



SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

The National Body for Amateur Radio in South Africa
A Member of the International Amateur Radio Union



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 22 APRIL 2023 ON THE BLUEJEANS VIRTUAL PLATFORM

Present

Nico van Rensburg, ZS6QL, SARL President

Members registered and by proxy – 215.

Dennis Green, ZS4BS, SARL Secretary

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| | WELCOME | |
| 1.1 | Nico van Rensburg, ZS6QL, opened the meeting at 10:00 and welcomed everybody at the 2023 Online AGM making use of the BlueJeans platform. The Motions will be discussed at the AGM and the voting will take place after the AGM for a period of 10 days. | |
| 1.2 | The agenda is projected on the screen. | |
| 2. | RULES OF DEBATE | |
| 2.1 | Nico, ZS6QL presents the rules of debate. It was projected on the screen for the meeting. | |
| 3. | APOLOGIES | |
| | Apologies were received from Dennis Wells, ZS1AU; Guy, ZS6GUY and Cameron Eales, ZS6CYE and Andy Cairns, ZS6ADY. | |
| 4. | DECLARATION OF QUORUM | |
| 4.1 | There is 1654 members allowed to vote. To allow the AGM to proceed, a 10% quorum or 165,4 members is required. Rounded off to 166 members. At 09:30 on Saturday 22 April 2023, the SARL Secretary has 119 members registered and 98 proxies = 217 members or 13,1%. Thus, there is a quorum to continue with the meeting. | |
| 5. | REMEMBRANCE | |
| 5.1 | Dennis Green, ZS4BS, read the Remembrance for the Silent Keys and the meeting observed a moment of silence. | |
| | We pause in remembrance of the following radio amateurs who have passed on and gone home since the 2022 AGM held on 23 April 2022. Barend du Preez Briel, ZR6DUP; Ewalt H Bouwer, ZS2EHB; James Gardener, ZS1ROY; Kelvin Killian, ZS5IW; Sid Gabriel, ZS6GQ; Martin Jerling, ZS4JM; Johan Hoffman, ZR6AJK; Okkert Becker, ZS4BB; Phillip Unterhorst, ZS5RJ/ZS6AZ; Selwyn Lurner, ZS1ZZY; Rod Radford, ZS5RK/ZL1RK; Alvin Common, ZS5AES; Jacques Verleijen, ON4AVJ; Gerrie Leonard, ZS6GTK; Richard Bigwood, ZS6BYD; Stoffel Carr, ZS2C; Harry Marx, ZS6MH; Jan Bosman ZS6BHC; Willem de Kock, ZS1WDK; John Smith, ZS6BNS (ex ZS9S; ZS3S; ZS4S); Noel Honey, ZS6NTO ; Bevan Gwilt, ZS2RL; Dirk Jansen, ZS5DBJ; Ian Jacobs, ZS6IAN; Willie Kuperus, ZR6HX; Jan Swart, ZS6HA; John | |

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| | Olivier, ZR6GV; Frank Creese, ZR1BBN; Patrick Yeadon, ZS1PDY; Nick Curwel, ZS1ZD; David Hartwig, ZS1DA; Rob Hindmarch, ZS5RH; Mario Karny, ZS6KM; Henk Stuivenberg, ZS6CS / PA0STU; Lee How, ZS6ARG; Klaus Knopf, ZS1QO; Menno Havelaar, ZS6AGC; Gary Sam, ZS6GS; Sarie Greyling, ZS4SG; Jimmy Struthers, ZS6OX; Marius Swart, ZS4XA; Des van Schalkwyk, ZR6JET; Johannes van Zijl, ZS4DZ; Jaap van der Linde, ZS3JP / ZS1JP; Leon Markram, ZSL1229; Des Wewege, ZS6DES; Neville Koch ZS4NEV/ZS6BWE; Danie Mans, ZS3D; Bob Williams, ZS5CU; Donovan Esser, ZS6SSR; Linda Eales, ZS6LIN | |
| 6. | APPROVAL OF THE 2022 AGM MINUTES | |
| 6.1 | The Minutes of the 2022 AGM are accepted by the meeting. Proposed by Kevern Burger, ZR2BK and seconded by Karel Bezuidenhout, ZS6WN. | |
| 7. | PRESIDENTS REPORT | |
| 7.1 | Nico, ZS6QL, presented the Presidents Report and the SARL Annual Report. | |
| 7.2 | <p>Traditionally, the month of April is the time to call for the SARL’s AGM and this year is no exception.</p> <p>It is an appropriate time for the League and its membership to pause and reflect on the successes, accomplishments and challenges of the past twelve months.</p> <p>The lessons learned and how we adapted during and after the worldwide pandemic is reflected in the resilience shown in maintaining contact on air utilising our allocated spectrum, continuing SARL and club activities and conducting RAE classes online. This is evidence of the commitment of members to ensure that amateur radio survives and thrives into the future.</p> <p>The challenge that we are facing now, is the current global financial environment, which is extremely challenging and difficult as we face job losses, high interest rates and the persistent rising cost of living, to name but a few and then not to ignore the weak exchange rate that impacts directly on new amateur radio communication equipment, including accessories.</p> <p>A clear indication of the impact from the current global and local financial circumstances, is the impact on a face-to-face AGM that was planned to take place today in Bloemfontein. This would have been a first after the pandemic but had to be cancelled, thus reverting back to an online event that has been the norm for the past three years.</p> <p>The cancellation of the in-person attendance in Bloemfontein is attributable to the very low registration aggregate a week prior to the event and to curb unnecessary travelling including all related expenses.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the unexpected challenges and uncertainties that entered our world since 2020 and despite the</p> | |



