you have spoken to me about to further improve the camping side of things at the Club.
5. Derek Witcher and his staff definitely need a round of applause for their hard work at the Club. I think the grounds are in a good condition. We must remember that we have added 25 new sites around Beele' Pond and have employed no extra staff. There also appears to be a misconception amongst some members! According to the relevant by-laws, this team is only responsible for watering and mowing of the sites and not other general gardening chores. Although we do not encourage this practice too widely, there are some members who make use of an outside contractor to do this type of work.

I have decided to make myself available to stand as Chairman Caravans and Camping again. I feel that we still have some unfinished business and would like to finish off what I set out to do. If you would like to discuss anything with me after the AGM please feel free. Thank you”.

Mark Justus asked whether all storage boxes on sites had to be painted green. Mark replied that this was the ruling according to the by-law booklet.

9. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – HOUSE AND GROUNDS

Neil Spilhaus reported as follows: ‘The entrance foyer, boat shed for rescue boats and second phase of Beele Park covered parking had been completed. The only major renovations are the Plaat and Public ablutions, (new wall paneling in Public ablutions). Then there is the water reticulation scheme and water supply. We have received quotes for drilling and Delf has had tests done for the borehole. He thanked Derek and his team. Mark Justus asked what was being done for security at the powerboat storage area. Neil replied that there would be security fencing on perimeter, which had been discussed. It was impossible to fence off this specific area, as the security guards had to patrol this area at night. Sue Barnes asked if it would be possible to take out the bath at Mossel Bay ablution and have a baby bath and another shower installed instead.

Neil replied that we would give Sue feedback at later stage. Bryan Grimbeek asked whether we could not add a once-off levy to the fees for improving the access road. It was unanimously agreed to by the members, and Neil replied that they had done some homework – premix from Worcester would cost ± R60 000.00 – subsequently Delf had got a quote of ± R129 000.00. The surface of the road Bryan said “has deteriorated and the job must be done properly”. A once-off amount of R150, members to be levied for the road refurbishment levy was proposed by Jan van der Westhuizen and seconded by John Spilhaus. This motion was carried.

10. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Honorary Treasurer, Dudley Tacon reported that, from the financial report, he would highlight certain matters. There had been no significant growth in the bar turnover, but there had been an increase in income from the entrance gate. There has been an increase of 8% in operating expenses since the previous year. Neville reported that there had been an overall increase of 3% over the previous three years. Dudley said that some of the expenses changed from year to year, and mentioned the example of the security service as we had employed an additional guard for a period of 5 months. Dudley reported that the new Plaat site, Permanent site and Membership fees would increase by 15%.

Dudley reported that the capital levy (used to fund capital projects) had gone a long way but had not covered all the projects.

Jose Ferreira asked whether all the buildings were covered by insurance, in the event of a fire. Dudley replied that they were all covered.

Dudley reported that we were writing R244 000 off assets and that cash in hand stood at R228 014. Outstanding debtors were not a problem and a few members had already paid in advance. Dudley then said that the capital levy, voted in for a five-year term had now reached that term and that he proposed that the Club introduce another capital levy for a further three years at R125 per year, specifically aimed at funding further capex projects.

Megan Butcher asked what other capex projects the levy had been used for as it was originally for the building of the Estate house, and what other projects were in line to warrant the capital levy for a further three years. Dudley said that we needed to purchase and install equipment to boost the water pressure and to ensure that all ablutions were adequately supplied with hot water, boundary fencing needed to be erected, were a few projects he mentioned.

Stuart Brown asked whether the Club had a list of capex projects planned. Dudley replied that a list had been drafted and that this was reflected in the monthly financial reports that were posted on the notice board from time to time. Those present at the meeting accepted the proposal of capital levy to be R125 for a further three years.

Bryan Grimbeek requested that the Club look at repairing the access road, because, after the winter rains, major work would need to be undertaken and that this would be relatively expensive. Grant Ekermans asked whether a R50 road refurbishment levy would meet the costs. Jose Ferreira wanted to know what the lifespan of the road would be, and how much it would cost to upkeep it. Delf replied that one could not really give an answer to that. Dudley then proposed a R150 road refurbishment levy and Mark van der Westhuizen seconded. Those present voted in favor of a chip and spray road surface and that the R150 levy be implemented.

Mark van der Westhuizen proposed the Financial Reports and Rob Mc Alister seconded. Kuba thanked Dudley for the reports.

11. TRUSTEES

Neville Norton proposed two Constitutional amendments: "The first proposal is to change the following clause in the Constitution to read: 'Subject to the merits of individual applications, the General Committee may grant a reduction in the Annual Club fees to long-standing members in exceptional cases where hardship, age or infirmity, preclude the member from regular use of Club facilities. The Committee, on application, can reduce fees for pensioners'." Paul van Ass and Innes Droomer asked what definition would be used to classify a pensioner. Neville replied that any person on pension without a fixed income would be classified as a pensioner. Frank Silberbauer seconded this proposal. The motion was carried.

Neville then proposed the second change to the Constitution and read the current clause: 'The General Committee shall meet as occasion demands, but not less than on ten occasions throughout the year'. Neville proposed that this clause be changed to read: 'The General Committee shall meet as occasion demands, but not less than on six occasions throughout the year'. Dudley Tacon seconded the proposal. The motion was carried.

Kuba then requested that the following persons/office-bearers be considered for Honorary Membership: Erwin Weidemann (Department Water Affairs & Forestry); Leon Lourens (Nature Conservation); the Principals of the local high & primary schools, Chairman of SAS Western Cape and all the Commodores of Western Cape yachting/aquatic clubs.

This was proposed by Hans Beele and seconded by Neville Norton. The motion was carried.

12. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

After voting had taken place for two of the portfolios, the following members were elected as Office Bearers of the Club for the 2003/2004 season:

Commodore:	Kuba Miszewski
Vice-Commodore:	Dudley Tacon
Rear-Commodore, Water sports:	Grant Ekermans
Chairman, Caravans/Camping:	Mark van der Westhuizen
Chairman, House and Grounds:	Martin Klopper
Trustees:	Neville Norton and Leon Deacon

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

13. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Dudley thanked Frans Oeshger from ABD and T for doing our financial statements. Alastair Douglas suggested sending Frans a thank you letter.

ABD and T were again appointed to act as our official auditors for 2003/2004. This motion was proposed by Dudley Tacon and seconded by Walter Page.

There being no more discussion, the AGM was adjourned at 13h00.



AGM
25 MAY 2004

MINUTE OF THE 25th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE THEEWATER SPORTS CLUB HELD AT TSC ON 25 MAY 2004

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting started at 11h09. The Commodore, Kuba Miszewski apologized for the late start to the meeting as members were still arriving. He welcomed everyone present. He thanked the members for the turnout. (114 members signed the Attendance Register). He confirmed that the notice of meeting had been posted to members and referred to this, the 25th AGM, and also to the agenda that were handed to those members present.

2. OBITUARIES

Kuba asked for a minute's silence for the tragic passing on of Arthur Heywood, at the age of 17, in a mountain climbing accident in the Franschoek mountains.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTE OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minute of the previous AGM was proposed by Alastair Douglas and seconded by Bruce Kelly.

4. APOLOGIES

The following members tendered their apologies:

Quentin and Alex Miller, Robbie and Gabriela Phillips, Donald Scott, Hennie and Eva Needham, Neville Poulter, Peter and Annie Kemp, Stephen and Karina Palmer, Stuart Napier, Jonathan Walker, Ken and Cecilly Higgins, Russell Richter, Eric and Linda Cahill, John and Ruth Reader, Robin Stear, Richard and Louise Kidwell, Tracey de Wet, Michelle Roberts, Gordon McGillivray, Brett and Tanya Trollip, Brian and Susan Keegan, Bryan and Diana Jones, Wayne & Sarah Gordon, Steve Gohl, Willie and Anne-Marie van der Walt, Dennis Genders and Julie Conway, Estelle Hendrickse, Brenton and Lilia Hendrickse, Derek and Ann Webb, Di and Lucy Norton, Rupert and Heidi Pybus and Dale Kushner.

5. COMMODORES REPORT

Kuba gave Paul van Ass the opportunity to hand out two TSC Colour Awards that were not handed out at the prize giving, held on the previous day. Paul asked that, in future, nominations for these awards be submitted to the General Committee for ratification at the General Committee meeting, held just prior to the next AGM. A list of all proposed TSC Colour award nominees will then be compiled and posted on the Club notice board prior to the AGM. Paul apologized for the oversight. Paul then presented TSC Colours to Ross Dyer for his 3rd place in Western Cape Dinghy Championships and to Carla Dyer for her 2nd place in the Western Cape Dinghy Championships.

After the presentation, Kuba continued: "I would like to welcome all fellow members to the 25th AGM of Theewater Sports Club. I have failed dismally this year, with the ever-increasing workload: I have not been able to give any help with my children's school projects! I have no project mark; all the other parents already have enough marks to pass this year! This has been my third year in office, in some instances I will be looking at what your Committee has achieved over this three-year period. You will remember that we undertook to stand for at least two years; we have now stood for three. The continuity has certainly paid off, and you will see from the reports that we are now not only involved with the day to day operation of the Club, but the long term vision has been embraced, thanks to our 'Futures Committee' who will report shortly. The various Sub-sections have all worked hard this year, in some instances, we have had many successes, and my fellow Committee members will present reports. Just to mention a few of the capital projects that we have done during this time; clubhouse upgrade including the entrance hall, club verandahs, covered braai and roof, up grade of youth clubhouse, tiling of toilet blocks, pressure tanks at toilet blocks, and the tarring of the main access road. These projects certainly add value to the members.

We have continued our good relationship with DWAF, and continue helping them wherever we can. Our biggest job is the RESCUE SERVICE we provide on the dam, as well as the collection of boat registration fees at all points of entry to the dam. Thanks to all the members and their families who have done an outstanding job on the water.

We seem to have reached a threshold in membership numbers. It is interesting to note that we had a total 2219 stays recorded by members, and 3003 guests of members overnighing! The good point here is that our staff is managing to book in all the guests, this certainly helps our bottom line! We are continually being told by a handful of members that the pub is full of non-members, from the public side; I am sure that these are mostly visitor's guests. This has largely been verified in bar visitor's records. There is no doubt in my mind that for a Club of this nature to continue, it has to keep growing. It is imperative that we continue with our proposed acquisition of land, which will give us more campsites, which is a major factor holding back future growth. We instituted a new system for the approval of new member applications. There were to be four functions a year where these new members would meet the committee, before final ratification. It proved to be extremely difficult to get suitable dates to get those involved together. The one function we had was very successful; the new Committee will have to re-look at this system.

