

A RECORD OF THE A.G.M. OF THE SOCIETY HELD AT KENILWORTH ON 31 MAY 2026

- 1. Apologies.** Apologies were received from Nick Lindstrom.
- 2. Record of Previous A.G.M. 1 June 2025.** This was read and accepted. Proposed by Simon Peetoom, seconded by Adel Bulpitt.
- 3. Matters Arising if not included in the agenda.** None reported.
- 4. The Hon. Chairman's Report.** This had been previously circulated in Springbok 374 page 46 and was accepted. Proposed Nick Arrow, seconded by Simon Peetoom.
- 5. The Hon. Secretary's Report.** This had been previously circulated in Springbok 374 page 47 and was accepted. Proposed Steve Hannath, seconded by Lyn Lester.
- 6. The Hon. Treasurer's Report.** An interim verbal report was given by Simon Peetoom who also included a report, in his role as membership secretary, as this was closely linked to the Society's finance. Payment of annual membership subscriptions remained a time-consuming challenge particularly chasing unpaid subscriptions. Agreed to provide an insert in the January 2027 Springbok as a reminder to members and to target an auction in January 2027 to encourage membership payment. An analysis of Membership numbers showed reasonably constant numbers from 2017 with 133, reducing to 109 in 2022, and then back to 124 in 2026. Simon advised that the recent auctions had helped to rectify the reduction of membership funds and by selling about £4,000 of lots per auction the 10% Society fee had helped to turn the deficit reported last year into a positive this year. However, the two Conferences cost a significant amount and needed to be monitored closely. Donations had been gratefully received for the November Conference from other Societies and individuals which basically covered the hire of the conference rooms. Simon verbally reported to the meeting the current financial situation of the Society's accounts. He would prepare a written financial statement for publishing in the July Springbok. Finally Simon requested that more members take an active role within the Society.
- 7. Reports from other members of the Society.** (a) Website. It was reported that Kate Lester is managing the website currently on a temporary basis, but a permanent webmaster is still required. News items, auctions and meetings are being updated as required. (b) Auctions. It was reported that Nick Lindstrom had completed his first auction. Five auctions were held in 2025, and two so far in 2026. Date of the next auction is not currently known.
- 8. Election of Officers and Committee Members.** All existing Committee members confirmed they were happy to stand for a further year which was agreed. No new Committee members were proposed.
- 9. Conferment of any Hon. Members.** None proposed. It was suggested that with 4 current Honorary Members this item could be removed from the AGM agenda.

10. Society Meetings and Events. (a) Day meeting confirmed for Saturday 29 August at Letchworth from 10.30 to 4.00pm. All welcome, lunch provided. Further day meetings have been arranged in Letchworth at the same venue for Saturday 10 April 2027 and Saturday 21 August 2027. Details on Societies website. (b) Weekend meeting at Letchworth Hall Hotel 7 and 8 November 2026. After negotiation with the hotel a further 'Open Southern Africa' meeting will take place again this year in November, with 5 world class displays on the Saturday, a Dinner in the evening and members displays on the Sunday. Further details will be issued to all members shortly. Currently over 35 have already indicated they will be attending. (c) Further zoom meetings. After discussion further zoom meetings were offered from Danna Strydom and Adel Bulpit. The Chairman will pass this on to Tony Johnson in his absence.

11. Union Handbook Update. It was reported that the update was progressing well with Brian Trotter currently taking the lead as editor. Andre du Plessis (PFSA) and Pat Flanagan were taking leading roles in South Africa with Simon and Rob & Lyn in the UK. Five chapters had been completed as of the end of May, and draft copies of these were available for members to view. The current programme anticipates most chapters being completed by the end of the year and the publication ready for April 2027. Thoughts were now turning to printing costs and donations. It had been agreed that any donation would be most appreciated, but £100.00 or more at this stage would provide the donor with a complimentary publication as well as an acknowledgement within the book. It was emphasised the new publication was a handbook and not a catalogue. Prices would be documented and referenced separately within a 'live' document which would be published on the SACS and PFSA websites, based on latest auction realisations. The intention was to update the price list approximately every 3 to 5 years as auctions progressed. Members who were interested in donating should see the Chairman after the meeting as a list of those who had contributed and who wanted a publication was already being compiled to help with assessing the number of books to be published. Simon confirmed the publication was to be a quality book, in colour similar to others Brian Trotter had produced. Further discussion would be held at the start of the displays tomorrow.

12. Any Other Business. One item was notified to the Secretary prior to the start of the meeting, that relating to the Wick's medal. Malcolm Ridsdale suggested that as many of the contributions in the Springbok were in series rather than individual articles, that the opportunity to vote for a series of articles should be allowed. After brief discussion this was agreed and the Secretary would include this for next years voting as he too thought this to be appropriate.

Meeting closed at 5.20pm having started at 4.30pm and was attended by 16 members.