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| | <p>economic slowdown, I am pleased to report that the SARL maintained stability both from a membership and a financial perspective with sufficient reserves to support and ensure the continuous sustainability of the League.</p> <p>However, growth from an RAE perspective is disappointing, with a drop in numbers, as reflected in the RAE report. This impacts directly on our vision to grow and expand amateur radio in South Africa.</p> <p>Do keep in mind that we are not the only IARU Region 1 Member Society facing various challenges – various others have similar and other challenges hindering growth and sustainability within the Amateur Radio Service.</p> <p>On a personal level, the pursuit of a selected topic can lead us down so many paths in keeping amateur radio interesting and exciting for many years to come. It is a way of life and part of our identities, as we proudly declare ourselves as radio amateurs. Find your passion, your topic of interest and take up the challenge to grow and contribute along the way in assisting a fellow radio amateur as part of the amateur spirit as we know it.</p> | |
| 7.3 | <p>On the international front the IARU Region 1 ‘<i>Shaping the Future programme</i>’ launched during the General Conference and Workshop 2021 focusing on what needs to be accomplished to ensure that the Amateur Radio Service is sustainable and adequately equipped to face the current and future challenges and to have the positive impact that we would like to see in the next 10 years.</p> <p>Amateur Radio, like everything else in our daily lives, will have to keep up and move with the times to incorporate and adopt twenty first century and beyond technologies to widen the scope, so that Amateur Radio will remain attractive to the older generation but also cater to the expectation of the younger and future generations, making it attractive to them to take us forward.</p> <p>The SARL participated in the nine IARU work groups that was established at the time to consider what would be needed to harness an Amateur Radio’s legacy and take it forward to meet current and future expectations. Upon conclusion of the work groups’ efforts, the work output was consolidated into six priority scope areas to move the campaign forward. I am pleased to report that the SARL continues to participate on an ongoing basis with the various projects identified to secure an innovative future for Amateur Radio.</p> | |
| 7.4 | <p>It is important that our members and affiliated Clubs, being the backbone of the SARL, take note of the challenges that we face. A major challenge is the attitude in the public domain where amateur radio does not feature or matter at all, as very little is known about our hobby. We need to improve on our public relations and image</p> | |