Our Community Sailing project has continued to grow, thanks to the dedication of Mark Josephs and the leadership of Frank Silberbauer. Frank had to step in half way through the season, after David Booth had taken up a permanent sailing post in Langebaan. There are some great future plans for this programme, which can only go from strength to strength. If your children are not involved, you are all missing out. Our guys had a great time at the MAC 24-hr, and many of our sailors excelled at regattas abroad and around the country.

Hobie sailing has seen a great revival this past season Kevin Peyper did a great job to get boats on the water. We need to ensure that these initiatives don't lose direction, and continue to grow.

The most exciting news in sailing is SA's entry into the America's Cup. Some of our members are already on the crew list, namely Guido Verhoevert, Alex Runciman, Mark Sadler, and one of our coaches Sieraj Jacobs. As a Club we have decided to show our support to this campaign, by making the whole team Honorary Members. Sailing can only prosper with this wonderful campaign.

Sailing at the Club is slowly showing signs of growing. We had 25 boats contesting the Dinghy Champs; unfortunately, some keelboat sailors took it on themselves to make a decision a week before, in the pub, that we would not have a keel boat champs! Fortunately, the cream of our fleet turned out and did sail. We need buy in from the whole Club if sailing is going to grow! The new Committee will have to re-look at our whole sailing programme. There are more and more demands on member's time, and economics also play a role.

Our "Thee Times" newsletter continues to astound all and it is a real credit to the Club. Thanks to John and Viv MacLennan, and Mark van der Westhuizen for organizing printing, and all the budding writers in our midst.

The Lipton Challenge Cup has become a huge part of our Club. Last year, Lipton was sailed in Durban. Rick Nankin yet again headed our team up, with Mark Sadler, Greg Davis, Alex Runciman and Ian Wolmarans making up the crew. They brought back the Cup!

This means we are once again organising this event. This time we have managed to secure the V&A Waterfront to run the event from. This presents us with a completely new set of challenges, but I am sure this will make the event even more exciting. Please get involved if you can help. We need all the help we can get!

At present, we have no other challengers to represent us. Team Daly is the only team to have come forward, with the same team that represented us in 2003!"

Kuba then asked Leon Deacon to report on the progress made by the Futures Committee. Leon reported that there had been comments heard that this sub-section of the General Committee were in fact a secret society! He reported that the Futures Committee had arranged a workshop at Dennehof in October 2003 and that 23 members participated. They debated and had working groups working on various topics. They had completed a SWOT-analysis on 'Project 109'. No response had yet been obtained from local or provincial government in this connection. Leon said that before any further decisions were taken, a Special General Meeting would be convened to discuss this matter with the members. Leon reported that we had implemented important water safety regulations, improved the identification of the rescue staff and implemented the red-flag system. Roger Field was thanked for his expert advice. We appeared to be one of the leading inland club's regarding water safety. The public facilities had been improved. Some members are concerned because public use our facilities but we need more facilities for public. Nicole Smith conducted a survey amongst the general public and their main concern was the sporadic lack of water pressure and hot water. This had also been addressed. Erwin Weidemann (DWAF), Kuba, Leon and Delf have had regular meetings, thereby ensuring ongoing communication.

Roger Field had communicated with Loraine Fick (DWAF) which Leon said could only be of benefit to the Club. Roger, Delf, Robin and Leon, had commented on behalf of the Club on the Draft Policy for using water for Recreational Purposes. Leon then thanked all the above people for their valuable input.

Kuba thanked Leon for the feedback report.

Kuba continued: "We welcomed Esther Colebank and family who run our Cafeteria and have really turned around our catering facility, not to mention all the improvements around the clubhouse. You have done amazing work for the Club, indeed a major PR campaign. We appreciate all you have done. The Club would not have run without our wonderful staff. The membership does not realize how lucky we are; or how much work is done; nor the hours put in. Bite your tongue before you rush in with a complaint, and give some thought about what you have done to help our staff and Club. Too much time and emotional energy is wasted on issues, which are destructive.

My committee must be thanked; we put in many late nights, seldom getting home before 01h00, their families and lastly my children who have had dad away at endless meetings. I believe this Club is on the high road, and must maintain its course on this road. I have not achieved all my goals, but feel we are in safe hands. Some challenges ahead I feel we should be looking at are; tasteful log cabins on skids in place of caravans, electrification of sites, take over the management of a nearby resort where we can expand our obligation to the general public, the streamlining and possible restructuring of our Club operations by appointing a board of directors to run the business side of the Club. This should keep our pub going for a few seasons! I thank you all for the fun and support, and stand down as Commodore."

6. WATERSPORTS REPORT

Grant said that at the prize giving function he had reported on water sports and that he would thus not repeat those reports. He said that he felt that power boating needed a representative on the Water-sports Sub-committee. "Last year permission was given for PWC to use the water, as we could not exclude certain people from using the water by discriminating". He said that to date no negative comments re the PWC had been received. Grant then thanked Wade for his time and also the help received from the chairman of WP PWC. "Regarding Safety and Rescue we had a fair number of rescues but luckily nothing serious. There are always areas for improvement. Thanks to members for their help.

There have been suggestions that these people should be rewarded for doing so much but it was not feasible as there are many other people who also give a lot of time and effort to the Club in other ways. However, an informal function was being planned in the off-season where these volunteers would be thanked." Grant also advised that skippers should get their skippers certificate, as inland water regulations would be promulgated in the not too distant future. "As far as keelboat sailing is concerned, there are not enough on the water". He reported that the previous weekend's Club Dinghy Championships were very well supported. "Multihulls, thanks to Kevin Peyper and his team, for starting with the organizing of the multihulls and all the members who have traveled far and wide for sailing. For Youth training, the old boat "slap tjips" has finally been put to rest and had been replaced by a pencil rubber duck, on loan from Gemini, which was well received by the trainers.

A big Thank You to the past Committee and thanks to Kuba for the effort he has put into Water sports, including arranging the 2007 World Mirror Championships for South Africa and the two Lipton Cup Challenges. Thanks to Delf and Lise for all their efforts including organizing events and putting results together. Thanks to Paul van Ass, Juanita Booth, Kevin Peyper, Gareth Cairncross and Mark Josephs who have served on the committee for the past year. Angling is still not represented on the Water-sports Sub-committee". Grant then said that he was standing down as Rear-Commodore, Water sports.

7. CARAVANS AND CAMPING

Mark van der Westhuizen reported that we at present have 145 permanent sites. Of these, 106 are conventional, 16 are Plaat sites and 23 Beele Pond sites. Mark said that there were another two permanent sites, which would be made available for occupancy. There were 96 caravans stored in the storage area. Last year the average duration for a stay was recorded at 34.5 hrs, but due to finances and workload, this year it had come down to 26 hrs. Mark then thanked Neville Norton for sorting out the water pressure problems. Mark ended off saying "As far as the alarm system for the caravans goes, 18 members have shown interest".

Kuba thanked Mark for his report.

8. HOUSE AND GROUNDS

Martin Klopper reported: "Good morning ladies and gentleman. As a first time member of the TSC General Committee it took me a while to find my feet and get to grips with the requirements as Chairman, House and Grounds. However, thanks to the support of my fellow colleagues on the Committee, I got down to the task at hand. This last year saw a large amount of money spent on much-needed upgrade and maintenance of the Club's facilities. The major and most notable was the re-surfacing of the access road all the way down to the clubhouse. I am sure all will agree what an improvement this has made.

We have also addressed the water pressure problems by putting in booster tanks at both the Plaat and Mossel Bay ablutions. This has made a tremendous difference to the water pressure in the ablutions.

As most of the capital expenditure budget was used to finance the afore-mentioned projects, we did manage to complete a few smaller projects like tiling the Plaat and Public side ablutions, upgrading the Cafeteria and upgrading the clubhouse electrical transformer. As most of the smaller projects were put on hold for the year to cater for the bigger projects, I am sure it is only fair to say that these projects will be given top priority in the next year.

These projects include: -

- Improving the hot water situation.
- Providing for a crèche type facility.
- Providing drinking water.
- Upgrading of the public side facilities.

In conclusion this report is not complete without thanking a few people who helped in ensuring that these projects were a success. They are Delf, Derek and his team for their hard work and constant commitment, the General Committee for their support and for all the 'technical advisors' who met with me until the early hours of the morning in the bar! Thank you to all.

Lastly I have agreed to stand as Chairman, House and Grounds for another year as I feel we all need to serve some time on the Committee in ensuring we keep our little piece of heaven".

9. TREASURERS REPORT

Dudley Tacon was ill (sore throat) and Grant Ekermans reported on Dudley's portfolio. Grant mentioned that the financials were printed on the back of the agenda and if anyone would like to see the audited financial report, once they had been audited, they would be posted on the Club notice board. Frank Silberbauer then said that, according to the Constitution, the Annual Financial Statements or latest management accounts should be posted on the notice board before the meeting and that he had not seen any form of financials on the notice board. He commented that this needed to be attended to in future. Grant then asked the meeting if they accepted that the draft accounts, as distributed, be reviewed and used as the basis for the accounts to be submitted for audit. This motion was proposed by Mark van der Westhuizen and seconded by Neil Spilhaus.

Grant reported that the total income was R1 273 347. Of this amount, R91 112 was bar net income. The R952 079 'other' income included the public gate and public boat registrations. It was noted that 25% of our income was generated from the general public. Regatta and training expenditure was R90 643. The year reflected an operating surplus of R2 802, which showed members that the intention was not to generate huge profits. He reported that the management and staff had made an effort to keep costs down. He continued that the Club still had eleven 09's available for resale that was included in the stock. Capex projects he said were funded from the capital levy funds. This had included Phase 1 and 2 of the access road tarring, the cafeteria renovations and clubhouse modifications.

The financial report (Interim) was proposed by Dudley Tacon and seconded by Mark van der Westhuizen.

Frank Silberbauer then asked if we could, in future, have comparative figures from the previous year. Frank then asked if the relevant yacht club had paid back the shortfall from the 2002 Lipton Challenge Cup event. Kuba Miszewski answered that this amount was in fact due by the main sponsor. The relevant club, as trustees of this event, had never undertaken to pay this back but to assist TSC with the recovery of the shortfall. He continued that the outstanding amount had been written off in the previous financial year. Kuba asked whether this motion could be carried. This motion was proposed by Frank Silberbauer and seconded by Hans Beele.

Kuba then asked for a proposer and seconder for all the reports that had not yet been approved. Neville Norton proposed and Frank Silberbauer seconded.

10. MANAGERS REPORT

Delf was given the opportunity of addressing the meeting, this the first time since he had been employed. Delf reported as follows:

“Thanks for the opportunity to be able to address this meeting. I will not keep you long, but would like to mention a few things relating to my staff, the various committees I have worked with over the last 6 seasons and lastly, I would like to leave a message with the YOU, the members of the Club.

