

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE 10TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 3RD DECEMBER 2011

Date: 3rd December 2011
Venue: Khanyisa School, Plumstead
Present: See attached Register
Apologies: See attached Register

PAT Executive Committee: Charmaine French (chair), Marieanna le Roux (area coordinator Stellenbosch and Helderberg), Juan August, René Staub, Avril Cronje and Margie Wood (treasurer).

1. Welcome

- Tony Davidson welcomes all.
- Happy birthday to Juan.
- List of apologies read out.
- Tony Davidson called for the acceptance of the minutes of the 2010 minutes
Marieanna le Roux proposed acceptance, seconded by Nici Reed

2. Guest Speaker: Hazel Hill (Founder)

- Hazel Hill (Founder member) shared her gratitude to all and said that she's privileged to be present to share in this special occasion.
- She thanked:
Heidi, who made her coffee shop available at the beginning of PAT.
Prof Paddy Hartley, at the Oncology department RCH, who used her influence in getting PAT into the hospital.
Dr David Grant, honorary member for his generosity as a Vet and place for assessment.
Stan Hobbs for his help and support in getting things started after she left for the UK.
- Acknowledgements:
Tony Davidson for placing PAT on the map.
Thanks to the volunteers, the unsung heroes
Thanks to Charmaine French for her dedication, passion and amazing management
Thanks to the members who kept in contact and all the newsletters received.
All the establishments who are involved.
Appreciation for all who made donations, especially Anton le Roux (first official friend of PAT).
Thank you to all the pets that are involved.
Thank you all for your devotion and may PAT prosper and expand under your care.

3. Guest speaker 2: Cheryl Robertson, SA Guide Dog Association

- The Association breeds dogs in Johannesburg to be assigned as guide dogs.
- Puppies are put into homes/families to raise them for 1 year and the aim is to socialize the dogs.
- At 1 year the dogs will return to the association for training.
- Dogs are blindfolded when tested whether they ready to be a guide dog
- The blind person and the dogs are matched.
- They also get to meet the person who trained the dog.
- After the course the Association will send someone with the person and the dog to do the routes with them. They will only leave when the dog is safe on the route.
- Frequent check ins will be done, just to check if the dogs are well looked after.
- The dogs will be in service for up to 10 years, where after the person can apply for a new dog
- The Association also does training of service dogs for the physically disabled and social dogs for the mentally disabled.

4. Regional Activity Reports

a. PAT Polokwane

- Karen Steenkamp reported that they're busy with Mitchell House, Richmond Centre and Centenary House. Zena will no longer do visits due to her arthritis. Shakira will soon be assessed to step into Zena's place.
- At present there are 2 members, 2 resigned in 2010. It is a challenge to recruit members, but different strategies will be used to address the matter.
- Lynette and Flooi are visiting Martha Hoffmeyer Old Age Home and Frail Care Centre.

b. PAT Hermanus (Louise Botha)

- At present we are busy at 3 frail care centres and 1 therapy school for special needs
- The highlight of the PAT programme is at the library where preschool children are taught the alphabet. 3 Schools are visiting the library at present for the programme.
- The aim is to get more members involved. At present there's only 2 members.
- The Hermanus organizing committee has been approached to have a Wine and Waggle as part of the Hermanus festival.

c. PAT Port Elizabeth

- At present 4 facilities are visited and membership will be increasing. Lots of events and TV

d. PAT Stellenbosch (Marieanna le Roux)

- Marieanna presented a video clip with regard to her doctoral study – PAT READ programme and overview of the Stellenbosch area with now 21 members.

e PAT George (Elaine Swanepoel)

- 4 new volunteers, 8 new facilities and 1 presentation

5. PAT

- The full financial report is available for perusal.
- The following as per the year-end report:

Assets:

Laptop used by Charmaine

Cash: end of February 2011 R6 081.00. 74% drop from 2010

It's time for new projects and it is proven that small projects work. The Johannesburg based Holoween evening raised R10 000 and was organized by just one person, Ivan Simmons.

- New ideas for fundraising are welcome

Income statement:

Sales	R22 455.00 (31% drop from 2010)
Book and card sales have decreased	
Members fees	R 10825.00 (22% increase)
<u>Total donations</u>	R6772.00

Donations given:

Heidi vollmer for her service dog	R250.00
Animal Rescue Organization	R285.00
Khanyisa school for use of facilities	R1500.00
Audit fees and taxes	R3500.00
Advertising and promotions	R4000.00
Expenses and admin. operations	R10980.00
Nett loss	R15 880.00

6. Guest speaker 3: Brenda Wright South African Riding for the Disable Association (SARDA)

- SARDA's services are very similar to what PAT is offering, by using horses.
- Whole range of children with disabilities is catered for.
- Horses are on probation for 3 months, to see if they can cope with the child
- Goals are given to the children,
- At present there are 16 autistic children, and it has been found that the movement of the horse calms the autistic child
- This is a volunteer establishment and 3 persons are allocated to each horse.
- The children build up relationships with the horses and sometimes they would talk for the first time
- At present there are 200 children receiving therapy during the week

7. Presentation of gifts and certificates

- i. Honorary certificate: Hazel Hill
- ii. PAT Honorary life member awards: Stan and Tony
- iii. PAT Thank you/retirement award: Hayley Medden
- iv. PAT Long service awards (x4)
- v. PAT 5 year service awards (x13)
- vi. PAT Special services awards (x6)
- vii. Facilities 5 year awards (x20)

8. Report by the chair

Charmaine thanked all for being present. This is the International Day for the disabled and fits what is done by PAT. PAT started 10 years ago with just 3 facilities and has grown to 192 registered throughout the country. Charmaine asked all involved to keep up the good work, because the joy and reward over the 10 years has been worthwhile.

- Charmaine introduced Prof Paddy Hartley as Honorary patron, photo and badge for her contribution to PAT.
- Tony thanks Charmaine for her contribution as chairperson

Introduction of the Advisory Panel

- All queries that cannot be handled by the EXCO will go to the Advisory Panel.
- The panel will consist of Juan August, a fundraiser member of the SPCA, Yolanda Ginsburg, animal behaviourist, dr Louise Botha, Taryn Blythe, animal behaviourist

9. PAT Exco Elections

Bruce McKee is nominated as chairman.

Elmi Lotze from Stellenbosch University

Re-elected: Marieanna le Roux, Charmaine French, Avril Cronje, Margie Wood

Re-elected: Karen Steenkamp, Juan August and Margie van Heerden as non-executive members.

The members present accepted the nominations unanimously.

Thank you to Khaniya School for use of the school facilities and special thanks to Marike Kotze for organizing the 10th annual event.