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| | <p>to strengthen our position as the current image in society is very often that amateur radio is a relic from the past. What is there that we offer and do to attract today’s younger generation? We need to embrace modern technology and demonstrate its usefulness both as a self-learning platform and its practical use within society.</p> <p>Most encouraging was the participation by Chris Turner, ZS6GM and Keith Lowes, ZS5WFD showcasing amateur radio during a talk show this week on Lotus FM. Another is the articles published in EngineerIT, a bi-weekly magazine on various amateur radio topics written by Hans van de Groenendaal, ZS6AKV.</p> | |
| 7.5 | <p>SARL HAMNET</p> <p>HAMNET, the SARL division for disaster communication, under the leadership of Grant Southey, ZS6GRS (National HAMNET Director) and the regional directors, does excellent work within society that allows for awareness and public relations pertaining to amateur radio.</p> <p>Grant and Brian Jacobs, ZS6YZ, the deputy national Director, attended a conference held in Umhlanga during March this year, hosted by the South African Search and Rescue (SASAR) under the auspices of the Department of Transport. During the conference, it was noted that the government resources for Search & Rescue (S&R) are dwindling, we are worse off than we were a few years ago. This means that more reliance is made on volunteer organisations in the country, including HAMNET.</p> <p>At this event, the Minister of Transport recognised HAMNET, awarding them a trophy and certificate which reads, <i>“in grateful appreciation for many years of outstanding service and commitment to the South African Search and Rescue Organisation.”</i></p> <p>Francois Botha, ZS4X was awarded a SASAR Platinum Aristocrat Award, recognising his continuous commitment and dedication to Search & Rescue in South Africa over the years.</p> <p>Margaret Smith, an American politician, once said, <i>“With hard work and dedication, anything is possible”</i>. In my mind, HAMNET members understand this statement well. Allow me to thank you all for always being the best you can be, working as a team in the execution of this important task of providing emergency communications during search and rescue incidents.</p> <p>There is a wealth of HAMNET news on the HAMNET website – please visit the site and keep up to date with all the news compiled by Dave Reece, ZS1DFR reporting for HAMNET.</p> | |
| 7.6 | <p>The Giving Back to Clubs Scheme</p> <p>A motion was carried last year titled <i>“The Giving Back to Clubs Scheme.”</i> The League has long recognised that it is in the best interest of amateur radio to encourage and support amateur radio clubs. Historically, clubs have recruited and trained new radio</p> | |



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| | <p>amateurs and have established the community setting for radio amateurs to write exams and continue their self-learning and discovering journey of the many aspects of amateur radio within the hobby. Sadly, Council have received very little correspondence and minimal interest is shown to make use of this opportunity. I encourage our clubs to revisit the details of this opportunity and submit a formal proposal to the Council for consideration and funding.</p> | |
| 7.7 | <p>IARU Region 1 STARS Programme</p> <p>The STARS programme (Support to The Amateur Radio Service) of the IARU Region 1 was established to defend, protect, extend, develop and promote the amateur radio service to those areas of the Region where amateur radio activity is low or non-existent.</p> <p>The South African Radio League has played a major role in the training of Radio Amateurs in Mozambique with 16 new licences being issued by the National Communications Management (INCM) following HAREC based training courses conducted by Chris Turner, ZS6GM, SARL Vice President, with the able assistance of Noel Hammond, ZR6DX, the SARL RAE Manager, who provided training material and who set and marked the examination papers.</p> <p>There are currently five new amateur radio club stations funded by the INCM and operating from INCM offices in Maputo and other parts of Mozambique. If you are on air and looking for a contact, please try and provide these new Mozambique stations with a signal report and encourage them to engage in QSOs.</p> <p>Congratulations to Chris, ZS6GM and Noel, ZR6DX on a task well done in promoting and establishing amateur radio in Mozambique, who is now a member society of the IARU Region 1.</p> | |
| 7.8 | <p>QSL Bureau</p> <p>Looking at our QSL Bureau, it is important to note that the recent provisional liquidation of the South African Post Office (SAPO) impacts on the QSL Service that the SARL provides to its members. The cost of postal services has skyrocketed in the past two years, especially international costs associated with posting QSL cards in bulk to the various QSL Bureaus worldwide. It is becoming more difficult to maintain and sustain the service and although electronic QSLing has become the norm, many amateurs worldwide still prefer and enjoy a physical card to confirm QSLs. We need our clubs to become more involved in the collection and distribution of QSL cards to maintain the service. Please do not hesitate to contact Gert du Plessis, ZR6GRT, our QSL Manager, to offer personal assistance or participation as a club.</p> | |
| 7.9 | <p>Volunteering in the SARL</p> | |



