

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SEEDLING GROWERS ASSOCIATION OF SA HELD ON
2ND JUNE 2015
DURING THE SGASA SYMPOSIUM AT MENTORS KRAAL, JEFFERIES BAY
AT 13H45**

1 CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM AND APOLOGIES

A quorum was confirmed.

PRESENT:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>
Ane van Heerden	Mabu Casing Soils	Wimpie Pretorius	Monsanto Vegetable Seeds
Linda Meyer	Mabu Casing Soils	Anina Meyer	Klein Karoo Saad Bemarking
Chenay Jefferies	Lone Oak Farming Trust	Koot Jacobs	Klein Karoo Saad Bemarking
Wayne Jefferies	Lone Oak Farming Trust	Hannes Van Der Westhuizen	Hazera Seeds South Africa
Anne-Helen Meyer	Du Roi Nursery	Joanna Dames	Rhodes University
Felix Hacker	Du Roi Nursery	Veronique Chartier Fitzgerald	Rhodes University
Braam van Niekerk	Hygrotech	Shaun Biggs	Sutherland Seedlings
Piet Bosch	Hygrotech	Thulani Vunjana	Vusisizwe Tree Nursery
Pierre Marais	Dynatrade	Nontuthuzelo Khonyashe	Vusisizwe Tree Nursery
Johann van der Vyver	ICA	Lelanie Trollip	Bark & Fibre Enterprises
Mrs Jean Allen	SGASA	Jamie Pasques	Sakata Seed SA
Kobus Serfontein	ICA	Jan-Lois Bezuidenhout	Sakata Seed SA
Luke Solomon	SAPPI	Hannes Van Der Westhuizen	Hazera Seeds South Africa
Tracy Newmarch	Mondi	Joanna Dames	Rhodes University
Jacqui Meyer	Mondi	Veronique Chartier Fitzgerald	Rhodes University
Charlie Fripp	Farmyard Organics	Shaun Biggs	Sutherland Seedlings
Liesl Ross	Parma Nursery	Thulani Vunjana	Vusisizwe Tree Nursery
Albert Horn	Parma Nursery	Nontuthuzelo Khonyashe	Vusisizwe Tree Nursery
Beatrice Maphumulo	Mondi	Albe van der Westhuyzen	Superior Peatmoss
Ziningi Ngubane	Mondi	Greg Cairns	Glencairns Trading
CG Smit	Starke Ayres	Keith Hartley	Filmflex Plastics Natal cc
Malcolm Rose	Starke Ayres	Wyatt Avis	Filmflex Plastics Natal cc
Pieter Venter	Starke Ayres	Ian Gordon	ICFR
Ken Leisegan	Sunshine Seedlings	Francois De Kok	Greenhouse Technologies
Ian Sumner	Sunshine Seedlings	Heinrich Muller	Greenhouse Technologies
Johan Stonkhorst	Sakata Seed SA	Davydd Jenkins	Plantforum Seedling Nursery
Nolan Roche	Ezigro Seedlings	Kerrin Jenkins	Plantforum Seedling Nursery
Corniel Louwies	Hazera Seeds South Africa	Jason Myburgh	Andy Titterton Wholesale Nursery
		Schalk Kotze	Rijk Zwaan South Africa (Pty) Ltd

Rikus Du Preez	Rikus Landbou Dienste (Gamtoos Kwekery)	Mike Kruger	Top Crop Nursery
Alex Bronkhurst	Sakata Seed SA	Jan Van Vuuren	Gromor (Pty) Ltd
Charl Rorich	Ezigro Seedlings	Hardy Murray	Genesis Seedlings (Pty) LTD
Anthony Baird	Ezigro Seedlings	Patrick Murray	Genesis Seedlings (Pty) LTD
John Ferguson	Ezigro Seedlings	Juanita Murray	Genesis Seedlings (Pty) LTD
Chris Young	Ezigro Seedlings	Brett Young	Grow Rite
Isaac Sibiya	Ezigro Seedlings	Damien Naidu	SAPPI
Rian Moore	Moorland Seedlings	Jaco Beukes	Vectech
Arno Moore	Moorland Seedlings	Ben Safrunovitz	Infigro Natural Technologies
Martin O'Donovan	Sappi	Takhona Dlamini	Namboard - Swaziland
Jean Allen	SGASA	Mike Cox	Vickery Seeds

APOLOGIES:

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2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 2014 AGM held at the Fern Hill Hotel on 29th May 2014 were taken as read and accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.

