



MINUTES OF THE ROCK & RUT MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB AGM HELD ON 23 OCTOBER 2019 IN  
NEDBANK BOARDROOM

**1. Welcome**

Michael Lowe welcomed everyone and expressed the Clubs special appreciation to Nedbank for availing their boardroom to facilitate the meeting. A quorum was not established. 30 members were present in person or in proxy of a total of 230 members. A quorum was only formed by default after 20 minutes into the meeting. (section 6.5.1.1 of the constitution), however it was agreed by all present to continue with the meeting by having Exco present its reports, excluding the financial report.

**2. Adoption of agenda**

The Agenda as presented was adopted by show of hands proposed by Brendan Dickerson and seconded by Niels Serrer.

**3. Chairperson's Report (includes points 5, 6 and 7 of the Agenda)**

Michael Lowe read his chairperson's report, which included an overview of the Nedbank XC Series, FNB Otjihavera Report and Development Initiatives. Report is attached hereto.

**4. Approval of minutes of the 2018 AGM**

The 20 minutes having passed, a quorum was now attained and the chairperson now requested for a proposal for the minutes of the 2018 AGM to be approved by the meeting. Ekkehard Friedrich proposed that the minutes be approved as they are and Marcel Suren seconded the proposal.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

Antje Tietz presented the treasurer's report which showed that the club was in a healthy financial position, irrespective of the loss of N\$ 46 402 for the financial year 2019.

**5.1** Approval of the financial report was proposed by Rolf Adrian and Frank Bombosch as well as Mannie Heymans seconded the proposal.

The report is attached.

**5.2** Ekkehard Friedrich proposed that the Treasurer and the Exco be exonerated from its responsibilities of managing the finances / funds of the Club for the past financial year which was seconded by Bianca Louw.

**5.3** The Exco proposed that the membership fees will remain unchanged for the next financial year and that proposal was unanimously accepted by the members present.

## **6. Exonerating the Committee of its Activities for the 2018 \ 2019 FY**

Michael Lowe asked for proposals to exonerate the R&R Exco / Committee from its activities for the past financial year which was done by Ekkehard Friedrich and seconded by Marcel Suren.

## **7. Election of new committee**

The following committee members were not available for re-election

- a) Hardus Burger
- b) Gesa Zahradnicky
- c) Marcel Suren

The following new committee members were nominated and elected to the committee

- a) Niels Serrer – coopted during the year
- b) Mario Thiel
- c) Frank Bombosch – will help on a on and off basis, according to needs of the Club

The official part of the AGM being concluded, the floor was given to the members to direct questions and suggestions to the new committee.

## **8. Questions and Suggestions from present Members**

Various comments were made regarding the reasons for the decline in membership.

- Brendan Dickerson: lack of marathons in Windhoek
- Frank Bombosch: people do not see value in being a member of a club
- Michael Lowe: XC tracks were too technical in the past

Various comments were made regarding the pressure on the exco of Rock n Rut

- Mannie Heymans: only one mountain bike club in Windhoek, so all events automatically fall at the feet of Rock n Rut, in SA clubs actually compete to do event.
- Antje Tietz: Exco members should be remunerated for efforts. Track building, timing and various other services for XC Events are being paid for. There is a need for a dedicated PR / Marketing person to work with the committee to ensure that sponsors and members receive sufficient publicity for achievements at the various events. It was proposed that this be contracted to someone professionally. Rolf Adrian proposed that WPP be approached for a shared service or possibly have this attended to via the NCF office.

Various suggestions for the uplifting of the club were made

- Hans du Toit: of the 5 XC events two could perhaps have character of a marathon
- Frank Bombosch: members need to be informed of the value of membership which needs to be published on website / Facebook and attempts need to be made to create a community which adds to value.
- He also proposed to have a brainstorming session so that various possibilities could be discussed on how to increase membership numbers again. He offered his assistance in this regard.
- Brendan Dickerson: Should have atmosphere of family day at the XC, with bring and braai (as it was in the 'old' days)

## 9. Close of meeting