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| | <p>As a member’s society, the SARL relies on a group of volunteers to perform various tasks and to fill several portfolios. To recruit capable volunteers with the time, dedication and commitment to execute these routine and time-consuming work within the SARL, is challenging.</p> <p>Most concerning is that certain skills and experience and a willingness of members to step forward to fill positions within the SARL, is declining. We are extremely grateful for the excellent work being done by fellow councillors, portfolio managers and appointees with families and full-time occupations, committing their personal time and expertise at no cost, to run the SARL successfully.</p> <p>When we focus on this group of volunteers, you will note that our news team ensures that a national news bulletin is compiled and delivered on a weekly basis for transmission on Sundays from various clubs and by individuals. This includes the newsreaders and relay stations as well. The monthly SARL publication of Radio ZS and HF Happenings are published through the dedicated work of the Editor of Radio ZS.</p> <p>A devoted group of individuals attend to the Forum and Swop Shop, the Website and the Database Management. Then there are portfolios pertaining to Awards Management, Repeater Coordination working groups, V/UHF working group, QSL Bureau Management, Contest Management, Youth development, the <i>Amateur Radio Today</i>-programme and Regulatory Affairs. We also acknowledge the crucial work of the SARL/ICASA liaison committee, the work done by our Legal Advisor, Treasurer and councillors and the excellent work of the SARL HAMNET organisation, serving our communities and providing a public service. Your devotion and dedication in applying your talents, skills and experience timeously to fuel our mutual efforts in running the League is remarkable and is sincerely appreciated.</p> | |
| 7.10 | <p>Lectures and Annual RAE Examinations</p> <p>The RAE examinations during May and October are administrated by the SARL on behalf of ICASA, in line with the Memorandum of Understanding between ICASA and the SARL. The entire process allowing newcomers to the hobby to write the exam begins at club level, where dedicated lecturers provide the necessary training by means of online and in-person classes. The lectures include both theoretical and practical classes to candidates and the work being done is most remarkable. At national level, huge coordination and administrative effort is required to accommodate the two examination sessions annually. This is accomplished with the dedication and commitment of Noel, ZR6DX the RAE Manager, Gerhard, ZS6CRS, assistant RAE Manager, Kelley Dorey, our Office Administrator and all our Chief Invigilators countrywide.</p> | |



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| | <p>I am pleased and most thankful for the excellent work being done by these individuals, including everyone who continues to innovate and seek better ways to accomplish successful lectures, training and RAEs annually.</p> <p>There is, however, a concern that fewer clubs are presenting lectures and noticeable is that there are less candidates enrolling for the RAE annually. There is a 25% plunge in the number of Class A RAE candidates from 2021 to 2022. From a youth perspective, youth development took a huge knock during the pandemic. In spite of this setback, the last year has seen a revival of the youth with 41 youngsters obtaining their licences in 2022.</p> <p>Taken from statistics captured since 2009, the SARL retain around 44% of all RAE candidates who successfully pass the RAE to the hobby as members. It is also noticeable that candidates who successfully pass the RAE, lose interest and do not renew their licences. The root cause is mainly that there is very little support after becoming licenced.</p> <p>I would like to appeal to our clubs to invest the necessary resources to ensure that we promote amateur radio, not only through the provision of lectures and examination centres, but also through continual support to newcomers to the hobby. A well-known fact is that it is vital to a club’s survival and growth to continually recruit newcomers, young and old, to ensure the sustainability of the club and the SARL into the future.</p> | |
| 7.11 | <p>SARL Centenary 2025</p> <p>In 2025, less than two years from now, we will celebrate the League’s Centenary. In preparation, the SARL 100-project was launched in 2021 to celebrate this milestone. An enormous effort to capture the rich history of the league is underway, driven by Anette Jacobs ZR6D. A 100-year Commemorative Handbook will be published with the first chapter near completion. The research and processing of all historical information into a book is an enormous task. and should you be in possession of any information to contribute to the wealth of history of the SARL and amateur radio, please do not hesitate to contact Anette via the SARL office.</p> <p>A warm thank you to Anette, ZR6D and Brian, ZS6YZ who took on this enormous task to ensure that the history of the League will be preserved for future generations.</p> | |
| 7.12 | <p>Technical Workshops and Presentations</p> <p>Amateur radio is a diverse hobby and a service to the community, with a substantial portion of spectrum strategically allocated worldwide to the amateur radio service. This in turn allows for and encourages a variety of technical investigations, experimentation and the various types of operating modes in use today.</p> | |