Proposer: Ken Leisegang

Seconded: Damien Naidu

3. MATTERS ARISING

All matters arising were accepted as dealt with by the 2014/2015 committee.

4. DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT – Vivianne Quin

VQ took this opportunity to reflect on her time with SGASA and thank all for their contributions to the organisation.

5. FINANCE REPORT & BUDGET – Ken Leisegang

All delegates got a copy of the audited finances in their symposium pack.

KL reported that the organization succeeded in making a profit for the F2015 year.

The aim of the organization is to increase the accumulated funds which have been invested in a market link account. The aim of this account is to get to an amount of R 500 000.00. KL proposed that the money in the market link account be moved into a Unit Trust investment fund. This was voted on by a show of hands and majority accepted this proposal.

The F2015 audit finances were accepted

Proposer: Damien Naidu

6. RESEARCH REPORT – Tracy Newmarch

TM gave no formal report as both the current researchers had given formal presentation of their current research during the main body of the symposium. These included:

- Ms Sherri-Ann New from the Department of Biochemistry, University of Johannesburg reported on her *Cabbage Project Research*. SGASA is a funding partner in this research.
- Ms Veronique Fitzgerald under guidance of Dr Dames from Rhodes University

7. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – Jacqui Meyer

JM reiterated the thank you’s that had been extended to the various sponsors of the symposium.

JM also thanked the guest speakers who had travelled great distances in order to present at the symposium.

JM extended a thank you to those who so kindly donated for the auction, which was planned for the Gala dinner. All funds raised from the auction where to go towards valuable research.

A special thank you was made to VQ for her years of service and also for helping JA with the preparation and planning of the symposium. And also for making the symposium, so everyone who attended had the opportunity to say their farewells.

A warm welcome was extended to JA who joined the team as the Director of Operations. JA was already doing a great job with getting the committee in line and providing invaluable service. We look forward for the future.

JM gave a short summary of the Strategy that was brainstormed by the committee with Derek Askews facilitation. This is to give the Association some focus and potentially some new avenues to keep the association relevant and up-to-date.

JM appealed to the organization that if they had any specific needs to communicate these to anyone in the committee in order for the committee to raise them at meetings.

JM thanked the main committee for the effort and background work that they put into the organization. An organisation such as this is made relevant by the hard work of many, who volunteer their time. JM also urged members to seriously consider a position on the committee as it is an invaluable experience where you learn a great deal and forge friendships too.

8. ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE

2015/2016 MAIN COMMITTEE

MOORE, RIAN – MAIN CHAIRPERSON

NEWMARCH, TRACY – RESEARCH CHAIRPERSON

BAIRD, ANTHONY - CERTIFICATION STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

LEISEGANG, KEN - FINANCE

NAIDU, DAMIEN

BEZUIDENHOUT, JAN-LOUIS
BIGGS, SHAUN
HARTLEY, KEITH
JENKINS, DAVVYD
KRUGER, MIKE
LANGENHOVEN, MARIUS
MARTINUZZI, STEF

9. GENERAL

There were no issues raised.

During the awards evening the following awards were awarded:

- The Max Bothma award to the most dedicated committee member was given to Damien Naidu
- The SAKATA award for the most improved nursery was awarded to the Ezigro Group. This was decided by the SGASA auditors.
- The SAPPI Chris Young award for innovation in a nursery was awarded to Sutherland Seedlings.

10. CLOSURE

There being no further matters to discuss the meeting closed at 14:15.