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MINUTES OF THE 8TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN BEE INDUSTRY ORGANISATION HELD IIN THE KOPANO HALL AT THE INSTITUTE FOR AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING IN SILVERTON PRETORIA ON SATURDAY 10TH APRIL 2010 AT 08:30

1. OPENING AND WELCOME NOTE:

The Chairperson, Mr. John Moodie, welcomed all present and called the meeting to order at 09:00. A special word of welcome was expressed to members from DAFF and ARC.

Mr. De Witt opened the meeting with prayer. Robert Post asked for a respectful silence in memory of Kobus Smit and Derek Hugo who had recent passed away.

2. CONSTITUTING THE MEETING

The meeting was declared valid with more than the required 10 % of members present to constitute a quorum. There were 45 members present.

Nine proxies were received. (I think Tom Cain had another 13)

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: Dawid Smit; Kobus Vos; Aubrey Eastbrook; Dr. J M Oosthuiszen; Guy McGladdery; Paul Ransom; Jackye le Roux; Andre du Preez

4. MINUTES OF THE 7TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the 7th SABIO AGM were available and had been circulated.

Proposed - Robert Post: *Seconded* -Theunis Engelbrecht.

The minutes of the 7th SABIO AGM were read and accepted as a true and accurate reflection of that meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 The Chairman pointed out that members should again please take note of the revised constitution. The Annual General Meeting and Special Meetings quorum reads as follows:

*12.6 A Quorum at the Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting shall consist of no less than one-tenth of the members, excluding the Committee members.
Number of paid up members were 257.*

5.2 The Chairman again thanked Mr. Mike Miles for his invaluable input in revising the Constitution. The revised Constitution and Regulations and Administrative Protocols were approved at the meeting.

Proposed-Robert Post; *Seconded* Tom Caine

It was suggested that Mr. Miles should receive a vote of thanks for his invaluable contributions.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Chairman's Report

The report was distributed among members and read by the Chairman. (Report attached).

Highlights from the report include:

- AFB. In South Africa and the effort to control the disease.
- Farewell to Mr. Hans Blokker and welcome to Jan Barnard as manager at SABIO
- Registration of beekeepers SABIO or Government?
- NAMC Report
 - Record keeping
 - Statutory levies
 - Support base
- Goals and enablers from NAMC Report
 - Trade
 - Quality control
 - Marketing
 - Training and Development
 - Forage management
 - Pest and disease management
 - SABIO function
 - Research priorities
 - Reliable statistics
 - Legislation
 - Funding

6.1.2 The Chairman highlighted that a workshop by the National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC) had been scheduled for the 10th August 2010 to discuss the recommendations made in the report. SABIO has scheduled a workshop for the 9th August 2010 to address specific areas of interest and will be publishing goals with the names of role players for each goal on

its website after that they have agreed to participate. Members are encouraged to deliver inputs by the 1st July 2010. The Chairman invited all interested parties, specifically the younger generation, to become involved in the running of SABIO.

6.1.3 Mr. Robert Post thanked the Chairman on behalf of the members for an excellent report.

6.2 AUDITORS REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Chairman presented the Auditors report and financial statements for the year ending 28th February 2010 (attached).

The auditors report and financial statements were approved.

Proposed: Henie du Toit, *Seconded:* Theunis Englebrecht.

7. PROPOSED BUDGET 2010-2011

The proposed budget for 2010 was also approved. (attached)

8. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS 2010

The following members were unanimously proposed and seconded to serve on the SABIO board:

Mr. John Moodie (Chairman)

Mr. Theunis Engelbrecht

Mr. Eddie van Zyl

Mr. Nelson de la Querra (Treasurer)

Mr. Andre' du Preez

Mr. Jan Steenkamp

Mr. William Urquhart

Mr. Sidwell Banne and Mr. Lex de Witt have served their terms and stand down.

9. GENERAL

9.1 Registration

The Chairman again referred to the question of registration for disease control, and whether it was the role of Government or SABIO. JanHendrik Venter from the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, was awaiting a decision from SABIO regarding their view as to whether registration of beekeepers should be a SABIO or Government function. At present the draft regulations made government the registering authority and beekeepers should object if not happy with this suggestion. After hearing different viewpoints the matter was put to the vote. The outcome of the vote was that fourteen (14 members felt that the registration of beekeepers should lie with SABIO and fourteen wanted government to take over the responsibility.). This was only by show of hands and excluded proxy votes. In general Sabio Board Members felt

that government should take it up – beekeeping associations were in favour of SABIO continuing with the registration.

9.2 Speakers

The chairman reminded members that due to the FIFA Soccer World Cup, there would be no BeeCon in 2010. Two speakers were invited to present the following workshops after the AGM and that members should please remember to register. All proceeds of the workshop would be passed on to Pretoria University to cover costs. The workshop speakers and topics would be:

Dr. Per Kryger- Honeybee diseases

Prof Robin Crewe – Dominance of the African Bee.

10. CLOSURE

With no further matters for discussion the Chairman thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed at 13:30. The Workshop planned in the afternoon would commence at 14:30.

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Signed
(Chairman)

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(Manager)

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