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Minutes of the 14th Annual General Meeting of SABIO, held on the 02nd of July 2016 Surval Boutique Olive Estate, Oudtshoorn, Klein Karoo

1. Opening and Welcome

Mr. Miles, chairman of SABIO, welcomed everyone present and declared the meeting open.
All beekeepers are welcome, but only paid up members of SABIO have voting rights.

A quorum was established.

As on 28 June 2017, SABIO has 249 members. 24 members excluding Board members must be present for the AGM to continue. This is according to the SABIO Constitution. This was achieved.

2. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance: See attendance register attached

Apologies: No apologies

3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the 13th Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the previous AGM were circulated. The minutes were accepted.

Proposed by Mr. Craig Campbell

Seconded by Mr. J Wolfaardt

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. Chairman's Report

See attached.

Mr. Miles began by congratulating WCBA on having organized a very successful and informative Beecon. Mr. Miles then presented his report for 2016/2017.

Questions / comments regarding the Chairman's Report:

5.1 Mr. Brendan Ashley-Cooper: Who is going to run the Apicultural Advisory Council?

All role players in the Industry will be involved. It has to be run by Government, they have to take responsibility for the bee industry. Mr. Miles will need to take advisement from those who were previously involved on how it will work. The council must be re-established. Mr. Mike Allsopp and Mr. Theunis Engelbrecht will provide documents regarding the previous Apiculture Advisory Council.

Board Members

CR Campbell, ME Miles (Chairman), S Muller, CW Salmon, DF Vorster, P Walker, JJ Wolfaardt

5.2 HEPRO – Contaminated Honey – what is happening? Mr. Phoku did question his staff on why nothing has been done about it. He undertook to go there in person and find out why it wasn't destroyed. There were talk about some people interested in buying it. HEPRO itself had administrative problems because the honey had no tax clearance certificate.

5.3 Mr. Robert Post – there was a discussion regarding the use and registration of OTC, many people feel that they would appreciate it if SABIO would document the policy they have decided on regarding OTC and its registration etc. so that there is certainty about what SABIO's policy is regarding OTC that such a policy gets published as widely as possible before anything else is done - Mr. Miles said that SABIO does have a policy document drafted.

6. Financial Report 2015-2016

Mrs. Andrea Visagie presented the Financial Report for the year 01 March 2015 – 28 February 2016. The Financial Statements were drawn up by Williams and Van der Westhuizen Professional Accountants SACA.

Statement of Financial Position:

Current assets for 2016 consisting of Trade and Other Receivables – R24 887.00
 Cash Equivalents consisting of R504 564.00 which comprises a current account to run the affairs of SABIO, an Investment account and a Development Fund account.
 Accumulated funds – Equity & Liabilities - R420 105.00
 Current Liabilities – Trade and Other Payables – R109 346.00

Mr. Miles explained that the financial statements were done by a new firm of Auditors, so the Auditing fees were much less than the previous year.
 The financial statements were approved.

Proposed by – Dawid Smit
Seconded by – Nelson de la Querra
 See the financial report attached.

7. Budgets 2016/2017

Mrs. Andrea Visagie presented the Budget for 2016/2017.
 The budget was approved.

8. Election of Board Members 2016/2017

According to the constitution SABIO Board can comprise of 5-8 members.
 Dr. Hannelie Human resigned from the Board during the course of the year, so the Board was run by 7 Board members. Notices for nomination of Board Members were sent out well in advance. The nominations should be received within 30 days of the notice being sent out. This was achieved in the case of Mr. Wolfaardt and Mr. Campbell. The Board has the option to co-opt a relevant member from the various Associations. Western Cape Beekeepers Association wanted Mr. Danie Vorster who is the Chairperson of WCBA to come on to the SABIO Board. SABIO approached him in terms of the constitution, and he accepted.

The following Board members have served their two year term of office:

- a) Mr. J. Wolfaardt
- b) Mr. C. Campbell

The following Board members have served one year of their two-year term:

- c) Mr. M. Miles (Chairman)
- d) Mr. T. Engelbrecht
- e) Mr. C. Salmon
- f) Ms. S. Muller
- g) Mr. P. Walker

Mr. T. Engelbrecht has given notice of his intention to step down from the SABIO Board. The remaining Board Members remain on the Board for another year.

New nominees for 2016/2017:

Craig Campbell – Kwa-Zulu Natal Bee Farmers Association
 Jaco Wolfaardt – Southern Cape

So the new Board for 2016/2017 will be:

- Mr. Craig Campbell
- Mr. Mike Miles
- Mrs. Sandy Muller
- Mr. Charles Salmon
- Mr. Danie Vorster
- Mr. Phil Walker
- Mr. Jaco Wolfaardt

Mr. Miles welcomed the new Board members.

9. Any other business

9.1 Amendments to SABIO Constitution – when the agenda for the AGM was drafted a few months ago SABIO was looking at amending the Constitution along the lines of Primary Member, Secondary Member and Ancillary Member and making changes to the fee structure. The purpose of this was to enable SABIO to cost in the provision of a copy of the Bee Journal to Association members. This proposal was rejected by the Associations. So the proposed amendments had now fallen away and the Constitution stays as it is.

9.2 Question - Mr Robert Post – under the new shape of SABIO as a NPC does the current constitution still hold under the new legislation?: Mr Miles said that he has looked into this and yes the current SABIO Constitution has been approved by the Registrar of the CIPC.

9.3 Mr Robert Post stated that he is fully committed to sending out any information regarding the Bee Industry from his email discussion group BeesSa for free.

9.4 SABJ restricted to SABIO members – SABIO will be looking at revamping the SABJ. From a cost perspective SABIO will hopefully be able to send out a couple more free editions. Unfortunately if we look at the finances this issue will have to be addressed and if you are a non-member you will have to pay for it. There was a proposal to send out the SABJ digitally, this will be looked into.

9.5 Mr Dawid Smit proposed the following – that SABIO transforms to represent Primary members / beekeepers (beekeepers producing honey, making hive products or providing pollination services) only and not anyone else like bottlers etc. Mr. Smit requested SABIO to consider this. Mr. Miles stated that the current membership of SABIO comprises Primary members (Individuals), Secondary Member (Associations) and Ancillary member (Co-opts etc.)

Mr John Moodie – proposed this should then rather be a change in the Mission Statement of SABIO. He proposed the SABIO Board employ a strategist to analyze why SABIO exists, what SABIO wants to achieve and where SABIO wants to be. This will leave SABIO with a strategy document that will set down objectives, which will be measurable assessed achievements.

Mr. Mike Allsopp – SABIO did transform to include everyone, but this only created more problems. If SABIO wants to represent Beekeepers only then it must change its name to South African Bee Farmers Organisation.

Mr. Robert Post – asked what about people that are both beekeepers and bottlers?

10. Appreciation and Closure

Mr Craig Campbell expressed a word of thanks to Mike Miles for all the work that he has done on behalf of SABIO. He also thanked Mr. Theunis Engelbrecht for his years of dedication to the Industry.

The AGM ended at 17:40pm. Mr. Miles closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.