Firstly, I would like to commend my STAFF for all they have done during the last number of years. We have had to work under trying conditions at times”. Delf then gave a number of examples, which proved that the supervisory staff displayed extreme loyalty and dedication, beyond the call of duty. He continued, “I know that this Club would not have progressed as we have, had it not been for the incredible efforts of my staff. For all your ongoing support and commitment to making this, the best water sports club in South Africa – Thanks!”

“Then I would like to thank the various members who have served on the General Committees over the last number of years. Forgive me for mentioning their names, but these 16 members need to be honored:

Leon Deacon, Grant Ekermans, Chris King, Martin Klopper, Paul Knox, Tony Largier, Kuba Miszewski, Neville Norton, Walter Page, Frank Silberbauer, John Spilhaus, Neil Spilhaus, Kim Strutt, Dudley Tacon, Mark van der Westhuizen and Etienne Venter.

To this list I add all the members on the Futures Committee and the various other Sub-committees who have done sterling work over the years. I doubt whether the members of this Club that have not been involved in Committee responsibilities know or even understand how much work and effort goes into running a Club as big as ours. The long hours, sacrifices on both personal and family level, and the dedication needed to run this Club are tremendous. The challenges over the last number of years that have, and are facing this Club, have been tackled with enthusiasm and energy and they have all helped steer our Club onto the High Road into the new South Africa.

Finally, I would like to speak to you, the MEMBERS, who make this Club what it is! We know that the modern-day pressures of prospering as a family unit and in some instances, just surviving, are making life more difficult and these pressures and time commitments make inroads into our traditional recreation or family time.

These pressures impact on the Club too! We can see from the average stays per member, that members are not managing to visit the Club as many times per year as in the past. This means that the bar turnover suffers (and the Cafeteria’s turnover for that matter)! This also means that we are relying more heavily now on the income derived from the public visitors and also the income from mid-week groups using our facilities. This inevitably means that we, the staff, do spend more time than in the past on generating income from non-members and keeping them ‘happy campers’. Our aim is to do this without impacting too much on the level and quality of service to our members.

Our new South Africa also has other demands, which need to be addressed. We are continually working at maintaining the Club’s image as a progressive Club, which deals with the issues of the day and strives to stay one step ahead of all the ‘jackals’ out there. We are focusing on managing the numerous changes that we are confronted with. This also takes time and huge effort from the Committee and staff.

I want you to be aware, especially those members who are relatively new to the Club, that our Club has continued to grow in stature. Winning the Lipton trophy 3 times in the last 5 years has also put our Club firmly in the limelight. Other clubs phone us to find out how we deal with difficult issues – some clubs even model themselves on how we do things. As they say it’s tough at the top and even tougher to stay there!

No one can deny that we have virtually all the facilities a Club needs:

We have the member numbers; we have enough water to play around on; the beers are cold and cheap; the quality of the food served is excellent and value for money; we have hot water; we have definitely improved on the standard of site maintenance; the lawns are green; the general service is good; the ablutions are clean; there is a striving by the Committee and staff to improve our facilities continually and now the main access road is tarred!

These are but a few of the reasons that have helped make us a successful Club!

My call to you today is to appreciate that which you have helped create at Theewaters and help conserve all of this for future generations. Frank Silberbauer, in his address as outgoing Commodore in August 2000, highlighted a few pointers, which he felt the Club should not lose focus of and I wish to mention these as they are all still very relevant:

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 worthwhile."

Delf ended by saying "Thank you once again to my wife Margie for her support and the sacrifices she and my family have made, our staff, those committee members which have helped us and a big thanks to all the members who make this whole exercise all worth it for all of us!"

11. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Neville Norton said that there were not submissions for amendments to the Constitution, but proposed that a Special General Meeting be held early in the new season to discuss possible changes to the constitution regarding (a) the audited Financial Report and the problem being experienced because of the close proximity of the AGM to the end of our financial year, *and* (b) Neville said that he had dealt with many clubs around the country and that the Club had built up relationship with ACOSA (Associated Clubs of Southern Africa). The management structures of our Club needed further investigation. He said that the staff appreciated a level of committee continuity. The current Committee had been investigating new management structures (e.g. a board of directors, sailing, water sports, caravans and camping) to ensure that we maintained a degree of continuity. He requested that members submitted ideas for further discussion at a Special General Meeting, notice of which will be sent to members.

12. ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS FOR 2004/2005

Neville Norton proposed that following people be granted Honorary Membership, for one year and motivated each nominee:

Gordon McGillivray (Hobie SA)
Zac Wessels (Hobie SA)
Commodores of other Western Cape Clubs
Four Principals of the local primary and high schools
Mr Erwin Weidemann (DWAF)
Henry Paulse (Deputy Director, Dept Sports and Recreation, Western Cape)
Leon Lourens (Cape Nature Conservation)
Theewaterskloof Golf Club Chairman
Community sailing participants
TSC Lipton Cup Organisers (those not members of the Club)

Delf Amm also proposed the members of the South African entry to the America's Cup campaign, as proposed by Kuba Miszewski in his report. Di Hutton-Squire proposed the local Mayor. These proposals were confirmed by Neville Norton and seconded by Bruce Kelly.

As we were again hosting the Lipton Challenge Cup in August 2004 at the V&A Waterfront, Leon Deacon appealed to members to come forward and assist with the organisation of the event.

Leon appealed to members that we should seriously consider the present demographic situation at the Club regarding membership and, even the allocation of permanent sites. Our Club could possibly be perceived as being an elitist club. He said that serious consideration needed to be given to this matter by all members and that the General Committee needed to address this urgently.

13. GENERAL

13.1 Kuba Miszewski reported that the electrification of permanent sites was a need identified by a member. A survey had been undertaken amongst a few members and the results indicated that a comprehensive investigation would be undertaken to assess the feasibility of this project. Costs and other implications would then be submitted to members at the proposed Special General Meeting for a final decision.

13.2 Kuba Miszewski also briefed members on a proposal, which had been received, and asked for a mandate to investigate the erection by a cell-phone company of a micro-cell antenna on our premises. The Club would benefit by better cell-phone reception and also a rental income. The General Committee was given the go-ahead to negotiate further, by those members present.

13.3 Robin Hutton-Squire emphasized that TSC was a water sports club and suggested that we need to investigate a floating marina facility.

14. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Neville Norton said that, after duly being nominated, the following members were now elected as the new General Committee for 2004/2005:

Commodore:	Tony Largier
Vice-Commodore:	Mark Josephs
Rear-Commodore, Water sports:	Paul van Ass
Chairman, Caravans and Camping:	Chris Greyvenstein
Chairman, House and Grounds:	Martin Klopper
Trustees:	Kuba Miszewski and Leon Deacon

These nominations were proposed by Neville Norton and seconded by Hans Beele.

Kuba Miszewski, as the outgoing Commodore, awarded Commodores Medals to the following members:

Mike North	Youth bosuns work – repairs to training boats
Alan Butcher	Youth bosuns work – repairs to training boats
Jan v d Westhuizen	Esprit de Corps – Loyalty and commitment to the Club
Hester vd Westhuizen	Esprit de Corps – Loyalty and commitment to the Club
Esther Colebank	Esprit de Corps – Effort with Slipway Cafeteria
Peter Colebank	Esprit de Corps – Effort with Slipway Cafeteria
Louis Galloway	Esprit de Corps – Support of the Club
Kevin Peyper	For organising the Multihull sailors during 2003/2004
Di Norton	For support/help in matters benefiting the Club
Grant Ekermans	For service and innovative ideas
Dudley Tacon	For service/sterling financial control of our Club assets
Roger Field	Invaluable inputs on the Futures Committee
John MacLennan	Standard of our Club newsletter, the ‘The Times’
Barend van As	For excellent work as our ‘official’ photographer

Neville Norton thanked Kuba for his hard work done and dedication over the last three years. A gift was presented to Kuba. John Spilhaus then thanked Neville for all his hard work.

There being no further discussion, the AGM was adjourned at 12h50.



SGM
16 APRIL 2005

MINUTE OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 16 APRIL 2005 AT THEEWATER SPORTS CLUB AT 14h00

Welcome

Tony Largier welcomed everyone present and remarked that the attendance figure was very encouraging. Tony explained the order of this Special General Meeting. He asked that everyone refer to and adhere to the various agenda points. Tony explained that the General Committee had called this meeting and that most of the items on the agenda emanated from requests that had been received from members during the last number of months. Because some of these matters could be considered contentious, it was felt that, democratically, the membership should decide on these matters. He asked that everyone ensure that they sign the attendance register, which was circulating. Leon Deacon encouraged participation by all members, but requested that any comments be kept brief and to the point.

1. Notice of meeting

Tony Largier asked if every one present had received the Notice of the Special General Meeting that had been posted to all members on the 23 March 2005. He asked if everyone had read the brief summary of each discussion point, which was also attached to the agenda. After no response from the members it was accepted and noted that the Notice of the Special General Meeting was received and read by all. It was noted that there were sufficient members to constitute a quorum (105 members signed the attendance register).

2. Apologies

Apologies from the following members were tendered: Philip Brown, Alan and Shirley Butcher, Keith and Margaret Coleman, Thomas and Nan Drummond, Alexander Petrovic, Aubrey and Ursula Price, Eastwood Loftus, Geoff and Janet Reid, Mike and Honor North, Jason and Kim Wallace, Malcolm and Cathy Elston, Brian Ferguson, Anthony Doherty, Peter and Annemarie Turner, John Walker, Lynette Lake, Peter Kemp, David Booth, Linda McIntosh, Sean Hormann, Bryan and Diana Jones.

3. Proposed changes to the TSC By-laws

Leon Deacon reported that over the last few months certain proposals and suggestions were received from members, and due to the fact that there were no clarification nor guidelines found for these matters in the current By-law booklet, that these proposals/suggestions be addressed and decided on at this meeting. Should there be sufficient support for any of the proposals, the By-laws would be amended accordingly. He asked Chris Greyvenstein to motivate the following proposal:

a. Camping by members on the permanent site waterfront area

When the water level drops sufficiently, Plaat lessees should be allowed to camp in the waterfront area in front of the existing permanent sites, subject to the follow restrictions:

- (i) The camper must be a TSC member;
- (ii) The camper is at least 25m in front of the high water mark/pine windbreak;
- (iii) The camper is at least 20m from the water's edge;
- (iv) No fires are made;
- (v) No pollution enters the dam;

(vi) No camping by members when regattas are held. (The Club however reserved the right to occasionally utilize this area for regatta participant camping).

The motivation for this proposal was to maximize the 'TSC experience' for those members who aspire to camp near the water, away from the South Easter, and to clarify the Club By-laws in this regard. Peter Haarhoff seconded this proposal. Leon then asked for comments from the floor.

