



SCAVA – South Cape Association for Visual Artists

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting, held on 9 June 2018 at 10h00 at George Museum, Caledon street, George.

1. ATTENDANCE See Secretary's File. Apologies: Susanne Lauer, Rip Venter, Laurinda Smit, Arleen Duff, Ann Stead, Lindsay Page, Michele Batchelder, Peter Bardin, Elaine de Jongh and Susan Alexander.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Maura St John

The current chairman and committee would like to extend their thanks to Mr. Ken Smith and his late wife, Bella Smith, for their intelligent and dedicated efforts into creating a worthwhile art association on the Garden Route. They had launched SCAVA and tended it diligently until it was taken over by myself. I inherited a thriving and well-run organisation.

SCAVA's core activity will remain as laid down by Ken in previous AGMs. We will regularly exhibit our member's work within the Sayers Hall Art Gallery of the George Museum. We are committed to this relationship and appreciate their commitment to art and culture in the region. Close association with the George Museum will always be our first objective. We will continue to hold our own 4 exhibitions each year in the Sayer's Hall Art Gallery. We will extend our services to other arms of art to keep the Sayers Hall's exhibition calendar fully booked during the coming year. We will continue to work with artists' groups further afield, i.e. Wilderness and Great Brak River groups, and will embark on bringing our association to the attention of all artists in Knysna and Plettenberg Bay.

Our first forays into sculpture have led us to make plans to extend our very popular open annual competition to include fine art fabric, sculpture, and ceramics. Because we have noticed an increased interest in small and miniature paintings we will also include them in our competition and to this end we will set aside R14,000 in prize money for 7 categories in total. We will look for sponsorship for our lesser prizes to augment rewards and create further excitement around this annual competition.

Of our suggested new ideas, we have adopted the habit of releasing a monthly newsletter to all members and we have sought articles from our members to have printed in either our local newspapers or the South African Art Magazine. We will continue to look for publicity because we believe that increased publicity will help to promote sales of art and general appreciation of our artistic endeavours.

We would like to extend our thanks to Pauline Laurens who has valiantly supported our group throughout the past year in the Arts and Culture pages in the George Herald.

Our Treasure, Bill Bennett, has increased our cash flow and has kept us in a sustainable position and I thank him for his dedication and commitment. Our deputy Chair, Karin Combrink has, as usual, been the solid rock from which we all draw strength. I have bowed to her better knowledge and advice throughout the year and I wish to acknowledge my reliance on her.

SCAVA has had a busy and rewarding year. We have increased in strength; our membership has grown. Should we reach our target membership figure of 100 artists by end June we will have cause to celebrate. Our next objective is to increase awareness of art exhibitions within the community. And to this end might I suggest that all members take an active part in spreading the word either with verbal face to face communication within their personal circles or to assist in spreading our pamphlets and publications to reach our target markets. Thus, if we all participate in some small way we will see SCAVA grow from strength to strength and the citizens of the Garden Route will be queueing at the doors of the George Museum Art Gallery. More feet mean more sales.

I wish you all some great experiences through your art in the coming year and I thank you all for your assistance and support.

3. Ken Smith mentions the significance of SCAVA's affiliation with **SANAVA**.

4. MINUTES OF AGM 15 JULY 2017 is taken as read, proposed by Ken Smith and seconded for approval by Lorinda Hakimi.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement for the Year 1 May 2017 to 30 April 2018

Balance as at 1/5/2017		18,963
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Add Income

Subscriptions	13,790	
Exhibitions	8,820	
Commission	1,138	
Interest earned	657	<u>24,409</u>
		43,372

Less Expenses

Printing & Stationery	1,222	
Advertising	804	
Affiliation Fees	900	
Prizes	10,000	
Compo Exp	4,628	<u>17,554</u>

Balance of Funds		<u>25,817</u>
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Proposed by Gill Dodington and seconded by Keith Forrester for approval.

Sponsors requested for competition prizes. Ken Smith offer to donate R2000 sponsorship as prize for new "Small painting" category.

6. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Ken Smith and Jannie van Vuuren resigned. The rest of the committee (Maura St John, Susanne Lauer, Bill Bennett, Karin Combrink, Susan Alexander and Lorinda Hakimi) remain on. Fiona Tipping and Willemien Nieuwoudt is nominated and unanimously accepted as new committee members.

7. PROGRAMME FOR 2019

January	Christmas Exhibition
February	Valentine's Exhibition (Roses & Everything Red)
March/April	Easter Exhibition
May	Wilderness Exhibition
June/July	Winter Wonderland Exhibit - Followed By Schools Exhibit.
August	Scava Open Competition - Children's Eisteddfod Art Exhibition
September	Heritage Exhibition
October	Hoekwil/Tembalethu Schools
November	Great Brak River – Add Mossel Bay Artists
December	Scava Christmas Exhibition

8. Any Other Business

Support is requested for school activities at the Museum.

Fiona Tipping offer to liaise with Business Chamber.

Gill Dodington request that the proposed program be circulated to members and ask them for further ideas.

Gill Dodington thanks the committee and Ken Smith for his contribution as previous Chairman.

Ken Smith asks for more social events, in particular a year end lunch.

Carol Eady propose a Saturday Crit session for members' work, she offers her services in this regard.

Further marketing ideas to be discussed another time, details to follow.

9. Date of next AGM to be announced beginning of 2019

Meeting closed at 10h50 and refreshments were served.

Karin Combrink, Vice-Chair 11 June 2018