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| | <p>The SARL, in collaboration with AMSAT SA, continues the important work to present a variety of topics during online workshops to encourage self-learning, experimentation and innovation. It is important to note that, to find local presenters to contribute to a successful event by presenting excellent topics, is most challenging. In spite of this, we will soon embark on a new round of workshops, so please be on the lookout for announcements with dates and content details. Your participation and attendance will be much appreciated.</p> | |
| 7.13 | <p>VHF Working Group: New Generation Beacon Project</p> <p>Three years ago, the SARL VHF Working Group was established and started with work on a new generation beacon. Shortly thereafter, the Bethlehem beacon, installed by Brian, ZS6YZ; Danie, ZR6AGB and Rickus, ZS4A, went live on 7 December 2019. Since then, loadshedding introduced technical problems and more work was needed in order to counter these defects.</p> <p>In addition, a beacon in the Northern Karoo is still the main goal of the VHF Work Group. The biggest challenge is a suitable site in the Karoo. There is quite a history to this as the site identified had various challenges. After a long period of inactivity, as of Monday evening, 15 April, a new site has been identified on the outskirts of Strydenburg and we are confident that an agreement will be reached with the owner with a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed to enable the project to get back on track. Brian, ZS6YZ is once again looking after this matter and, while being a one man show at the moment, we invite individuals with a strong technical background willing to get involved with this project to contact the SARL office or Brian directly.</p> <p>Please read the excellent comprehensive commentary on this project in the SARL Annual Report with all facts and details since the work started in 2019, with all the information pertaining to science and propagation research included.</p> | |
| 7.14 | <p>Youth Development and the IARU Region 1 YOTA Summer Camp in Hungary</p> <p>Looking towards our younger generation and youth activities, it is encouraging to note that there is some renewed interest following the devastating impact of the pandemic on our youth events, locally as well as internationally. The well-known annual IARU Region 1 Youngsters on the Air (YOTA) event will once again take place in August this year. The SARL got involved with representation at these events since 2015. The SARL was the host for the 2018 Summer Camp held in South Africa and we are pleased to announce that a SARL team will be attending this annual event to be held in the town of Gyor in Hungary during the week of the 5th – 12th August 2023 representing South Africa.</p> | |



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| | <p>Annually this event brings together young radio amateurs and aspirant radio amateurs who have a passion for radio and technology and are keen to learn new skills, discuss and share ideas about amateur radio and work on its future, for an entire week.</p> <p>In the past I challenged our Clubs, I will continue to do so in future, to start and support activities to regain the interest of our youth once more. Please allow these youngsters and newbies to operate the club station under supervision using the club callsign to learn all about amateur radio and gain operating experience. It is important to include the younger generation to lay a foundation for them to be part of our fascinating hobby now and well into the future.</p> | |
| 7.15 | <p>Licensing - ICASA Online System</p> <p>Licensing is a contentious topic to a certain extend. Since ICASA introduced their online customer portal for industry during 2020, the system has not been fully optimised and have its quota of teething troubles. For some individuals, the system is found to be not user friendly, while others find it working for them. There are numerous issues such as the approval processes that in some cases are excessively long, as well as various other problems being experienced with new applications for licenses.</p> <p>The SARL have been approached by members in the past to assist and manage their licences on their behalf and to date a total of 650 licences are managed by the League on members’ behalf.</p> <p>E-mails and telephone calls on a daily basis with members and non-members requesting assistance from the League are attended to by Kelley, our office administrator and Noel, ZR6DX. Non-members end up in joining the League and it is in these instances that individuals recognise the importance and additional services provided by the SARL to its members free of charge.</p> <p>I am sincerely grateful and thank Kelley and Noel for being instrumental in the success of managing this service, including all the requests received for assistance.</p> | |
| 7.16 | <p>Regulatory Matters</p> <p>From a regulatory perspective, it must be noted that interaction to meet with the ICASA is challenging. The Council of the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) appointed Ms Tshiamo Maluleka-Disemelo as its Chief Executive Officer, effective 1 February 2023, for a contract period of 5 years. We trust that a meeting with the new CEO will be on the cards soon in order for us to re-establish the quarterly meetings between ICASA and the SARL as held in the past.</p> <p>Earlier this year, the Department of Communication published the proposal for the next generation radio frequency spectrum policy. We used the opportunity to position amateur radio</p> | |