After much discussion from members concerning the identification of the high and low water mark, a suggestion was made by John Spilhaus to amend the proposal 3 a (ii) and (iii) that the distance from and to the water's edge be set once the water has sufficiently receded, and 3 a (iv) to read 'fires may only be made in suitable fire receptacles provided'. This amendment was seconded by Peter Haarhoff. Tony then asked the membership to vote on the original proposal (including the amendment.) The overwhelming majority vote was 'No' and therefore this motion was defeated.

Leon Deacon then asked Paul van Ass to motivate the following proposal:

b. Quad bikes, motorbikes and off-road vehicles

All terrain vehicles (ATV) including quad bikes, motorcycles, off road bikes and scramblers are allowed to be used on Club premises, subject to strict rules and prior registration of these vehicles with the Club. The proposed rules include:

(i) The TSC General Committee reserves the right to refuse permission for anyone to ride an ATV, off road bike, motorcycle or scrambler considered to be unsafe or being used in a manner endangering the safety of any Club member or the visiting public anywhere on the Club premises.

(ii) All Club members are authorized to enforce these rules and any infringement should be reported to the General Manager or any member of the General Committee.

(iii) All the above vehicles must be registered. None of these vehicles may be driven on Club premises without a valid registration disc.

An annual fee of R50 per vehicle will be levied on members when registering their vehicles. A daily fee of R10 per vehicle is payable by the general public.

(iv) Vehicles found on the premises without a registration number or day visitors numbered disc may be impounded until they can be identified. The owner may have his vehicle confiscated.

(v) Safety:

a. All users under the age of 16 should wear the necessary safety equipment

b. All users must wear a SABS-approved protective helmet

c. No riders under the age of 16 years may lift passengers

d. The speed limit on Club premises must be strictly adhered to. The only area where vehicles are allowed to exceed the 12kph speed limit reasonably and responsibly is to the south east of the Estate House on the public side

e. All traffic signs must be obeyed

f. No vehicle may be operated before 10h00 and after 19h00

(vi) Restricted ('no-go') areas:

a. Along the waterfront on the member's side

b. The clubhouse area (including the lawns)

The motivation for this proposal was that there had been an increase in the number of members wishing to use these vehicles whilst visiting the Club. Members of the public that camp at TSC also wish to use these vehicles to enhance their camping experience.

Chris Greyvenstein seconded this proposal. Tony Largier then asked for comments from the floor. Comments were made by Wyd Barnard, Bruce Green and Dale Kushner regarding the designated terrain for these vehicles, how one could maintain control so that these vehicles would only use the demarcated areas, and the fact that they felt that the use of quad bikes at the Club is contradictory to the spirit of the Club's conservation ethic. Roger Field cautioned that the Club should be aware of potential legal liabilities that could arise should there be any accidents or injuries caused by these vehicles. Simon Butcher proposed that members with physical impairments should apply to the GC for permission to use these vehicles on Club property. Chris Greyvenstein seconded this proposal. John Spilhaus then proposed that the proposed rules change as follows:

- i) That the age restriction for driving these vehicles is 16 years and over;
- ii) All vehicles must be licensed;
- iii) They only be used as a means of convenient transport, directly from point A to point B.

Various members made numerous counter proposals. Leon Deacon, at this point, commented that it appeared as though there was not much support for allowing the use of these vehicles at the Club, and it appeared evident that the Club could not prohibit licensed vehicles from being used at the Club. Furthermore, all members with physical impairments that use these vehicles could apply to the General Committee for special permission to use these vehicles at the Club. Leon asked that a vote be taken on the original proposal. The overwhelming majority vote was 'No'. Motion defeated.

Leon asked Chris Greyvenstein to motivate the following proposal:

c. The accumulation of 8 stays per annum

To alter the present permanent site lease agreement requirement that permanent site lessees achieve their annual requirement of 8 stays as follows: 4 stays by end of October and the balance of 4 by the end of April of the following year.

Chris Greyvenstein and Leon Deacon explained the motivation for this proposal, which was to decrease the 'rush' amongst many permanent site members by cramming in their stays in the last couple of months and also to ensure a steady rate of member occupancy at the Club throughout the year.

Martin Klopper seconded this proposal. Tony asked for comments from the floor.

Erika Spilhaus asked if the two terms could be separated as follows: May to December (7 months) and from January to April (5 months), to ensure that the first period would incorporate two of the warmer, sailing months.

Roger de Carvalho opposed this proposal and gave his views on the matter. (i) He felt that if this proposal were to be accepted it could have implications for the current permanent site lease agreement, whereby the lease would have to be renewed every 6 months, should a member fail to make the required 4 stays after the first 6 months. (ii) He was of the opinion that the Club does not offer any water sports during the winter months, and hence, fewer members visit the Club during the winter months.

(iii) He felt that the permanent site lessees were being unfairly singled out, they already pay the 'highest premiums' and are now expected to visit the Club more often than the Plaat lessees. (iv) He felt that it was unfair to single out the permanent site lessees to ensure support of the bar and cafeteria, as permanent site lessees made up a smaller percentage of the total membership. Roger felt that the proposal was unfair and discriminatory for all permanent site lessees.

Hans Beele proposed that the number of stays be increased to 12 per year. Peter Haarhoff seconded this proposal. After much discussion, Leon Deacon stated that this proposal did not have any bearing on the original proposed amendment and was, in effect, a counter proposal, which should be considered as a separate issue. Leon proposed that this matter be discussed at the next AGM, scheduled for 22 May 2005. Hans subsequently withdrew his proposal.

Leon asked for a vote to be taken on the original proposed amendment, with the proposed change that the first period of stays be considered from May – November (7 months) and the last 4 stays to count from December to April of the following year.

The majority vote was against this proposal with only 5 in favour. Motion defeated.

4. Proposed Amendments to the TSC Constitution

Leon Deacon mentioned that certain proposals had been received and needed to be addressed. He asked the General Manager to motivate the following proposal:

a. Para 7.b) ii: Change the definition of Family membership

Change the age from 18 to 21 years. The new paragraph would then read: "... shall be open to families consisting of husband and wife/common-law wife/partner and their respective children under the age of 21 years. A child's inclusion in Family membership will automatically cease at the end of the Club financial year in which the youth turns 21."

The General manager explained that the current situation was that children of Family members 'lose' their Family membership status at the age of 18. Many children, at the age of 18, are nowadays still at school, or have not yet decided what employment direction to take, many taking a so-called 'gap-year'. Parents of these children then end up having to pay their Annual Club Fees as Student or Ordinary members to ensure that they can still use the Club facilities. We want to encourage young adults to use their Club and not to feel that, after reaching the age of 18, they are 'discarded' and are then forced into making a decision whether to continue their membership. In many instances, by the age of 21 years, young adults have made their mind up about which direction to take and are more independent. This proposed amendment would have no significant financial impact, as there are currently no Ordinary members and only six Student members under the age of 21.

This proposal was seconded by Hans Beele. Tony asked for comments from the floor. Carol Barhouch asked that the definition and terminology of 'Family Membership' be examined, as the primary member could be the wife/common-law wife/partner and not necessarily the husband as per the existing definition of a 'Family membership'.

This proposal was put to the vote and the majority vote was in favour of changing the definition of 'Family membership' accordingly. The motion was therefore carried.

b. Para 7.b): Addition of a new category of membership

Leon Deacon motivated the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

A new category of membership be introduced, being Social membership. The criteria for this category would be that the person must be over 21 years of age. Membership rights are restricted to the use of the cafeteria, bar and swimming area. Only people residing within the confines of the Theewaterskloof municipal area qualify. No overnighting is permissible. The General Committee will review these members every 12 months. Any possible transgressions/misconduct will be dealt with as stipulated in our Constitution. Social members would not be required to pay an entrance fee, but would pay an annual subscription and the capital levy set by the General Committee.

Leon explained the motivation for this proposal: Due to the dwindling use of the Club facilities by members, the Club needs to generate more income, without having to increase the members annual club fees. Leon said that the cafeteria and the bar would also benefit from this initiative. It could also be justified to open the clubhouse on Wednesday evenings. Numerous people, who reside in Villiersdorp, would welcome social membership, as they do not necessarily partake in any form of boating, only utilizing the Club facilities to socialize. This would fulfil a need in the local community (lots of retirees). It would also improve our image amongst the general Villiersdorp community as TSC is viewed as an 'elitist club' by many.

This proposal was seconded by Chris Greyvenstein. Numerous members made various comments.

This proposal was then put to the vote: The majority vote was against this proposal. The motion was therefore defeated.

c. Para 8. a: Change the application for membership procedure

Leon Deacon asked the General Manager to motivate the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

That the membership application procedure be reverted to what was in force prior to the 2003 AGM, where certain additions were made to the procedure. The additions that were made in 2003 were:

"..... Each application form shall be posted on the Club notice board for a period of 3 (three) months, during which time any bona fide Club member may make representations to the General Committee why such application shall not be in the best interests of the Club. During this period the aspirant member, who will be acknowledged as a Club member under probation, must meet with and acquire the signature to this effect of at least 60% of the General Committee members."

In addition, the General Committee had decided that, once the members' 3-month probation period had expired a welcoming function should be held, where all the probationary members and the General Committee members would be present. This would also give the probationary member the opportunity to meet the General

Committee members and obtain signatures if they had not yet achieved the 60% requisite.

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The General Manager explained the motivation for this proposal:

This additional procedure does not work in practice. Membership application forms had been posted on the notice board, as per the procedure, but had been removed by unknown persons and subsequently went missing. In the two-year period since the new procedure was implemented, only one member ventured a comment on one new membership application, stating that she supported the application. In addition, very few (50%) of the members under probation and only 40% of the General Committee members managed to be present at the only welcoming party we were able to arrange in the two years since this procedure was implemented. A lot of additional time-consuming administration work, seemingly without any benefits, is the result.

Hans seconded this proposal. Tony Largier asked for comments from the floor. Tony Strutt referred to the pool table that he was standing next to and said that this table, donated by Peter and Alison Sarkozy had been damaged by new members' children and that this had happened because there was no proper screening process in place for new members. The General Manager asked if he may respond to this statement, and said that the table had in fact not been donated by the Sarkozy's, but by Peter and Jill Jackson. He stated that the table had on numerous occasions been damaged by long standing members' children and not necessarily by new member's children only. He continued that this damage had taken place whilst the screening procedure had been in place. Tony Strutt then said that he felt that these comments were out of order and asked that the General Manager's comments not be minuted. Tony Largier then asked the members to vote on this proposal, as no further comments were forthcoming. The majority vote was in favour of this proposal. One vote was against. The motion was therefore carried.

