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MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN BEE INDUSTRY ORGANISATION HELD AT THE REITZ HALL OF THE UNIVERSITY OFSTELLENBOSCH ON THE 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2009.

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1. WELCOME AND OPENING.

The Chairman welcomed all present and declared the meeting open.

2. CONSTITUTING THE MEETING:

The Chairman advised that there were 51 attendees present and 23 proxies had been received. A total of 515 beekeepers had registered or renewed their membership and it meant that there was still no quorum. However, as this meeting was already a second attempt to hold a valid Annual General Meeting he announced that it would be regarded as a valid meeting. There were no objections to this.

PRESENT: 51 Delegates as per the register PLUS 23 proxies.

APOLOGIES: Messrs: Herman van Eeden, Lex de Wit, Nigel Horn, Martin Johannsmeier, Koos van der Merwe, Danie Heyns, Theuns Snyman. Guy McGladdery

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- a) the minutes of the General Meeting held at the ARC in Silverton, Pretoria were adopted on the proposal of Mr. Angus Anthony seconded by Mr. Andre du Preez.
- b) The minutes of the Sixth Annual General Meeting were adopted on the proposal of Mr. E. van Zyl seconded by Mr. P. Greeff .

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: NIL

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS:

The Chairman's report had been circulated with the Agenda and the Chairman highlighted a few matters in it to the meeting. He focused specifically on the AFB situation as well as the role of Steerco. The appointment of Messrs Agri-Compliance to investigate the importation of honey was deferred for discussion until later in the meeting. A list showing some of the declared VALUES of imported honey as well as quantities was screened so that members could be informed as to the anomalies that had been revealed. Copy attached.

## 6. FINANCIAL REPORT:

The auditors report and Income and Expenditure analysis were taken up in the Agenda. The treasurer pointed out that the figures supplied by the auditors differed in format from but balanced with those compiled by SABIO. The report and analysis were accepted by the meeting. Audited copy attached

Mr. Smit informed the meeting that there were separate accounts for the general running of the office and the funds invested for training.

Mr. Masemola asked that funding for future projects be advertised so that all trainers could participate. The Chairman pointed out that all future funding would be done by CASP at provincial level and referred to the note in the agenda on the recent meeting about mentorship.

The budget for the 2009 – 2010 financial year was screened (and taken up in the agenda documentation) and approved by the meeting on the proposal of Mr. Peter Greeff seconded by Mr. Theuns Engelbrecht.

It was also accepted that the recording of Income and Expenditure would continue to be done based on the format shown at the meeting drawn up by Ursula Oosthuizen and Hans Blokker concurrently.

## 7. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS.

Messrs Moodie, Urquhart, and van Zyl were re-elected on to board and Mr. Engelbrecht was elected in his own right.

Other members required for specific tasks would be co-opted by the Board. The Chairman would discuss the matter of Mr Banne's lack of attendance at Board Meetings.

## 8. GENERAL

a) CONSTITUTION. The existing constitution had been completely revised by Mr. Mike Miles and had been circulated to members as well as being posted on the web site.

Mr. Miles explained how he had reviewed the old constitution.

Adoption of the new Constitution was proposed by Mr Greeff seconded by Mr. Braam Stander.

Sundry points were raised and lengthy discussion took place as to the need for some aspects. The Bylaws (operational guidelines) of the old dispensation would be taken up in the new document.

After considerable discussion the proposal for adoption was withdrawn by the proposer and seconder. After further points were raised, Mr. Kraai van Niekerk suggested that the proposed new constitution be adopted but that suggestions could be made before the next AGM regarding any changes felt necessary. This would also allow for operational regulations to be drawn up replacing the existing By-Laws. It could then be refined further and put forward for adoption at the next AGM. The meeting 'nem con' approved this

b) AGRI-COMPLIANCE. (Under General Matters)

The chairman explained the need for an investigation into honey imports because it had come to light that certain imported honeys had not been irradiated as was required by law. However, this investigation would cost R65,000 and available funds were needed for the office establishment. An appeal had been made for members to contribute towards this project and R1000 has already been received. The Chairman appealed to Associations to contribute as well.

c) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE:

The Board had established the necessity for SABIO to have its own office. This was needed so that closer co-operation and liaison between SABIO and Government as well as other organisations could be facilitated. The registration of beekeepers, follow up on various bee related activities and topics could be handled better from an established office. The cost of this would run to about R12,000 per month and an appeal was made to the members to contribute towards this. Funds had already been promised by a number of professional beekeepers.

CLOSURE:

The meeting ended at 11h50

CHAIRMAN..... MANAGER.....



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## Notes taken at a meeting of the Board members of the South African Bee Industry Organisation After the Annual General Meeting at the Reitz Hall, of the University of Stellenbosch, on the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

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Present: Messrs: Blokker, du Preez, de la Querra, Engelbrecht, Moodie (Chairman)  
van Zyl, (Mr. Anton Schele was co-opted on to the Board to assist with the establishment of the office)

1. Apologies: Messrs: de Wit, Urquhart. Absent: Mr. Banne.
2. The Chairman advised the members that the meeting had been convened, as there were a number of important matters that needed to be discussed and decisions made.
3. New Registrations:

The chairman advised that he had received a list of 85 names of beekeepers trained by the ARC who needed to be registered. The mentees from the Natal programme also needed to be registered. Mr Moodie could confirm with Manene Titiman regarding the expenditure of allocated funds

4. SABIO OFFICE:

The Chairman advised that he had a copy of the lease of the proposed office at 601 Rubenstein street, Moreletta park, PRETORIA. The signing of this document by the Chairman was approved. There had, however been an offer from the ARC who was willing to provide an office for rent. As soon as details were confirmed a final decision would be made.

A profile for a suitable administrative assistant would be drawn up before the position was advertised. Thereafter interviews would take place to appoint a suitable person.

5. AGRI COMPLIANCE:

A subcommittee under the leadership of Mr. van Zyl would be formed to monitor the progress of the Agri-Compliance in accordance with SABIO'S needs and thereafter. Concern was expressed that the financial commitment to the opening of an office as well as an investigation by Afri-compliance was too uncertain to enter into both at the same time. An appeal had been lodged to the members to contribute to both project only two donations had been received for the investigation, and considerable sums pledged for an office. It was decided to put the investigation on hold until the financial position became clearer and the vice - chairman would contact Agri-compliance to inform them of a decision based on the response to appeal for funding.

6. Beecon 2010.

Mr du Preez reported that he had solicited various inputs from the industry, but that the response had been very poor. It was pointed out that the prices of air tickets had skyrocketed because of the Soccer World Cup. A decision would be made finally at the Board Meeting planned for the 7 –8 January 2011.

AGM - an annual general meeting would have to be held and it was suggested that this be held as quickly as possible after the end of the financial year. The Date of this AGM would be decided during the proposed meeting in January.

7. GOOGLE CHAT GROUPS.

It was felt that SABIO should have its own chat group similar to the ones run by Mr Robert Post and Dean Lennox. (For further discussion and decision)

8. CHAIRMAN.

Traditionally the Vice Chairman took over the Chairmanship once he had served his term. But the Vice Chairman advised that his workload was such that he could not do justice to the work demanded. Mr. Moodie said that he would prefer to stand down but was prepared to serve until the next AGM. The portfolios, which would be given to Board members, would also be examined to ease the load on the Chairman and give direction to the Board.

The next date for a Board Meeting was set for the 7-8 January in the new office.

Chairman.....

Manager.....