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| | <p>in the policy and gain recognition that amateur radio has an important role to play in disaster communication and is a contributor to the development of technology. The minister acknowledged receipt of the SARL submission. In January the SARL was invited, at short notice, to attend a hearing which was chaired by Dick Sono, Chief Director of Radio Frequency Spectrum. The SARL attended the hearing and was represented by Brian, ZS6YZ and Hans, ZS6AKV.</p> <p>I have touched on various topics in this report. The detailed information on these topics is available in the SARL Annual Report. Please read more about these topics, achievements and work done by the League, working groups and appointees, as compiled by our Secretary, Dennis Green ZS4BS. There is no indication when the final policy will be gazetted.</p> <p>May I use this opportunity to thank my fellow councillors for another successful year. Your admirable commitment over the past year has been pivotal in managing the League and I sincerely appreciated it.</p> <p>On a final note, during the past year, I came across quite a few members who asked me, “What can I do to promote amateur radio as an individual?” In answering this question, we must realise that in reality <i>all</i> radio amateurs have a common obligation with a responsibility to promote and protect our beloved hobby that we cherish so much. By taking action, you become part of a very noble cause that demonstrates in many ways our commitment – from inspiring young and new, people to learn about amateur radio and its associated technologies, to knowledge-sharing and assistance with fellow amateurs in various ways. Each of us have a place and a role to play to ensure that amateur radio continues to grow and evolve to be sustainable well into the future.</p> <p>In a nutshell, individually we give back to the hobby that pays (to a certain extent) the debt that we owe to those who came before us who built and established what we enjoy today. Support your local club, provide assistance to fellow amateurs, be on the lookout to recruit someone new to the hobby and the League, participate and be active on the air. In following these few pointers, you will build your legacy within our local and international Amateur Radio fraternity.</p> <p>I have experienced a remarkable level of support and assistance from our members in many ways to the SARL, including council. Without your dedicated support, the League will not be able to function to provide the service that is due to our members.</p> <p>I sincerely thank you!</p> | |
| 8. | FINANCES | |
| 8.1 | This report has been prepared by Chris Turner, ZS6GM Vice | |



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| | <p>President on behalf of Cliff Smyth ZS6BOX Honorary Treasurer, who resigned in February 2023 for personal and health reasons.</p> <p>Despite the challenges caused by Covid 19 pandemic and the current economic situation prevailing in the country, Council has succeeded in improving the financial position of the SARL. The Cash and Cash Equivalents have risen by R345,143 in the financial year to R2,731,267.</p> | |
| 8.2 | <p>As reported last year at the 2022 AGM, Sentech has not given any indication to the SARL as to whether the 30-year lease agreement for the National Amateur Radio Centre (NARC) will be extended. The lease currently has 7 years to run. Council therefore still considers it prudent to put aside a minimum of R100,000 annually to provide funds should the NARC be forced to relocate. The amount set aside to date is R350,000.</p> <p>The League’s income increased by R47,170, primarily due to an increase in the number of RAE candidates whose first year of membership is included in the RAE fees. Council thanks the Auditor who donated their R15,000 annual fee back to the SARL.</p> <p>The increased income was unfortunately partially offset by reduction in Radio ZS advertising revenue which advertisers have attributed to the current state of the South African economy.</p> <p>The Annual Financial Statement for the year ending 30 June 2022, together with a simple spread sheet summarising Income and Expenditure vs Budget for the same period are attached.</p> <p>For information purposes, a summary of Income and Expenditure vs Budget for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 January 2023 and the proposed budget for 2023 / 2024 are available in the AGM 2023 Booklet.</p> | |
| 8.3 | <p>SARL HAMNET. Hamnet raises funds for equipment and expenses related to exercises and disaster preparedness. These funds are ring fenced for the exclusive use of Hamnet. But, because Hamnet is a division of the SARL, the League is legally required to report movements in the AFS. Any increase or decrease in the Hamnet "pot" does not affect SARL member related finances in any way.</p> <p>The SARL, excluding HAMNET showed an operating surplus of R11,166 against the budget of R12,700. The deficit in the AFS of R44.811 is directly attributed to expenditure of HAMNET.</p> | |
| 8.4 | <p>2023 Budget. Council does not anticipate an increase in income due to the current financial conditions prevailing in the country. Council therefore proposes to freeze membership subscriptions and instead draw on the savings set aside in previous years. This augmentation to income is intended to be a once off event.</p> | |
| 8.5 | <p>The Annual Financial Statement for the year ending 30 June 2022</p> | |
| 8.5.1 | <p>Voting on the Annual Financial Statements closed on Friday evening 21 April 2023. Two hundred and twenty-five (225) members out of</p> | |