5. Building of a new ablution block on public side

Tony Largier asked Martin Klopper to motivate the following proposal:

Due to the increasing number of visits and usage of the premises by members of the public, the demand for the building of a new conveniently situated ablution block had arisen. During a recent survey amongst members of the public that visit our Club it became clear that the biggest need was for more ablution facilities (the current ablution facility was completed in the 1997/1998 season). We can also eliminate the long distances members of the public have to travel to the only ablution facility on the public side. We also need to constantly improve and upgrade the facilities on the public side in line with the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry lease agreement (which expires in December 2007).

Martin said that to build an ablution block, similar in size to the Mossel Bay Ablution (12m x 5m), which includes a 2m outside covered verandah on the ladies side, with the following facilities:

Ladies: 3 x showers, 3 x toilets, 4 x washbasins

Gents: 3 x showers, 2 toilets, 3 x urinals, 4 x washbasins

This block will be built from brick and mortar (unlike the current ablutions built predominantly in wood). Martin explained that the water from showers deteriorates the wood and makes expensive maintenance necessary from time to time.

A price estimation obtained from a building property evaluator on 15 April 2005 was R2 200 per m² (this includes laying on electricity from current source and tying in to the existing sewage line that runs to the evaporation dams). The total cost of building an ablution block was estimated at R132 000.00.

Martin said that we should consider various financing options:

1. Build the entire building in 2005/2006, disregarding all other capex projects planned for next season.
2. Build the ablution block over 2 years in 2005 to 2007, employing capex funds from both years.
3. Take a bond, build the ablution block in 2005/2006 and plan to pay the building off over 5 years.

Tony asked for comments from those present. Hans suggested that we take a bond with a fixed term of 5 years. He felt that building this ablution block would draw more members of the public and that this would generate additional income, which would help paying off the bond. Dale Kushner said that he felt that we should not go into debt and commit ourselves to 5 years, but that we should build this ablution block over 1 to 2 years. Because of the financial implications, Erika Spilhaus wanted to know whether the capital levy would be increased. Roger Field reiterated that, according to our lease agreement with DWAF, the Club has a responsibility to upgrade the facilities on the public side and said that he supported this proposal. It was decided that the General Committee should look at the various options for raising the necessary capital, bearing in mind all the comments that had been made by members.

Chris Greyvenstein then seconded this motion. Tony Largier asked the members to vote on the proposal. All members were in favour of this proposal, with no members recording their disapproval. The motion was therefore carried.

Tony Largier then asked Martin to motivate the following proposal:

6. Replacement of current Club diesel 'bakkie'

Martin said that the current bakkie (purchased second-hand in 2002) now has 389 000km on the odometer. The present vehicle is old with the result that it is less reliable and the condition is rapidly deteriorating (the vehicle also does long trips, often at night) and the repair costs are increasing. To date R32 594.00 had been spent on repairs to the bakkie since 2002.

Martin said that an investigation had shown that we could arrange finance on the new vehicle at approximately 60 x R2 700/month.

Ian Grant seconded this proposal.

Tony Largier then proposed that the motion be amended to read: "The existing Club bakkie be sold/traded in for a suitable replacement vehicle." This amendment was seconded by Leon Deacon. Tony asked those present for their opinions. Dale Kushner felt that we should keep the current bakkie and that a suitable, cheaper second hand bakkie be purchased. Dale also suggested that the General Committee should discuss the various financial options and reach a final decision. Leon Deacon said that the membership needed to give their approval for the General Committee to reach a final decision. Dale said that it was risky to give the General Committee too much power.

Tony Largier then asked the membership to vote on this amended proposal. All members present were in favour of this. The motion was therefore carried.

7. Investigation into various club management models

Tony requested a mandate from the members for the General Committee to proceed an investigation exercise of various club management models over the next 12 months, before making a formal proposal to the membership on their findings at the 2006 AGM, scheduled for May 2006.

Tony said that in order to deal with the challenges that the future holds for our Club, various management models (which may of may not differ much from our current model) could have benefits/advantages to our current management model. Tony said that the General Committee wished to investigate various management models with the aim of ensuring cost-effective management of TSC. If any improvements to our current way of managing the Club are forthcoming, these proposals will be discussed with our membership at the 2006 AGM. Leon Deacon seconded this proposal.

Tony then asked for comments on this proposal. Ian Grant said that he felt the current committee structure was a good thing. Kuba Miszewski mentioned that, on a recent visit to Tasmania, he had seen a good club management model in place. Kuba mentioned that we could look at the benefits of a Section 21 company. Roger Field reiterated that the Club as a legal entity must be accountable to the members. Alastair Douglas suggested that members on the General Committee should serve for longer terms. Tony Largier said that it was imperative that a 5-year plan also be drafted.

Tony then asked members to vote. The majority of those present voted in favour of this motion. The motion was therefore upheld.

Tony then thanked everyone for their attendance and participation. The meeting adjourned at 15h38.



AGM
22 MAY 2005

MINUTE OF THE 26th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) OF THE THEEWATER SPORTS CLUB HELD AT TSC ON 22 MAY 2005

The 26th Annual General Meeting started at 11h00. The Commodore, Tony Largier, welcomed everyone present and thanked the members for attending this meeting. Tony remarked that the attendance was encouraging and confirmed that 91 members were present and had signed the attendance register and that this number constituted a quorum.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Tony read the Notice of AGM and stated that the meeting would proceed in accordance with the published agenda. Tony confirmed that the Notice of the 26th AGM meeting had been posted to all members within the specified time, as per the Constitution. Tony ensured that everyone present had received the AGM agenda (with the General Committee nominees on the reverse side) and the Financial Summary for the year ended 30 April 2005 (with the Capex expenditure for the year on the reverse side).

2. OBITUARIES

Tony asked for a minute's silence for the passing of Jean Elms, Rupert Pybus and Bronwyn Spilhaus during the past year. Tony expressed condolences to the family members on behalf of all Club members.

3. APOLOGIES

Tony read the list of members that had tendered their apologies. A few more names were mentioned at this meeting, which are also included below:

John and Ruth Reader, Geoffrey and Janet Reid, Ian and Michelle Allenbrook, Paul and Jo Plumstead, Bryan and Diana Jones, Ken and Cecily Higgins, Lynette Lake, Craig Avery, Peter and Annemarie Turner, Dale Kushner, Hugh and Clare Bosman, Malcolm and Catherine Elston, Quentin and Alex Miller, Russel Richter, Alan and Shirley Butcher, Steven Butcher, Jeremy and Elizabeth Nel, Charles and Shirley Mast, John and Marion Coxall, David Booth, Stuart Tanner, Lawrence vd Westhuizen, Mike and Leslie Martin, Neville and Di Norton, Nita Booth, Johann Spilhaus, Wendy Logan, Peter Kemp and Anne Lomax, Kenneth Klein, Arno and Lisa Schipper, Anthony Tatt, Bruce and Phoebe Green.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTE OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minute of the previous AGM was proposed by Neil Spilhaus and seconded by Kuba Miszewski. _

5. COMMODORES REPORT

Tony Largier reported as follows: 'it is my pleasure to welcome everyone to the 26th Theewater Sports Club Annual General Meeting. I would like to present my report of the main activities at TSC during the past season. After my report, my fellow committee members will give reports on their various subsections.

I believe that the most significant thing about the past season has been the drought, although the water levels did not retreat as far as some people expected it to, the lack of water surely affected TSC. Firstly, we had to get used to brown lawns and a generally dusty environment (Well done to Delf for keeping within the water budget!). Secondly we definitely got our daily exercise walking to the water which seemed to retreat at an alarming rate especially just before the first rains. However I believe that the biggest affect of the lack of water has been in people's subconscious, resulting in both members and the general public frequenting the Club less in the past season. This is borne out by the following percentage trends compared to the 2003/2004 figures:

Members signing in at the entrance gate	94%
Permanent site stays	90%
Plaat stays	98%
Public Full day visits	53%
Public Overnight visits	95%

Early in last season before our Opening Cruise, TSC was very busy with the organization of 2004 Lipton Challenge Cup event. Neville Norton and Kuba Miszewski headed this team. It was decided to use the V & A Waterfront as the base for this event. Although this option presented numerous challenges the final result was excellent and by all accounts proved to be one of the best if not the best Lipton Cup event. It was great to see that the general public became aware of the event and the competitors told me that it was impressive to see the entire fleet sailing through the V & A basin making their way out to sea everyday. I believe this is what is required to give yachting more of a standing. This regatta was made possible by the main sponsors Unilever and the V&A Waterfront, to these companies and the numerous others we are deeply indebted. Then on a more local note it is the many, many TSC members and staff that almost camped at the Waterfront that made this regatta such a success. TSC was represented at the Lipton Cup by the Yacht 'Daly's Insurance' and here we must thank Mike Daly from Daly's Insurance for the sponsorship enabling TSC to compete. Lipton Cup proved to be even more successful as TSC won the event as well. Rick Nankin skippered the TSC entry with fellow crewmembers Greg Davis, Anthony Spillebeen, Ian Wolmarans and Steve du Toit. Well done guys it was a great effort!

TSC continues to have a very good relationship with DWAF. We continue to play a big part in the water safety and take part in numerous forums concerning Theewaterskloof dam. The Trustees will expand on this matter later.

Paul will cover the Water sports portfolio later, however I would like to point out a few of the highlights. Firstly, TSC was very well represented at numerous Western Province Regattas and a few members excelled themselves. In the Dabchick fleet, one of our members won the WP Championships and came 3rd in the Nationals - Well done Ross Dyer! Then in the Optimist fleet, Christopher Gough has been selected to represent SA at the Optimist Worlds this year. Well done Chris! We have a contingent of sailors who have qualified to sail in the Mirror Worlds in Sweden later this year. Gareth Cairncross, Kuba and Henio Miszewski, Daniel and Kenan Tatt. We wish them all the best. Secondly the TSC youth sailing programme continues to progress. The season started on a very busy and high note with lots of activity, this was motivated by Frank Silberbauer and Mark Josephs. Unfortunately both organisers had to leave us during the season due to being transferred and work commitments. We must thank the coaches and Lise who then kept the training going during these difficult times. However, I am pleased to report that we have a very enthusiastic person driving the youth training programme again – thanks Brian Ferguson.

During the latter part of the past season the organisation of the Slipway Cafeteria had changed. The Colebanks, mainly Esther, have been operating the Cafeteria for a while and have certainly lifted the standard of the Cafeteria to levels we had not seen before at TSC. For this we are very appreciative - thank you to Peter and Esther. Unfortunately the Colebanks found that the effort required to operate the cafeteria did not justify the reward gained and they tendered their resignation. While the General Committee explored various ideas to make the cafeteria more rewarding, none were mutually acceptable. After much discussion the Committee decided to utilize this opportunity to empower one of our staff members by giving him the opportunity to learn the ropes in the catering field. Brandon Petersen, who had previously excelled at the entrance gate, was offered the opportunity to take over the management of the Cafeteria and has been running the Cafeteria for the past few weeks. TSC purchased the equipment and stock in the Cafeteria. It is planned that Brandon will be set up on a profit sharing basis in the new season so that both Brandon and the Club benefit.

