

SOMERSET WEST COMMUNITY POLICE FORUM
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON 30 NOVEMBER 2010 IN THE SOMERSET WEST LIBRARY HALL

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Lt Col Lento welcomed all present (attendance register attached) and gave a brief explanation of the role of the CPF. He said that the CPF consisted of members of the community who worked closely together with SAPS and met on a regular basis to discuss crime-related problems. As the mouthpiece of the community, the CPF helped to identify problems and to make sure that service delivery was carried out. A public meeting was held every second month in the Library Hall.

Apologies were received from P Horwood, S Kilb and Ald G Jespersen. A special welcome was extended to Ms Rhoda Bazier, Chairperson of the CPF Provincial Board.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM HELD ON 10 NOVEMBER 2009

Proposed by Tony Van Minnen, seconded by Councillor Stuart Pringle.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr Johnny Brown, Acting Chairman, delivered his report (*copy attached*). He said that Mr Andrew Cosmopoulos, the Chairman, had been granted leave of absence in July 2010 as his work commitments had meant that he was transferred to another province. Mr Brown, as Deputy Chairman, had then taken over the position. New Neighbourhood Watches had been formed, and there were currently sixteen. He said that the CPF committee had been most effective and active, and it had been a pleasure working with them and thanked them for their hard work during the year. He also thanked SAPS members, NHW members, Metro officials and security companies which had offered their cooperation. Special thanks went to Helderberg Crime Watch (HCW) for their support.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr Tony Van Minnen, Treasurer, presented his report for the period 1 March 2010 to 30 November 2010 (*copy attached*). There was currently R918,49 in the bank account and R106,90 petty cash on hand.

5. STATION COMMANDER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Col Mary Anne Williams presented her Annual Report (*copy attached*). She reported that crime was under control in Somerset West, and that, in order to decrease the figures still further, SAPS would need the support and assistance of every individual living in Somerset West. Col Williams said that she would like to thank the Neighbourhood Watches for the huge impact they had made in making their neighbourhoods much safer. She also thanked Dan Swart for his excellent work in establishing a Rural Sector Sub Forum in the farming community. She thanked the outgoing CPF for their commitment and dedication throughout the year and for the awards acknowledging good work by SAPS members. She requested that they continue with the good work.

Adoption of previous annual report: Proposed by Cllr S Pringle, seconded by J Dugmore.

6. REPORT BY METRO POLICE

Sgt Van den Heever gave a brief summary of Metro Police operations during the year, including numerous combined operations. Newsworthy feedback was that 18 gambling machines had been confiscated. He said that it should be borne in mind that there were only 20 staff members in the Helderberg area, which includes Strand, Somerset West and Gordon's Bay. He reported that 251 traffic fines had been issued for the year, a figure which was questioned by a member of the public, who said that the driving standards in Somerset West were appalling and that she couldn't believe that only 251 traffic fines had been issued for the year. Lt Col Lento explained that there were different Law Enforcement agencies and that these figures applied to one section, the Metro Police. Unfortunately the Traffic Dept was not represented at the meeting.

7. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Mr Brown reported that the CPF had presented 12 SAPS members with awards for excellent service at a function held the previous week. A certificate was then handed to W/O (f) MM Puren (Detectives), who had not been able to attend the function.

Mr Hugh Roe, on behalf of the Neighbourhood Watch management, then presented awards for service excellence to the following SAPS members:

Lt Col M Lento, for his outstanding commitment and ongoing support to the NHW's of Somerset West
Sgt N Thysen, for his dedication and commitment to the farming communities in the Rural Sector
Const M Tolman and Mr R Delpont, for their excellent service to the NHW's via radio support.

Mr John Kleyn of the Steynsrust NHW received a CPF certificate for his outstanding contribution to the success of the Neighbourhood Watches due to his establishment of a radio network. He was lauded for the many hours he and his family had spent on establishing Neighbourhood Watches and the radio system which played a vital role.

This was followed by a short DVD presentation on Neighbourhood Watches.

8. ELECTION OF CPF EXCO MEMBERS

Ms Rhoda Bazier thanked the outgoing CPF members and proceeded to conduct the election of the new Exco members. She explained that the elections would be held according to the 2010 CPF Constitution, and that only organizations that were registered with SAPS, would be allowed to nominate representatives. (A notice to this effect had been placed in local newspapers prior to the AGM). The 7 organisations which were currently registered with SAPS were then asked to nominate and second the office bearers, and the following people were nominated, seconded, and duly elected:

Johnny Brown	- Chairman
Andrew Cosmopoulos	- Deputy Chairman
Annetjie Robertson	- Secretary
Wendy Oxley	- Asst. Secretary
Tony Van Minnen	- Treasurer
Peter Kinnaird	- Public Relations Officer
Patricia Miles	- Project Co-ordinator

In addition to the 7 Exco positions, it was proposed that Hugh Roe and Terry Durrant be co-opted as additional members. Both were duly nominated, seconded, and accepted the positions.

Ms Bazier congratulated the new Exco members and wished them every strength for their term of office.

Lt Col Lento said that if any members of the public had questions relating to crime, for SAPS, they were welcome to record them with Const Suzan Jantjies after the meeting, for attention.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed and those present were invited to stay on for tea and coffee.

J B BROWN
CHAIRMAN
SOMERSET WEST CPF