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| | 1 654 voted, this is 13,60%. Votes in favour: 210, votes against: 7 and votes abstaining: 8. The 2022 Annual Financial Statements are thus accepted. | |
| 8.6 | Motion 2023-02. Receive the proposed budget for year ending 30 June 2024. | |
| 8.6.1 | The budget was accepted by electronic voting - Agree: 263. Disagree: 5. Abstain: 5. | |
| 8.7 | Motion 2023-03, Receive and ratify the proposed subscriptions for year 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 | |
| 8.7.1 | The proposed subscription was accepted by the electronic voting - Agree: 262. Disagree: 2. Abstain: 9. | |
| 8.8 | Motion 2023-04. Appointment of Beans Accounting Services as Auditors | |
| 8.8.1 | The proposal was approved by electronic voting - Agree: 263. Disagree: 1. Abstain: 9. | |
| 9. | MOTIONS | |
| 9.1 | Motion 2023-05 - Expenditure on the Budget. The motion was approved by electronic voting - Agree: 243. Disagree: 13. Abstain: 17. | |
| 9.2 | Motion 2023-06. Hybrid Meetings. The motion was approved by electronic voting - Agree: 266. Disagree: 0. Abstain: 7. | |
| 9.3 | Motion 2023-06 - Postal Ballots (PBS). The motion was approved by electronic voting - Agree: 243. Disagree: 8. Abstain: 22 | |
| 10. | ELECTION OF COUNCIL | |
| 10.1 | The following Councillors are in the middle of their two-year term of office which ends at the 2024 SARL AGM – Dave Higgs, ZS2DH, Louw Erasmus, ZS6LME, Chris Turner, ZS6GM, Rassie Erasmus, ZS1YT and Dennis Green, ZS4BS. The following Councillors are at the end of their two-year term of office which ends at the 2023 SARL AGM - Guy Eales, ZS6GUY; Phillip van Tonder, ZS6PVT, Nico van Rensburg, ZS6QL and Karel Bezuidenhout, ZS6WN. | |
| 10.2 | By 31 January 2023, nominations, signed by the nominee, proposer and seconder, were received for Corrie de Beer, ZS6CDB; Guy Eales, ZS6GUY; Phillip van Tonder, ZS6PVT, Nico van Rensburg, ZS6QL, Karel Bezuidenhout, ZS6WN and Kobie van Zyl, ZS6KVZ. The nomination from ZS6KVZ was disqualified in terms of Rule 5.3. There are five vacancies and five nominations and in terms of Rule 16.5, such nominees shall be declared by the chairman of the relevant AGM to be duly elected. Nico van Rensburg, ZS6QL declared the five nominees duly elected. | |
| 11. | OTHER MATTERS | |



| Item | Discussion | For Action |
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| 11.1 | <u>New SARL Website</u> . Dave Higgs, ZS2DH presented a preview of the new SARL website and some of its functionality. The website is currently available at https://mysarl.org.za/ . | |
| 11.2 | <u>SARL Awards and Trophies for 2022</u> . Dennis Green, ZS4BS presented the list of SARL Awards and Trophies for 2022. The awards will be presented to the recipients at a suitable occasion. | |
| 12. | THE 2024 SARL AGM | |
| 12.1 | Council will send out an invitation later during the year asking for a host for the 2024 SARL National Convention. | |
| 13. | CONCLUSION | |
| 13.1 | The meeting closed at 14:00 | |

These minutes were ratified in terms of Rule 13.1 at the Council Meeting of 9 May 2023.

Rule 13.1. Minutes of the proceedings at all general meetings of the League shall be kept by the League Secretary and shall be ratified by the Council not later than at its second meeting after the AGM or SGM and confirmed at the next general meeting of the League and shall be signed by the chairman of such meeting. A copy of the minutes shall be forwarded to the honorary legal advisor within sixty (60) days after such meeting. A synopsis of the minutes shall be circulated to the members in the first newsletter following the ratification.

Proposed: ZS1DFR Seconded: ZS1J

20 April 2024