As all members are aware there was a Special General Meeting held at TSC on the 16th April 2005. At this meeting it was decided to:

- disallow camping along the water in front of the member's side
- ban quad bike traffic from TSC

- maintain the 8 stays minimum, per season, for permanent site lessees to maintain their sites
- extend the age for Family members to the age of 21 years
- change the method of adopting new members
- permission was granted to build a new ablution block on the public side
- replace the existing bakkie with a suitable vehicle.

It is sad for me to have to report that the TSC newsletter 'Thee times' has met with troubled times. John MacLennan has for years been the editor for this publication, which had been the envy of many clubs. John has extracted and cajoled articles from many members and produced a magnificent product and for this I would like to express our sincere thanks. Unfortunately John has been ill and cannot continue with the project so we need a new editor if anyone can help it would be greatly appreciated.

There are a few projects, which we plan to do over the winter periods. Firstly, we intend to hold an auction in September to dispose of various items around the Club. We will keep you informed nearer the time. Secondly, we intend to hold a workshop with a view to drawing up a 5-year plan. If anyone is interested in participating please talk to Delf.

The last point is to thank firstly, the Club staff for keeping TSC running on a daily basis. I believe most people who stand on committees do not have the time to get involved with the work that is required at TSC, so thank you Delf and your team for all the work at TSC. Then also Delf, Lise and Lupetan who went to Cape Town for the Lipton Cup and Derek and Lupetan who went to Saldanha Bay to assist with the Provincial Championships.

Secondly, I would like to thank my committee for the numerous Friday night meetings and the long hours put in between meetings. Thank you very much for your input, enthusiasm and the work you have all done.

Finally to my family: Thank you Jeanne, Cathy and James for supporting me with the TSC work and putting up with all the time spent away from you.'

Leon thanked Tony for his report, and his service to TSC.

6. RATIFICATION OF THE ROAD REFURBISHMENT LEVY

Tony mentioned that at a previous AGM a decision was reached to levy each family with a road refurbishment levy in order to tar the main access road. This decision was taken unanimously, but may have been unconstitutional due to this matter not being an item on the official agenda. As one of the members had brought this to the Committees attention, it was felt that this decision needed to be ratified at this AGM. Tony then proposed that the road refurbishment levy that was charged and paid by all the members be ratified. Roger Field seconded this motion. All present voted unanimously that this decision was now ratified.

7. REAR-COMMODORE'S WATER SPORTS REPORT

Paul van Ass, Rear-Commodore, Water sports reported as follows: 'I would like to thank the people who helped me during this past year. The years are flying by so fast; it must be a sign of old age. My first thank you is to the bridge crew: Erika and John Spilhaus. They had held a bridge seminar to attract people, whom I must say, produced excellent bridge officers; Hester van der Westhuizen ran the Keelboat fleet with absolute perfection! This is not an easy task. Well Done!

This year we changed the format of Club sailing so as to accommodate all sailors on one weekend. This worked well for the Youth, Keelboat and Multihull sailors (as well as the Cafeteria and bar sales!). The only people not supporting the plan were the Dinghy sailors! I assume that there were too many other regattas on at the same time. We will have to look into this for the next sailing season. I myself enjoyed the Stadt 23 series and found the racing very

competitive. The results were formulated scientifically for the first time. Members sent in their away results timeously and we could see who had sailed at 'away' regattas under the TSC burgee and our Skipper of Skippers trophy winner shows this quite clearly.

Youth Sail Training

We started the year with a bang and the standard of training was set high. It was a pleasure to see so many young faces. Halfway through the program our youth leaders, Frank Silberbauer (co-ordinator) and Mark Josephs (senior sailing coach) left due to work and family commitments, which left us rudderless. However our youth trainers took over for a while and did a fantastic job continuing with the training modules. Then a breath of fresh air walked in, in the form of Brian Ferguson, who supported the trainers and held this fragile program together. I feel we can really move forward with this team. Mike North assisted with the boat repairs and training and was also always on the water. Peter Haarhoff also assisted with the community sailors, who are now sailing multi hulls.

WP Championships

Organising away regattas is a huge task and I must mention the WP Dinghy Championships regatta at Saldanha Bay. The spirit with which TSC members handled this regatta was outstanding, as all the sailing articles published praised the high standard and commitment of all the TSC volunteers. I would like to thank 'Veronica' for all the spirit that kept us together at the campsite!

Hobie Comrades Series

This band of 30 Hobie sailors met together on the race days with absolute gusto, come rain or sunshine, they were always ready. They were the entertainment for the members at the bar and clubhouse. While everyone else had packed up ready to leave for home, the Hobie sailors just had to have one more race. This resulted in the rescue boat and crew having just one more rescue mission! The results of the Hobie Comrades show that the person that persisted won in the end.

The rescue crew, who were out in the worst weather, helping some poor souls, are always appreciated.' Paul thanked them for their commitment and assistance.

Paul also thanked the following people for their contribution towards our Club sailing:

Tony Largier, General Committee members, Delf, Lise, John and Erika Spilhaus, Jan and Hester van der Westhuizen and family, Frank Silberbauer, Mark Josephs, Gareth Cairncross, Abigail Cornwell, Jonathan Wooldridge, Nicky Silberbauer, Pierre and Rene Droomer, Brian Ferguson, Mike North, Alan Butcher and Peter Haarhoff.

Tony thanked Paul for his report.

8. CARAVANS AND CAMPING REPORT (Chris Greyvenstein)

Tony reported that Chris Greyvenstein (Chairman, Caravans and Camping) was presently in France participating in an international wrestling tournament and that he (Tony) would read his report in his absence.

1. Two new sites were developed in Beele Pond, near the office and allocated to members.
2. 18 permanent site inspections had taken place, with 11 notifications being sent to lessees to confirm deviations from the by-laws.
3. The balance of these inspections (128) will be done during the new season.
4. 8 permanent site transfers had taken place.
5. 8 Plaat lessees had taken up permanent sites. At present we are busy working through the transfer list to re-allocate 5 new sites.
6. Chris requested that members remember to complete the site alteration request form when planning any improvements. They must also get the neighbours permission, where applicable.
7. Firebreaks were made on the neighbouring ground (portion 109) with DWAF's assistance.

8. The fire-tender was upgraded with the water tank being replaced.
9. The renting out of the Club caravan to members and their guests raised R4 995.
10. There has been a dramatic drop off in the general public visiting the Club. The 2004/2005 figure has dropped from 12 666 in 2003/2004 to 7 829 (which was the same figure we had about 8 years ago). This meant that we had a shortfall of R50 000 on public gate income during the past season. The reasons could be the low water level of the dam, increasing cost of fuel and also the increased camping fees. Chris said that we are planning to do more research on this problem in the new season.
11. The number of permanent site stays decreased to 1 529 for the year, down from 2 157 in 2001. There has been a consistent annual decrease over the years. We will also be investigating this phenomenon during the new season.
12. The number of plaat stays has gradually increased from 421 in 2000 to 605 this past season.
13. Security: We had 6 'incidents' in the last year, which raise concern. We appointed a new security company AGRWATCH and they have improved on security in general terms by being on the premises 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We would like to appeal to members to keep a look out and report any incident. Quite a number of these incidents were strange, as, after entry was gained to a caravan, nothing appeared to be missing! Over the last few years the staff have picked up 4 bicycles that have not yet been collected. If you are missing a bicycle, please pop into the office, otherwise we will have to sell these at the annual Auction of Unclaimed Goods (scheduled for September).
14. 19 Site alteration requests were submitted and approved during the last year. Most of these improvements have already been completed. It is encouraging to see that there is ongoing improvement in the general appearance of the permanent sites and we thank the members for their commitment towards beautifying the Club permanent sites.

9. HOUSE AND GROUNDS REPORT

Martin Klopper, Chairman House and Grounds reported as follows:

'The following is a run-down on what projects we completed last year and what the future looks like.

Major projects that we completed this year were:

- * Enlarging 7 permanent sites on the Plaat (dangerous overhead electricity cables)
- * Earthing the roof of the boat park sheds (phase 1) because of overhead electricity
- * Installation of the motion detector lights in the Beele Boat park to improve security
- * Fire tender upgrade
- * Levelling of public sites under the trees (phase 1)
- * Development of 6 sites on the public side in anticipation of electrifying these sites
- * Improving the water supply and pressurising 2 systems at club ablutions and 1

system

on the public ablution block

- * Installing an alarm monitoring system in the Estate House to which 20 caravan alarms are now collected - more space available on the system (R790 for each alarm system, with no monthly monitoring fee)
- * Development of a further 2 permanent sites in Beele Pond area, near the office

Apart from these, there have been a host of smaller projects that we completed this year:

- * Improving the braai facilities on the Plaat
- * Beautification of the premises by planting trees and shrubs (Thanks to Margie Cochrane and Hans Beele!)
- * Security lighting improved on our security spotlights by upgrading to halogen lamps
- * Many of the boat parking sheds have been fitted with gates and fencing to improve security (Derek has spent much of his private time doing these jobs)
- * Putting in fire breaks on Portion 109 (with DWAF's assistance)
- * The boat hoist was overalled
- * The water pump has been placed deeper into the water (electricity cables and carrying pipe lengthened twice this year!)

Having spent much of our funds upgrading the member's facilities during the last 10 years we now have to focus on improving the Public facilities, according to our lease agreement with DWAF and because the income that we derive from the public is also one of our main streams of income!

Hence, for the coming season, although we only have about kR84 to spend on capex, we plan the following projects:

(i) Club needs

1. Replacing the club bakkie (not going to be directly funded from the kR84)
2. Revamping the Plaat ablution block: tiling the showers and building separate cubicles on the men's side.
3. Revamping the Mossel Bay ablution - building an extra shower on the ladies side
4. Water pressure booster system at the Clubhouse ablution block (tank and cement slab already installed and paid for)
5. A trophy cabinet for the clubhouse
6. Building a petanque ('Boule') terrain ('old man's marbles')

(ii) Public Side needs

1. Upgrading the current ablution block with 2 more hot water geysers, building walls between the showers and tiling them.
2. Electrifying the 6 'new' permanent sites and getting them ready for occupation as from 01 October 2005.
3. Building 'out of the wind' wind braai facilities (lapa kind of design).
4. Planting trees and shrubs to beautify the 'Public Plaat'.
5. Levelling at least half of the remaining public camping sites under the trees

The General Committee decided to focus on improving the public facilities. Our work on this side during the last year and also the discussion about improving the public side, which included building another ablution block, indicates this 'foresight'. Here follows a brief overview of what we think the way forward should be to improve the facilities on the public side:

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- *Any of the projects not completed in 2005/06
- *Build the second ablution block on the public side
- *Level the remaining public sites under the trees
- *Planting of more trees as windbreaks and shade with the aim of eventually replacing the pine trees
- *Building a boule ('petanque') terrain

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- *Building a concrete slipway. However, with the number of public visitors dwindling over the last year from 12 666 in 2003/04 to 7 829 in 2004/05 and the number of boats dwindling from 999 in 2003/04 to 623 in 2004/05 how does one justify this spending?
- *Improving the children's play park
- *Tarring the access road to the public side (from gate house to T-junction just past the Public ablution)
- *Laying out the balance of the planned caravan sites on the 'Public Plaat'
- *Replacing existing water taps with a new water line
- *Installing another ground level electric transformer (built within a safe structure)
- *Laying on electricity to the public camping sites under the trees

The actual financing of these projects will obviously depend on the income generated from the public and reversing the trend that has materialized lately:

	<u>2001/02</u>	<u>2002/03</u>	<u>2003/04</u>	<u>2004/05</u>
Public Gate Income:	R193 314	R208 484	R250 905	R204 408

We did not have such a good year last year (possibly due to the low water level, possibly the cost of petrol, possibly the increase in public camping rates?), but spending money on the public side is a necessity'.

