

MINUTES OF ONW SPECIAL GENERAL MEEETING AND AGM 20 October 2009

Present

Details of those present were captured in Meindert's register of members. David Raphael chaired the meeting; Rob Gaylard took minutes.

1. WELCOME

DR welcomed those present and explained that we would first convene a Special General Meeting to propose amendments to the Constitution, before proceeding with the AGM.

2. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

RG presented the changes to the meeting (see attachment) These were passed unanimously. The only substantive change was to section 8.1.1 of the Constitution: at least 15 ONW members would now constitute a quorum at an AGM.

3. ONW AGM is convened.

4. CID, ONW and Security Companies

Justin Ashley (ONW committee member responsible for liaison with Security Companies, and Obsid Director) presented overhead slides to illustrate his talk on the overlapping roles of SAPS, Obsid, ONW and Security Companies. He outlined the reasons which ONW would recommend ADT as a security provider, and stressed that the the security of homes, property and motor cars would remain the responsibility of the individual homeowner or occupier.

A public meeting would be called to present a proposal from ADT which if accepted might result in the allocation of a dedicated ADT patrol vehicle to Observatory.

Justin confirmed that Observatory Armed Response has been investigated by PSIRA, the industry regulatory authority, and a criminal charge against OAR (for operating without legal authority) has been laid with the Woodstock Police.

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

DR reported back on ONW's **achievements** with regard to the following

- radio network and patrols
- expansion of the organisation;
- link with the ADT Control Room and cooperation with and support from ADT;
- publicity via weekly email newsletters, *Obslife*, the google group, etc.
- regular attendance at meetings: CPF, Joints, Sector 1, ONW, Cluster, OCA, OBF, etc.

Objectives for the next year included:

- expansion of street and block leaders;
- expansion of patrols;

- Action to combat drug use and distribution
- cooperation with Obsid

6. PATROLS

James Cowley reported back on what he does as Patrols Coordinator of ONW and urged members to become actively involved: 'ever hour helped'. He demonstrated the ONW bibs and decals (provided by ADT)

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

The surplus for the year was R11,149 which was represented by funds at the bank.

8. ELECTION OF THE NEW COMMITTEE

Teun Baartman, the Chair of the Woodstock CPF, took over as electoral officer. The following nominees were elected onto the committee:

David Raphael	Chair
James Cowley	Vice Chair
Brian Amery	Treasurer
Brian Amery	Secretary

PORFOLIOS

James Cowley	Patrols Coordinator
Meindert Hoving	Database
Debra West	Night Market
Justin Ashley	Security Companies
Andrew Fife	Website/OBF
Helen Swart	Local Networking
Kim Whittaker	Publicity
VACANT	Recruitment
VACANT	Fundraising and Sponsorship

The meeting closed at 19.00 and was followed by an Imbizo with SAPS Woodstock.

Tuesday 17 November

NEXT MEETING: Unless the Chair calls an earlier meeting, the next ONW Committee meeting will be on at 19.00 in the Community Centre.