Tony thanked Martin for his report.

10. FINANCIAL REPORT BY HONORARY TREASURER

Janet Goosen (Honorary Treasurer) asked the members if she might proceed with her report in Afrikaans. No objections were forthcoming.

'Die 2003/2004 Finansiële State is op die kennisgewing bord. Ons ouditeure is tans ABD&T en Frans Oeschger is die persoon wat ons state optrek. Dit was hierdie keer en in die verlede gratis gedoen, maar ons mag dalk in die toekoms moet betaal daarvoor. Ek wil die ouditeure weer voorstel vir ons volgende jaar en vra of iemand sal sekondeer'. Alastair Douglas seconded this proposal. The ABD&T auditors were accepted for 2005/2006.

Janet referred to the financial summary that had been handed out and proceeded:

'Ons het 'n vergelykende inkomste en balans staat voorberei wat nog deur ons ouditeure geoudit moet word. Ons totale inkomste het met 21.3% gestyg (met R222 233) en ons totale uitgawes het met 22.7% gestyg (met R236 016). Ons het dus 'n verlies van R10 981 getoon.

Dié verlies kan toegeskryf word aan die daling van die inkomste van die kroeg en daling in die inkomste van die publiek (wat ook die inkomste van bootregistrasie beïnvloed). Die verhuring van die Klubfasiliteite het ook nie die gewenste inkomste vir die jaar ingebring nie agv. 'Film shoots' wat nie gerealiseer het nie. Rente inkomste het ook agv swak bank rente koerse nie ingebring wat ons voor voorsiening gemaak het nie. Alhoewel die uitgawes met 22.7% gestyg het, was dit binne begroting en ons het dit reggekry om bankkoste te verlaag, 'n beter versekeringspakket te beding (groter dekking vir 'n goedkoper premie).

Die komitee het dit goedgevind om die Klub se bydrae tot Swart Bemagtiging (BEE) in daad om te sit, en die Kafeteria is aan een van ons werknemers Brandon Petersen toevertrou. Dit sal ook 'n jaarlikse inkomste vir die Klub verseker wat in die verlede nie so was nie. Ek hoop u sal saamstem dat Brandon sover 'n goeie taak verrig?'

Janet proposed the 2004/2005 financial statement and David Dyer seconded this. The auditors must still verify the financial statements.

Janet continued: 'Jaarlikse Klubfooie vir 2005/2006: Die komitee het op die komitee vergadering van 13 Mei 2005 die volgende aanpassing aan die jaarlikse Klubfooie gemaak:

- * Die bootregistrasie, gebruik van die bakkie en die trekker het nie gestyg nie.
- * Die permanente en plaat karavaan staanplek fooie het met 8,5% op gegaan.
- * Boot parkering en die gebruik van die "boat hoist" het met 5% op gegaan.
- * SAS Ledegeld het met 12% op gegaan – wat buite ons beheer is aangesien dit deur SAS bepaal word.
- * Die jaarlikse ledegeld het glad nie verhoog nie.
- * Ons jaarlikse klubfooie het dus in totaal met omtrent 5% gestyg, wat in lyn is met inflasie.'

Janet reported that the 2005/2006 Annual Club fees and Miscellaneous rates had been posted on the notice board and requested that these rates be verified at this meeting. Janet read these fees and rates to the members. Janet proposed the 2005/2006 Membership and Miscellaneous rates and Kuba Miszewski seconded them. These fees were accepted for 2005/2006.

'Die boekhoudster, Lynette Lake, sal terug wees by die werk die 25ste Mei en die state en fakture vir ons jaarlikse fooie sal by die einde van die 1ste week in Junie gepos word. Ons doen ook 'n beroep op alle lede om so gou moontlik hulle rekeninge te vereffen en ONTHOU – indien u probleme ondervind, praat vroegtydig met ons. Ons sal 'n plan maak!'

Janet then asked if anyone had any questions. No questions were asked. Tony thanked Janet for her report.

11. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

Delf Amm, General Manager, reported as follows: 'Firstly, I would like to commend my staff for all they have done during the last season. I know that this Club would not have progressed as we have, had it not been for the incredible efforts of my staff. On behalf of the staff I would like to thank the Committee and members for this year implementing the pension savings scheme - it's not a pension as such but an Endowment policy which helps our staff to put something away for their old age. Most of the staff have contributed additional amounts from their own pockets to this scheme and that in itself has achieved what the committee set out to do.

During a recent discussion with Robin Hutton-Squire I mentioned to him that we are keeping certain statistics relating to numerous trends and we agreed on how important it is to focus and manage these trends. I would like to share just a few of these trends with you:

- *Membership has continued to grow with a 2,2% increase in membership over the last season

- *The number of staff posts has increased by one, since April 2000

- *Salaries as a percentage of the Clubs annual turnover has dropped from 42.25% in on 2000, to 37,59% in 2004/2005.

- *The bar income has steadily decreased each year from kR271 in 2001 to kR228,5 this last season.

- *The permanent site stays total has decreased from 2 157 in 2001 to 1 529 this last season

- *The number of plaat stays every year has increased from 421 in 2000 to 605 this last season.

We know that the modern-day pressures of prospering as a family unit and in some instances, just surviving, are making life more difficult and these pressures and time commitments make inroads into our traditional recreation or family time.

Last year I mentioned that modern-day pressures of prospering as a family unit and in some instances, just surviving, are making life more difficult and these pressures and time commitments make inroads into our traditional recreation or family time. These pressures impact on the Club too! We can see from the average stays per member, that members are not managing to visit the Club as many times per year as in the past.

This means that the bar turnover suffers. This means that we are relying more heavily now on the income derived from the public visitors and also the income from mid-week groups using our facilities. This inevitably means that we, the staff, do spend more time than in the past on generating income from non-members and keeping them 'happy campers'. Our aim is to do this without impacting too much on the level and quality of service to our members. Our new South Africa also has other demands, which need to be addressed. We are continually working at maintaining the Club's image as a progressive Club, which deals with the issues of the day and strives to stay one step ahead of all the 'jackals' out there. We are focusing on managing the numerous changes that we are confronted with. This also takes time and huge effort from the Committee and staff.

No one can deny that we have virtually all the facilities a Club need.

- we have the member numbers

- we have enough water to play around on, despite the dam level being low

- the beers are cold

- the quality of the food prepared is good

- we have hot water

the lawns are green
we have enough ablution facilities
the main access road is tarred

We just need to ensure that our members use these facilities on a regular basis and get the maximum benefit and enjoyment from these assets. Appreciate that which you have helped create at Theewaters and help conserve all of this for future generations.

Frank Silberbauer, in his address as outgoing Commodore in August 2000, highlighted a few pointers, which he felt the Club should not lose focus of and I wish to mention only 3 of these, as they are even more relevant today:

1. We must integrate with the changing South Africa and keep abreast of current thinking.
2. We must ensure that our actions do not exclude others from this resource.
3. We cannot allow Club politics to damage the present status quo. If we continue to speak as one body we will weather the storms.

We must not lose focus of where we were 25 years ago, where we are today and where we want to be in the future.

Thank you once again to my staff and my family for their support and to the General Committee members which have helped us and a big thanks to all the members who make this whole exercise all worth it for all of us!"

Tony thanked Delf for his report.

12. TRUSTEES REPORT

12.1 Leon referred to the 2004/2005 financial reports and stated that our Club was in a reasonably healthy financial situation. Leon thanked Janet for her dedication and hard work with the financial portfolio, and for getting the year-end financial reports ready for this AGM. Leon also referred to the management of the Club and felt that the Club has been managed well this past year and thanked Delf and his team for applying sound management disciplines.

Leon explained that decisions are made according to the budget drawn up and the income derived. He noted that there have been disturbing trends that have emerged, and that a statistical study of these trends over the past 5 years had been compiled. He warned that if these trends continue that we could find our financial reserves being placed under pressure. Leon highlighted the following: The bar and gate income for 2004/2005 had not met with the target budget figure and that this loss of revenue had been unforeseeable. Leon expressed his concern and hoped that this would not continue in this coming year. Leon pointed out the decline over the years in bar income: The income in 2001 was kR271 compared to kR210 this past year. The permanent site stays by members have declined from a total of 2 157 stays recorded in 2001 to 1 411 in 2005.

Leon pointed out that the public visitors and various special groups (e.g. angling clubs) had helped in generating additional income for TSC. Leon said that despite the declining visits by members and the decline in bar and entrance gate income, we had spent over half a million rand on capital projects in the last number of years.

Leon also pointed out that Kuba would have huge task this year to run a profitable Lipton Cup with very limited funding from sponsors.

12.2 Leon referred to the DWAF Operational Policy: 'Using Water for Recreational Purposes' and stated that our ongoing good relations with DWAF is vital and very important for TSC. He stated that our water safety duties and control systems in place have been acknowledged and well documented by DWAF, and has even been used in presentations at a national level. Furthermore, other water users now use our systems and controls and mentioned that some of the draft regulations have been drawn up using our systems. Leon thanked Roger Field who had played an important role in this regard. Leon said that Delf and his team needs to be congratulated on the excellent record and high standard they have set with this important water safety function.

Leon estimated that by the end of 2006, Skipper's licenses for inland water users would become a reality as well as licensing requirements for boats. Leon stated that Roger, Delf and himself had been and will be attending numerous meetings with the DWAF on the recreational use of water policy. Leon stated that TSC would continue playing a role in this matter.

12.3 Leon reported on the progress of the Future's Committee and wanted to thank Roger, Robin, Kuba and Delf for their valuable contributions at these meetings. Leon explained that negotiations with government departments regarding the acquisition of land had not been easy and that progress had been very slow. Leon reported that a decision had been made to host another strategic planning/workshop meeting soon, involving the wider membership of the Club. An invitation to attend this workshop would be sent out to all members very soon as this workshop would be scheduled for August 2005. Leon said that Kuba would report later on the progress of Portion 109.

12.4 Concluding his report Leon said that he wished to address the members of the Club. He said that he had heard, sadly, that 'high fences and walls make good neighbours' and hoped sincerely that this would not be true at TSC. He felt that in many ways we are more of a family than neighbours and said: 'This is a special place, room enough for those who want to sail. Those who want to ski or use their powerboats, wet bikes, just camp and enjoy a braai. Those who want to enjoy the quietness of the winter, walk the area and enjoy nature'. Leon expressed the wish that everyone would always be made to feel welcome here.

Leon stated that the General Committee meetings had been taking place on Friday evenings at the Club for the past year or so, the reason being, to encourage members to address the General Committee if they had any suggestions, comments and/or complaints. Leon said that to his knowledge, only two members have made use of this opportunity. Leon invited all members to come forward at any time to address the General Committee about any matter if they are not happy with any aspects of the Club.

Leon thanked all the General Committee members for their hard work, dedication and effort during the past year. He congratulated Tony for doing an excellent job, in his quiet and efficient manner, as Commodore of the Club over this past year.

Leon then introduced his co-trustee, Kuba, who would report on the latest news concerning Portion 109.

12.5 Kuba said that he wanted to report to the members on the recent discussions and investigations done by the Future's Committee during the past year. One of the main points of focus of the Futures Committee had been the investigation of acquiring Portion 109, as future ownership of Portion 109 could have direct implications on our Club. Kuba explained the geographical site of this land (Portion 109 borders on our land, next to the tarred road as one approaches TSC and covers the entire area past the last permanent sites). He also mentioned that it was imperative that our Club secures the land in order to further our aims and objectives. Kuba explained that the land was currently state-owned under the auspices of Public Works, with DWAF being the 'custodian' of this land, and that ownership of this land would hopefully soon be transferred to Department of Sports and Recreation (DSR). Kuba informed the members that many rumours had been circulating concerning the future use of this land (the local municipality had expressed an interest (the possibility of erecting low cost housing and the settlement of subsistence farmers on this land). Kuba explained the importance of our Club acquiring this land and said that, if this land were to be transferred to DSR, the chances were good. The Future's Committee members had had talks with various government officials and have also drawn up plans for a sports facility, with full support from DSR. Kuba stressed that the aim was that this facility would be entirely self-funding and would not place any financial burden on our Club. Kuba stated that this would be one of the important subjects to be investigated and discussed when drawing up a 5-year plan for TSC. Kuba would continue investigating this matter and would periodically report back to the General Committee who would be responsible for reporting to the membership.

Tony thanked Leon and Kuba for their reports.

This ended all the reports from the General Committee members. Tony asked that all the reports of the General Committee members be ratified at this meeting. Hans Beele proposed the reports and Roger Field seconded the reports.

13. ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS FOR 2005/2006

Tony Largier proposed that following people be granted Honorary Membership, for 2005/2006 and motivated each nominee:

- Gordon McGillivray (Hobie SA)
- Zac Wessels (Hobie SA)
- All Commodores of other Western Cape water sport Clubs
- Four Principals of the local primary and high schools
- Mr Erwin Weidemann (DWAF)
- Mr de Wet Oosthuizen (DWAF)
- Henry Paulse (Deputy Director, Dept Sports and Recreation, Western Cape)
- Leon Lourens (Cape Nature Conservation)
- Theewaterskloof Golf Club Chairman
- The Theewaterskloof Mayor
- Manager of Villiersdorp Tourism Office
- Community sailing participants and their co-ordinator(s)
- Mark Josephs
- Frans Oeshger (ABD&T Auditors)
- TSC Lipton Cup Organisers (those not members of the Club)
- Shosolozza crew and management

These Honorary members were proposed by Alastair Douglas and seconded by Hans Beele. The Honorary members were accepted by everyone present at this meeting.

14. GENERAL

Tony introduced John Spilhaus, who had requested to address the members at this meeting. John thanked Tony and stated that he wished to put to the members four proposals and asked that a decision be made at this meeting. John stated that he had addressed these four items at a General Committee meeting on the 13 May 2005 and that the General Committee had agreed to him addressing the members at this AGM.

John stated that over the last few months he had heard a lot of 'mumblings and moans' from members concerning various issues about the Club, and that some members had felt that visiting the Club lately had become quite depressing. He said that these members became even more alarmed when they had read the points on the SGM agenda, scheduled for the 15 May 2005. These members had come together to discuss their feelings on various matters and had called themselves the *Concerned Members Forum*. John explained that the main concern of the CMF was that the Club should essentially be for members only and that the member's side of the Club, (the clubhouse, Cafeteria and bar areas) should be for the exclusive use of members only. John asked if consensus may be reached on the following points at this meeting and requested that all members vote on the following points brought forward by the CMF at this meeting:

- (i) It was requested that the permanent site No: 6 be re-instated as a permanent site;
- (ii) That the public facilities be improved over a three-year plan to allow the Club facilities to revert for the exclusive use of the members and their guests. They had suggested the erection of a 'bush pub' and a kiosk facility on the public side during the busy periods, (Easter and Christmas holidays). The public side be upgraded and improved by planting more trees, installing power points and erecting more ablution blocks. He said that any improvements on the member's side would have to wait and be put on hold for a while;

- (iii) It was recommended that the access system for the public admission to the Club be changed on the permit to read 'temporary visitor' and not 'temporary member'. Furthermore, it was requested that all visitors using the bar facility must be signed in by a member and that all members produce their membership cards when purchasing at the bar. They also suggested that a photo of the member be included on the membership card;
- (iv) They suggested that members of the public, thereby keeping them away and out of the lounge area, install a hatch on the 'public' side of the cafeteria for access.

Tony asked for comments from the floor. Various comments were forthcoming, one being that the reason taken at the time to keep site 6 vacant once the lessee had resigned, was to keep this site and all other 5 sites (if they were vacated) available for dinghy parking, with the aim of making the Club more dinghy-friendly. It was noted by the members that the dinghy participation and sailing in the last few years had rapidly declined. Tony asked the members to vote on this proposal. Tony Strutt seconded. The majority voted in favour of reinstating site no. 6 as a permanent site. This proposal was accepted by the majority and carried.

Tony then referred to proposals (ii), (iii) and (iv) for discussion and a decision. Leon Deacon suggested that these proposals first be investigated as taking a decision now may have far reaching implications for the Club. Leon motivated this request by referring to the many implications: financial, practical and socio-political, which he felt would have to be considered before an informed decision could be taken. Some members felt that they would like the facilities to revert back for the exclusive use by members only. Roger Field felt that any decision taken immediately, without first investigating all the possible implications, could have a direct impact on our future and that this 'exclusivity' ideal for the Club was not a good idea.

Tony Largier proposed that a workshop (to be scheduled soon) be held to discuss these matters (points ii, iii and iv, above) and that all members be invited to express their views. He felt that it was imperative to ensure that those attending represented all the various views expressed at this meeting. Thereafter, after analyzing the various proposals decided on at the workshop, these proposals be presented to members at a Special General Meeting for ratification. Brett Trollip asked for clarity of this counter proposal, which Tony proceeded to explain. Brett agreed and seconded Tony's counter proposal. Tony asked the members to vote on this proposal. The majority voted in favour of a workshop to be held to discuss these proposals. This counter proposal was carried.

Erika Spilhaus requested that the notice for this planned workshop be sent out timeously and that all members must be notified. Tony confirmed that all members would be notified of this workshop by way of an agenda, which would be sent to all members within the time frame, as per the Constitution.

Frank Silberbauer requested that the 2005/2006 membership rates be read in English as he had failed to understand the initial presentation of these rates. Tony proceeded to do so. No further queries were forthcoming from Frank.

After asking for any further matters to be raised, Tony Largier confirmed that no further matters would be discussed under 'General'. He thanked the members for their participation.

15. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Tony Largier reported that, after duly confirming the various nominations forms, that the following members were elected as the new General Committee for 2005/2006:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Secunder</u>
Commodore	Tony Largier	<i>Brett Trollip</i>	<i>Neville Sharwood</i>
Vice-Commodore	Paul van Ass	<i>John Spilhaus</i>	<i>Peter Sarkozy</i>
Rear-Commodore, Water sports	John Spilhaus	<i>Kim Strutt</i>	<i>Robin Hutton-Squire</i>
Chairman Caravan and Camping	Chris Greyvenstein	<i>Kuba Miszewski</i>	<i>Tony Largier</i>
Chairman House and Grounds	Martin Klopper	<i>Tony Largier</i>	<i>Janet Goosen</i>
Trustee (1)	Leon Deacon	<i>Bruce Kelly</i>	<i>Alastair Douglas</i>
Trustee (2)	Robin Hutton-Squire	<i>Dale Kushner</i>	<i>Jose Ferreira</i>

These nominations were proposed by Roger Field and seconded by Neil Spilhaus. Tony requested that Kuba Miszewski would be co-opted onto the General Committee to continue with various tasks, which he was currently responsible for. Frank Silberbauer said that, according to the Constitution, it was not necessary to vote on this matter. Tony Largier then confirmed this decision.

16. COMMODORE MEDAL AWARDS

Tony Largier, the re-elected Commodore then awarded Commodores Medals to the following members:

Neville Norton	Organisation of Lipton 2004 and WP Regatta at Saldanha Bay
Kuba Miszewski	Initial Organisation of Lipton 2004
Nita Booth	Ongoing effort to get the sailors sailing
Leon Deacon	His invaluable contribution as Trustee and long-standing commitment to Safety/Rescue
Margie Cochrane	For invaluable inputs on conservation matters
Hennie Needham	For his contributions with the Hobie Nationals
Eva Needham	For her contributions with the Hobie Nationals

Tony then made special mention of the importance of our Safety/Rescue volunteers and wished to thank certain members for their long-standing commitment (more than 4 years) of service: Theo van den Heever, Alastair Douglas, Jimmy Golding, Peter Turner, Steve and Jenny McKenzie, Leon Deacon, Peter Seymour, Eric Cahill, Bart Goosen, Rob McAlister, David Paterson, Stuart Tanner, Ian Grant, Pierre and Rene Droomer (also for their duty at the Youth Nationals event in Hermanus).

Tony thanked all the members present for their attendance. He welcomed the newly elected General Committee members. He expressed the wish that 2005/2006 would be a fruitful and great year for everyone at the Club, and that the Club would grow from strength to strength.

As there was no further discussion Tony declared that this ended this AGM. The meeting adjourned at 12h50.
